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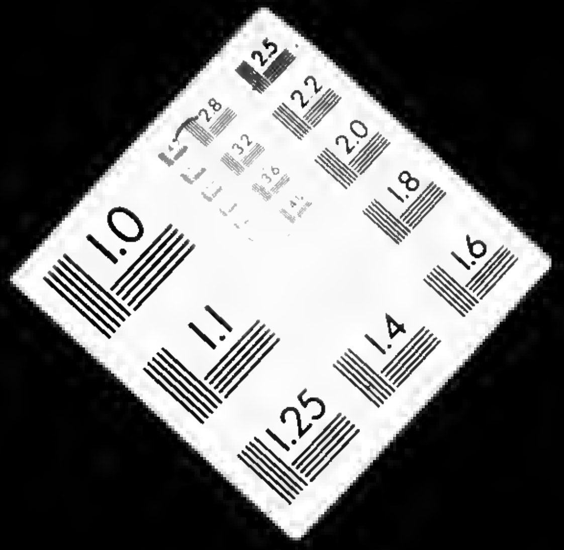
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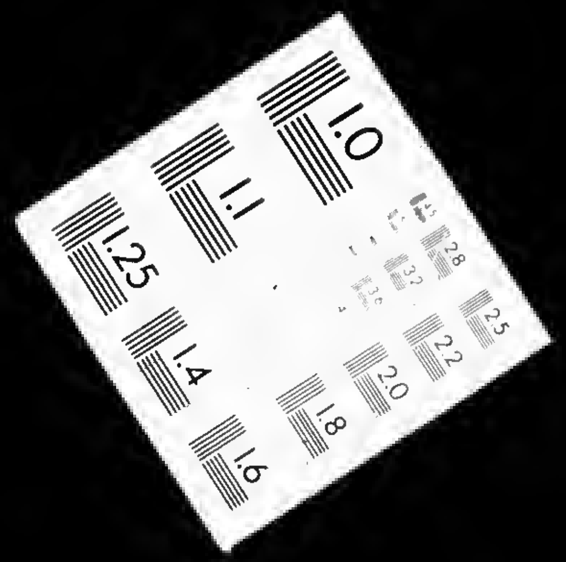
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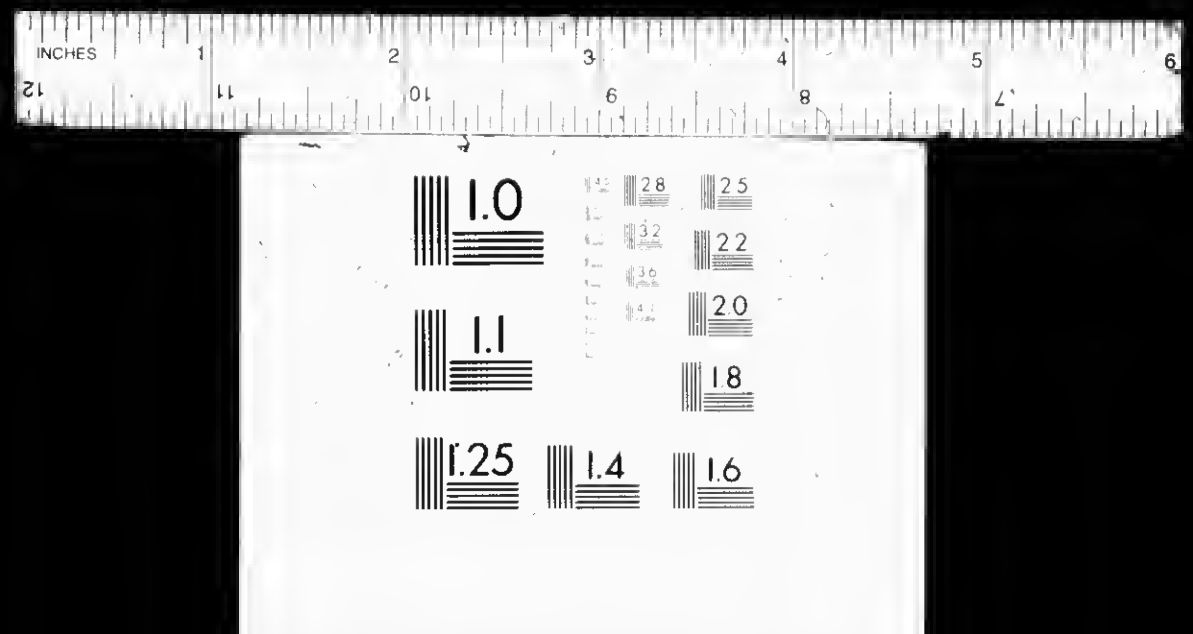
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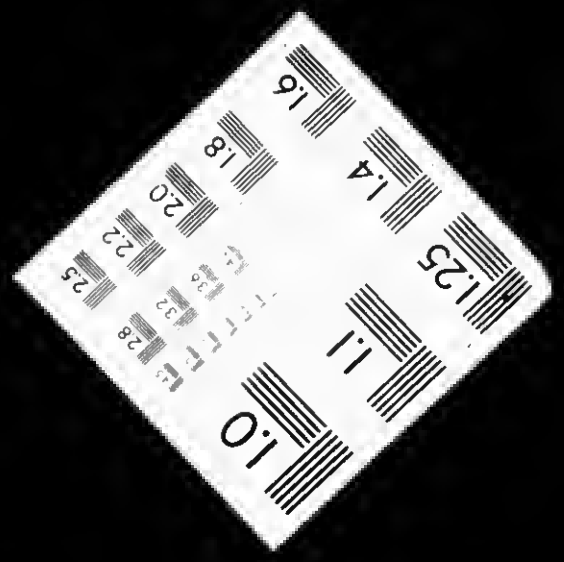
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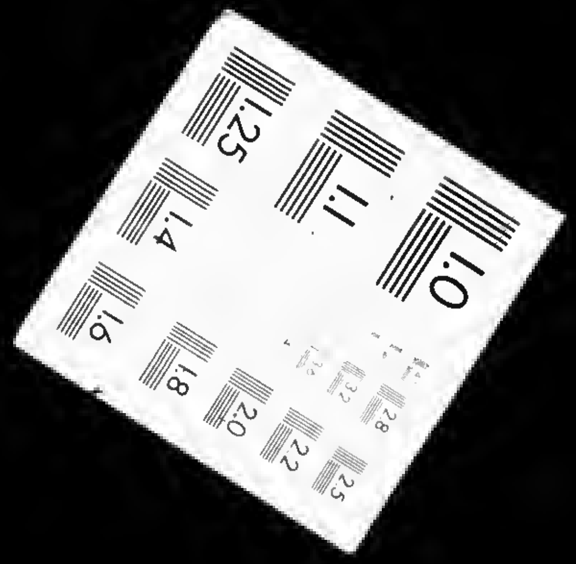
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Retailers report a 'decent' holiday season

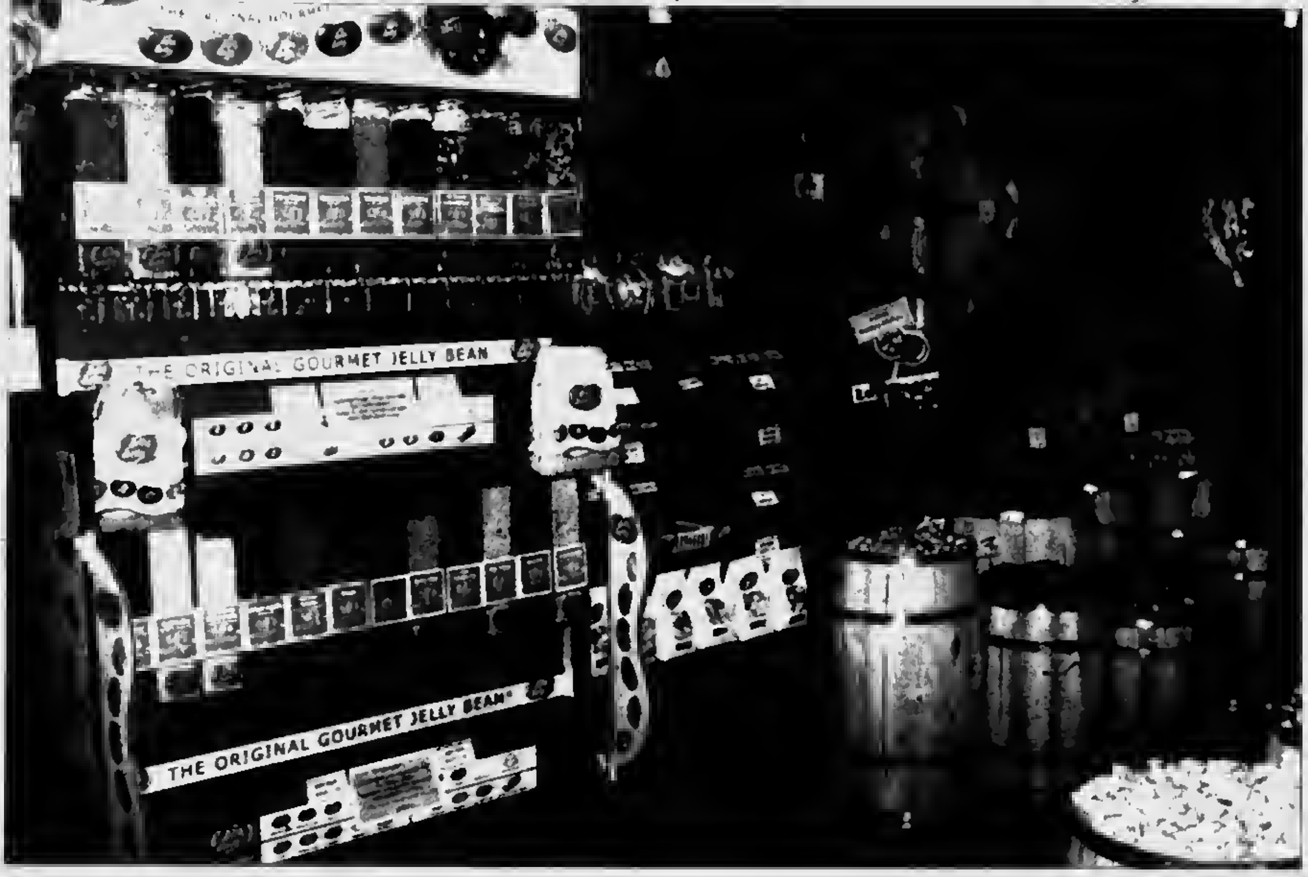

Photo by Erica Goff

The Taffy Barrel, pictured above, was one of a number of downtown businesses that reported fair numbers for the 2007 Christmas shopping season. Many contributed awareness of local shopping as a savior because of dwindling tourist numbers during the winter months.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> *"Considering the East Park (construction) project and the economy in Michigan, we really did all right."*
>
> **Kirby Dipert**
> OWNER OF CHARLEVOIX WEAR

Not too good, not too bad.

That was the general consensus among Charlevoix downtown businesses last week following what proved to be a slower Christmas season than previous years.

"We were steady but we were never really busy. We certainly weren't overwhelmed," said Linda Amstutz, employee at The Rocking Horse.

While concerns about toy dangers — the lead-poisoning scare among China-made toys likely didn't help the downtown toy store, Amstutz suggested — may have contributed to the sluggish season, the store was not alone in its lack-luster sales. Others, such as Momentum clothing store, The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Wear and C2 Gallery, noted slower seasons than last year, but, thankfully, not as slow as could have been.

"Considering the East Park (construction) project and the economy in Michigan, we really did all right," said Kirby Dipert, owner of Charlevoix Wear. "It was a good year, but it wasn't record setting."

Dipert's wife, Jacq Dipert, owner of The Clothing Company next door to Charlevoix Wear, noted business picked up as shopping time dwindled, and she saw more shoppers on Christmas Eve than in years past. Both businesses expect to fair well overall for the year, the Diperts said, thanks to strong fall sales.

"This was our strongest November ever, so I think overall we'll even out with last year," Jacq Dipert said.

Some stores, such as the Taffy Barrel, had little to compare to when considering 2007 Christmas numbers. Rich Root, CO-owner of the specialty candy store noted he and his wife survived their first Christmas in business, having opened in April 2007, and the couple was "pleased overall" with their sales.

"One thing that really helped us was having our website up," Root said.

Brandy Okerblom, manager of Up North Kids, a book store and more, said the store was a little sluggish in its second Christmas season, and emphasized the community needs to pull together during tough times to keep assets like attractive downtown businesses alive.

"That is what these stores are all about. We support the community during tough times, and the community supports us," she said.

Getting customers in to "see what we offer" seems to boost sales over time, Okerblom said, and she hopes Up North Kids will be seen as a community supporter that local shoppers will enjoy.

"If you want to support your community, now is the time," she said.

Other stores noted appreciation for local shopping was essential this Christmas season. Patrice Sinclair, manager of J. Phillips, said the season was very positive and went very well, thanks to

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Judge orders restitution

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Karla Sue Lockman, the Boyne City woman who embezzled at least $890,278.28 from Northern Preferred Ink of Charlevoix, has been ordered to pay close to half of the amount she took from the business.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema said $[illegible]204 [illegible] had already been recovered through the sale of Lockman's ill-gotten assets, leaving a total of $450,074.04 that she owes.

"The judge set the amount of restitution that was proven at trial," Jarema said. "I felt that that number was appropriate based on those numbers I showed at trial coming from the escrow account and going into her (Lockman's) Bay Winds personal checking account."

John Taylor, Chief Financial Officer for Northern Preferred and 1 of the nearly 30 victims still owed money, said the Judge's order is far from a win.

"I see it as closure," he said. "It hasn't been fun. What she (Lockman) did put me back to entry level position earning one-third of what I was earning."

Taylor, who has been in the business for 25 years and worked at Northern Preferred for nearly a decade, said his biggest gripe with the receiver's report is the court appointed receiver Bob Hoffman CPA did not speak with Northern Preferred's former employees or Taylor before setting the restitution amounts laid out in his report, and therefore may not have had enough information to submit an accurate report to the court.

LOCKMAN

"Other than one letter to me indicating he was going to accept

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MARRIAGE

Michael Clay Howard, 39 and Coralee Jean Shafer, 36, both of East Jordan

Christopher Alan Crego, 23 and Kari Lee Jepsen, 20, both of Boyne Falls

ASSUMED NAMES

Dilworth Partners, 300 Water St., Boyne City, by Gerard V Kowalcyk and John B. Cooper

Forest Lakes Lane Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 667 East Jordan, 49727, by William J. Lome

Karen Walker Studio, 507 Water St., East Jordan, by Karen Walker

Antaya Builders Inc., 01536 North Ranney, East Jordan, by Jesse L. Antaya

Firehouse Flooring Co., 907 Wilson St., Boyne City, by Scott Carlston

BIRTHS

Miyah Elise Bergey weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce was born Dec. 21 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Alicia Kusky-Bergey and Specialist Jason Bergey of Bellaire. She has two sisters, Micah and Adria. Her grandparents are David Kusky of Bellaire, Cynthia and Patrick Lyder of Cheboygan and Jean and Vern Bergey of Coleman. Her great grandparents are Irene and Albert Kusky of Clio.

Owen Alan Pflug weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces was born Dec. 22 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cari and Andrew Pflug of Boyne City. His sihlings are Alysa, Ethan and Zoey. His grandparents are Greg and Kim Hiar of Boyne City, Pat Pflug of Alanson and Kathy Pflug of Pellston.

Kendra Andrea Behrendt weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born Dec. 28 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sondra and Michael Behrendt of East Jordan. Her siblings are Robert and Cristina. Her grandparents are Kendra Behrendt of Charlevoix and Sofia Castio of Bogotá, Colulmbia. Her great grandparents are Laura Caine of Charlevoix and Barbario Zomudio Mária Castio from Bogotá, Columbia.

Laila Jayne Stevenson weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces was born Dec. 12 at the Pentrice Women's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois to Jasmine Witthoeft and Joshua Stevenson of Charlevoix. Laila's grandparents are Ember Witthoeft and Marvin Witthoeft of Charlevoix, and Shelly and Jeff Stevenson of Charlevoix. Her great grandparents are Carla and Gary Spencer of Charlevoix, Lucy Witthoeft of Charlevoix, David and Esther Brown of Ledyard, Connecticut, and William and Ramona Stevenson of Frankfort, Michigan. Her great-great grandparents are June Riley of Charlevoix and Eleanor Witthoeft of Lake George, Minnesota.

Photo by Erica Goff

Getting the grand tour

Members of the Charlevoix Tigar Cubs Den 6, Pack 11 got a guided tour of the Charlevoix Police Department Dec. 20, given by officers Matt Umulls and Pater Shrift. Pictured ara (from left) Officer Umulls, William Gardnar, Jason Muellar, Rilay Coss, Ryan Henry, Jacob Mualler, Haley Coss, Officer Shrift, and Den Leader Janna Mueller, holding Calll Mueller.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's Courier regarding the Downtown Development Authority seeking funding for the Interactive Water Fountain and trout ecosystem in East Park misstated amounts needed for the projects. The water fountain project is estimated at $380,000, and the DDA will contribute $200,000. The citizens' group raising funds are seeking $100,000 and the city will contribute $80,000.

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Christmas sales steady, not overwhelming

SALES

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local shoppers.

"This year was better than last year for us. There was more local shopping and that always helps," she said.

June Cross, who owns John Cross Fisheries with her husband, John, said local shoppers were more reliable this season due to the lack of out-of area travelers.

"We did good this year but were down from last year. We just didn't have the travelers we usually do," she said, adding "with the economy the way it is, we really fared well."

Barb Bassett, manager of American Spoon Foods, noted a boost of business during those last days before Christmas, especially Christmas Eve, but said things overall were a little slower than last year. However it was "still a nice holiday season."

Shoppers' cravings for goodies didn't slow with the economy, and area fudge and goodie shops fared well. Jennifer Dean, a cook at Murdick's Fudge, said the shop was "very busy" throughout the season, mostly with mail orders, which is typical during the holiday season.

"Christmas is our busy mail order time. We ship everywhere from Maine to Alaska," she said.

Like others downtown, Murdick's Fudge saw a lot of visitors on Christmas Eve, with those last-minute shoppers indulging in the sweets. Across the street, Kilwin's also did well, noting only a slight slow down from last year.

The desire for walking shoes was slightly stronger this year than last, Carey's Shoes employees Shawn Trudeau and Christi Roman said, thanks largely to the snow. The Christmas sales season was "decent," the two said, noting Ugg Boots and Mammoth Crocks as "big sellers" for the season.

Michigan retailers are prepared for what should be the busiest shopping weekend of the year Saturday and Sunday before Christmas.

According to the Michigan Retailers Association, the weekend before Christmas is traditionally the biggest sales weekend of the year. Experts expected that to be true this year as well, despite the struggling economy, and responses from local businesses suggest that may be true.

The Association said earlier this month "a big weekend" right before Christmas could help retailers come closer to their projections for the season. Retailers went into the season projecting, on average, a 2.2 percent increase in sales over last year's holiday shopping season, according to the Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Based on the Association's examination of the credit and debit card sales it processes for thousands of Michigan stores, the Association estimates holiday sales were up less than 1 percent through last weekend.

Final counts for the shopping season are expected to be released by Jan. 10.

Meanwhile, the November Index survey showed that 42 percent of Michigan retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 44 percent recorded declines and 13 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 48.1, down from 52.0 in October.

Thirty-seven percent believe their sales will increase for December–February over the same period last year, while 39 percent say sales will decline and 23 percent expect no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted outlook index of 56.0, down from 65.0 in October.

Photo by Erica Goff

Up North Kids, a book store and more, reported slowar sales than last year this Christmas season, as did many stores in downtown Charlavoix.

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Christmas leftover

This animated, inflatabla carousel on Meech Street in Charlevoix was still up and running several days after Christmas.

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New year, new plan for Gohs' resolutions

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

In light of how far off I was on last year's New Year's predictions—I didn't lose weight, the county clerk didn't stop smoking, not only did city councilwoman Shirley Gibson and former city manager Mike Wiesner not make up, but Gibson decided not to run and Weisner was canned—I've sworn off prognostication for awhile.

With that in mind, I called my psychic advisor Magick Tammi (for those of you keeping score, I misspelled her name last time). She told me the next few years will be of significant growth for me at work. Whether that means my pile of hate mail will get higher or the number of mind-numbing governmental meetings I will attend is expected to increase, I am not sure.

She did say one thing which made me say, as my father used to say "I kid you not" (well, he didn't say kid, he said another word, but you get the point), she said, "there is something to do with a vehicle. Is it the brakes you've been concerned about?"

Now, truth be told I am not much of a believer in things supernatural, but knowing that the day before I called Tammi I had set an appointment with my mechanic to inspect my brakes—call the Muffler Shoppe of Charlevoix if you don't believe me—gave me a bit of a dizzy spell and made me stutter.

How she expects me to reconcile what she told me with the certainty that I already know everything and psychics are all frauds is beyond me.

That being said, let's get down to the nitty-gritty of this week's Crying Towel: The year at hand and how bad of a start it had.

They say March comes in like a lamb goes out like a lion, the lesser well known saying that December goes out with confetti and spirits and January comes in like the winner of a prune stew eating contest infected with a strain of steroid-fortified stomach flu.

No doubt many of you are still nursing yourselves back to health after trying to see how far you could push your collective endocrine systems during the holidays.

Granted, the last thing going through your mind at 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve was how you would feel the next morning or the one after that, but when those handfuls of Chex mix, two cheeseburgers, a quart of imitation Champagne and that last martini turned your stomach into host of the hobo Olympics by digging their metaphoric heels into your pancreas and tugging on fistfuls of esophagus in an attempt to do a Triple Lindy off the diving board of your tongue, you knew you had gone too far.

No doubt by the time you read this I will be back at work, under my desk and checking my pulse for irregularities.

Oh, when we were young we could down great gallons of beer and pints of vodka, but these days a six pack and a few glasses of buttershots and we need three days to recover.

And to make things worse, while Satan is playing the drum solo to "Wipeout" off both hemispheres of your brain, you get to think about all those things you did under the influence of Jell-O shots, Jager Bombs and some concoction your buddy swears he invented but tastes suspiciously like sweat socks and gin.

If you're anything like me, and kudos if you're not, you probably told someone you don't like how much you love them and you told at least one person you do like how much you hate them.

Someone wearing a kilt may or may not have burned his underwear while screaming indiscriminate epithets to, what is my best guess, someone who only he could see.

You probably scored poorly in a fight against what you hope was an inanimate object: It could have been a trash can, it could have been a popcorn machine and hopefully it wasn't a homeless person or someone's dog.

Someone may even have told the mayor that you are a borderline Adonis, but it's not important who said what and when and to whom because that person will never admit to having said it even if there were, say, three or four witnesses.

You enlightened individuals are all welcome to get going on bettering yourselves through exercise, diets and smoking cessation programs this 2008, but the rest of us are doing all we can to hold on for dear life.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to try downing some chicken broth and saltines and hope for the best.

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Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

1. Spend more time with friends and families
2. Fit in fitness
3. Tame the bulge
4. Quit smoking
5. Enjoy life more
6. Quit drinking
7. Get out of debt
8. Learn something new
9. Help others
10. Get organized

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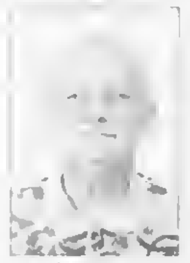
Numbers and us: How significant are numerals?



EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Numerical measurement can be understood as a gift of science. Instruments for ever-more precise measurement are being developed constantly. Like any other part of the scientific effort, the use of numbers carries its own potential problems. Just as the knowledge developed by scientific endeavor can be used for good or ill, so can the idea of precise measurement. If science provides us with a measurement, we are likely to give it importance; maybe more importance than it deserves. Assigning a number to something often suggests a precision that may be unrealistic.

This contemplation of the import of numerical description was prompted by Malcolm Gladwell's review of a new book about I.Q. and intelligence. Let me admit a bias. I believe that Malcolm Gladwell is the best literary interpreter of the meaning of science currently alive. In his book, "The Tipping Point," he reminded us that small changes can have large consequences. And in a later book, "Blink," he clarified science's current understanding of how quickly our brains interpret the world around us.

We are surrounded by numbers and are constantly told that we should know them and use them. A two-point change in a politician's score in a poll can make him or her into either a viable candidate or an also-ran. A Body Mass Index above 25 tells us we are obese and need to do something about it. A cholesterol reading above 200 is given as reason for concern or possible medication. A credit score that is higher is better, and below a certain point such a score may be reason for denying a loan. Blood pressure numbers are a part of life, and high PSA scores can be reason for prostate surgery. An I.Q. score below 70 can put a child into the category of "retarded," and alter that child's possibility of appropriate education for a lifetime.

Virtually all measurement numbers arrive with some margin of error, or we might say, with some degree of uncertainty. Any number of "normal" or "average" should probably never be given without including how uncertain it is. What is "normal" now is almost never what "normal" was a decade ago. I.Q. tests have been repeatedly "reformed" in order to keep an average I.Q. at 100. People aren't that different in intelligence over time, but tests have been made more difficult and "reformed" to keep the average score at 100.

Just how much attention we should be paying to those specific numbers turns out to be a complex question. According to Mr. Gladwell an I.Q. score that would qualify as "normal" now would have produced a score in the "retarded" category 50 years ago, if we correct for changes in the tests taken and for the mysterious increases in I.Q. that seem to have no obvious reason. A two, three or even four point change in a poll percentage often has no meaning, since if you read the fine print poll scores commonly have a margin of error that may be as much as four points. A media-reported change in a politician's popularity may not be a change at all, but only a reflection of the margin of error or uncertainty found in any poll.

Next time someone cites a measurement number as a reason for some action, whether it be medical treatment, classroom placement or your vote, find out what the number actually means and what the uncertainty about it is. Better decisions will almost certainly follow. As Mark Twain once said, "Figures don't lie, but liars do figure."

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A day of winter fun

Danae Nakoneczny of Chicago braves death-defying speeds while sledding down the back hill at Mt. McSauba with her nieces Natalie Krentz (middle) and her older sister Madeline. Both younger girls, from Pennsylvania, were up in Charlevoix visiting relatives for the holidays.

Bridge tolls boosted

At a special meeting held in Detroit Dec. 21, the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) board decided to adjust tolls incrementally. The decision was based on testimony from public hearings held in three communities in early December.

The following toll rates (per crossing) will go into effect Saturday, March 1, 2008.

-Auto/passenger vehicle - $3; vehicles with trailer $1.50 per axle

-Commuter - $1.60

-Motor home - $3.50 per axle

-Truck - $3.50 per axle

Additionally, the commuter toll will increase 10 cents per year beginning in 2009 through 2014. The passenger vehicle toll will increase to $3.50 in 2010, $4 in 2012, and $4.50 in 2014. A passenger vehicle with trailer will be $1.75 per axle in 2010, $2 in 2012, and $2.25 in 2014. The motor home toll and truck toll will each increase to $4.50 per axle in 2010, $5 in 2012, and $6 in 2014.

"We believe this is the best plan possible - balancing the need to continue maintaining the bridge with what we heard from the testimony at the hearings," said William H. Gnodtke, MBA board chairman. "The new plan is actually a combination of the two proposals developed from the public testimony we received."

The MBA board unanimously approved the decision after more than an hour of dialogue and review of the public testimony. In 2013, the board will review financial forecast data to determine future action such as a toll increase shown in 2014, modification of tolls, and/or bonding. Toll increases in 2009 and beyond will take effect on January 1 of the appropriate year.

The toll rates at the Mackinac Bridge were last adjusted in 2003. The 50-year old bridge is maintained and operated exclusively with toll revenue.

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Rate changes effective March 1, 2008

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Also commuter tolls will increase 10 cents per year through 2014

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Rough water

This commercial fishing old boat fights waves several feet in height on its way from Lake Michigan to to Round Lake on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Letters to the editor

A CALL FOR GLOBAL AWAREMESS

Editor:

Everyone in Antrim, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, or Emmett County, Michigan, who knows who Benazir Bhutto was, holler.

Everyone who couldn't answer that question, then identify where Pakistan is, and holler.

Everyone who didn't answer either question, holler.

The probable overwhelming silence is deafening.

One faltering-light possibility of democracy in Pakistan and perhaps one which could then have spread to the rest of the Mid East has been doused by an assassination that should never have happened to a peace-loving woman.

Why should we respond?

We are no longer an agricultural, tourist directed, who-cares-about-what-happens-in-those-places-in-the-world-where-nothing-affects-us people. What happens in Pakistan, in Somalia, in Darfur, in Dubai, happens to us. We must stop being ostriches with our heads in the sand and the resulting test of our bodies abundantly exposing our true natures.

We are a necessary part of the whole world.

Our involvement in our world is a must.

How do we start?

Do you know where?

Concerned in Bellaire,
Patricia W. Fox
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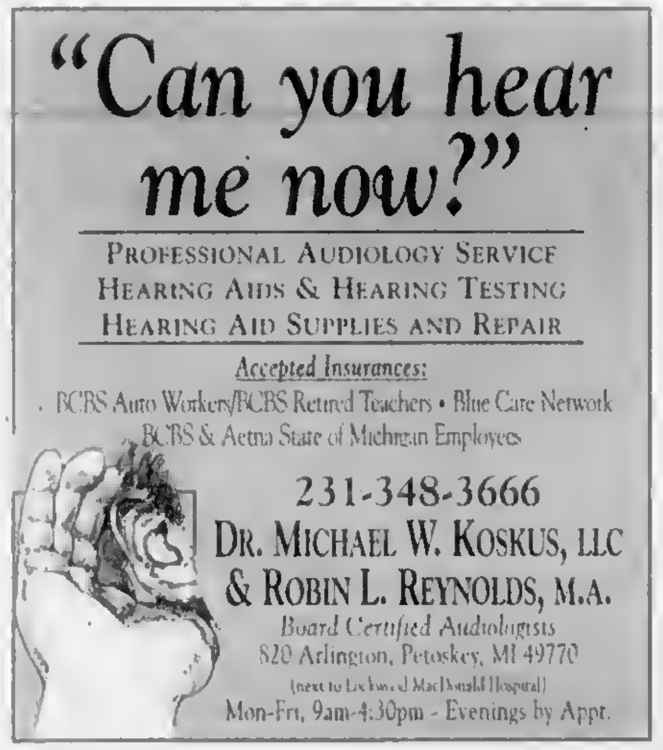

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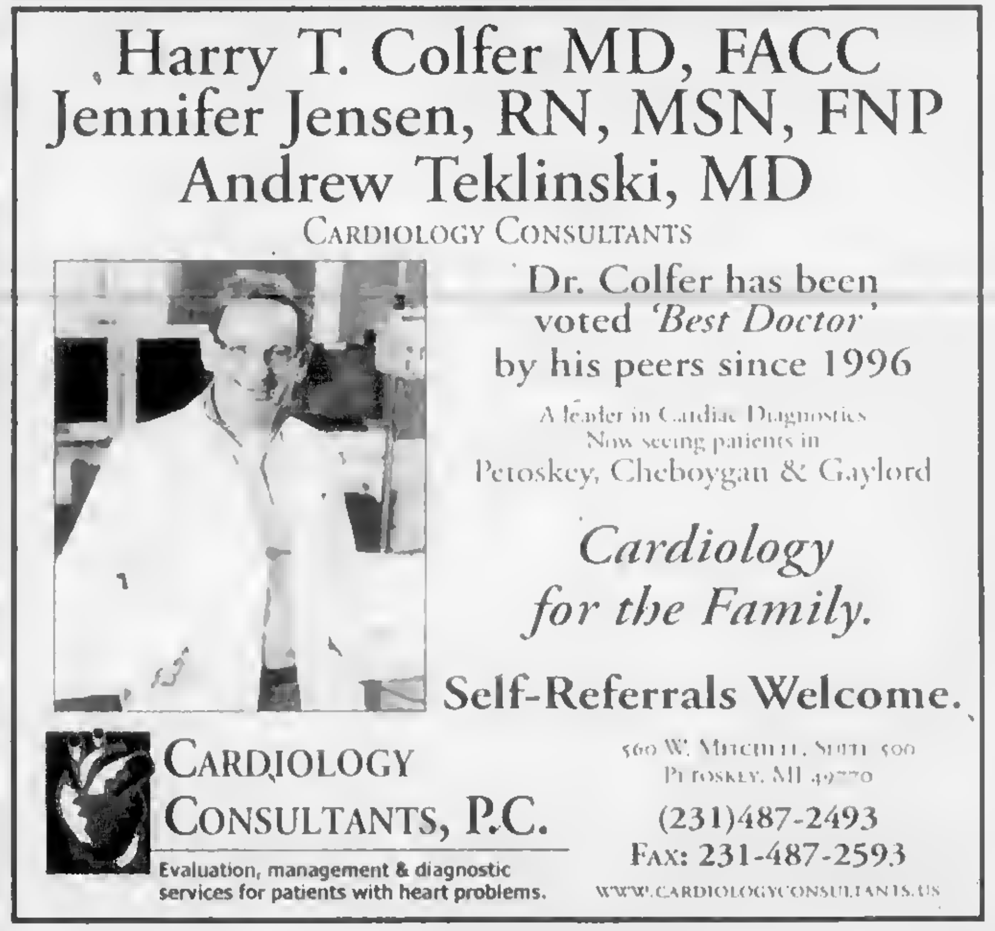

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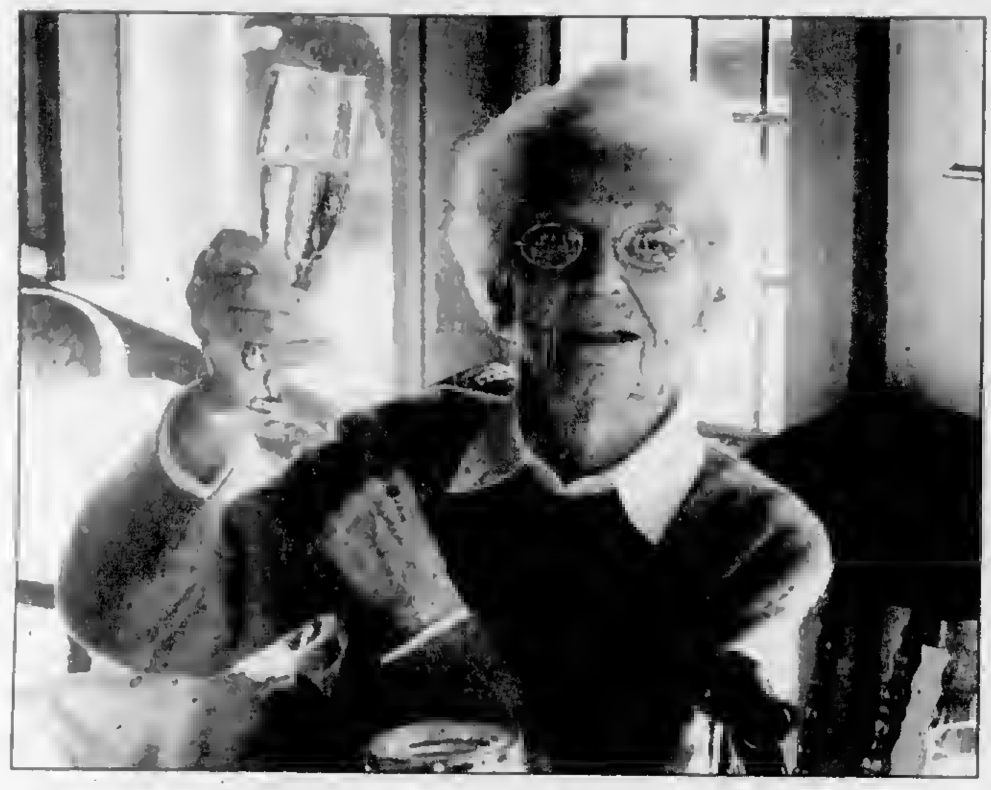

Photo by Erica Goff

Rosalynde Johnston holds up a champagne glass to toast at her own 105th birthday party, held at the Weathervane Restaurant Wednesday, Dec. 26. A group of friends joined Johnston for the celebration and celebrated with her on her big day.

Takin' a stroll

Steve Toornman of Charlevoix takes his pure-bred collie Ryder out for a walk, braving the sleet and snow last week. Toornman and his faithful companion take their stroll twice a day through rain or shine.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

American Red Cross blood drive

From noon to 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 the American Red Cross Drive will be held at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

Please call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE-LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Please bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey announces the following times and places for January food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This replaces all preceding information about Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

Thursday, Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Boyne City, City Hall

Thursday, Jan 3, noon. – 12:30 p.m. Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church

Wednesday, Jan 9, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Mancelona Lighthouse Community Building.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m - 10 a.m., Pellston Village Hall

Thursday, Jan 14, 11 a.m - noon VFW Hall, Harbor Springs.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program targets nutritional at risk mothers, infants, children and people aged 60 and older. For further information about income guidelines and qualifying for this program, call Chuck Fredell, NMHSA in Petoskey at 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518.

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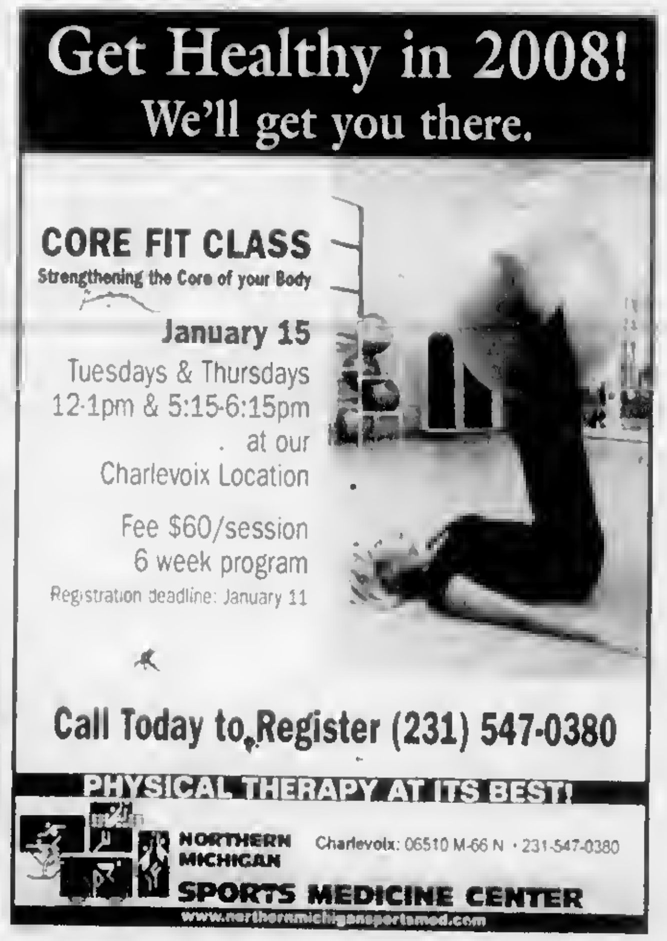

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Hospital staff fulfills hundreds of Christmas wishes

The hardest part about donating gifts to a little boy Diane Lewis chose from the Giving Tree wasn't finding what he wanted; it was trying not to go overboard with lots of other presents, too.

With a three-year-old grandson herself, Lewis, Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Information Technology and Call Center Manager, was one of nearly 100 hospital staff who made Christmas wishes come true for dozens of northern Michigan families in need.

"Some of them had very few things on their list and you just wanted to get more for them. I threw in a few more trucks, too," said Lewis. "It is the season."

Lewis, along with Donna Gengle, the Hospital's Information Technology Applications Manager, coordinated the gift drive to benefit Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan and its Paper Angels program.

Over the last several weeks, Hospital staff looked over the wishes of area children and families written on paper ornaments hung on the Giving Tree in the Hospital lobby. The lists requested everything from toys to household supplies and food items, and each ornament included the age and gender of the requestor. Staff purchased the items on their chosen list, and the goods were given to Child and Family Services for distribution.

"We ended up sending out of here seven carloads of gifts," said Lewis. "I could not believe it. I was just astounded at the generosity of the organization, of the people that work here. It was very heartwarming to see the outpouring of love."

Along with two families helped through the Women's Resource Center, in total hospital staff fulfilled the wishes of at least 90 area residents, who each received a minimum of three gifts.

Gina Aranki, marketing director of Child and Family Services, said the hospital staff deserves recognition for its generosity this holiday season to hundreds of foster families and kids, children victimized by sexual abuse, and others in need.

"It is a program that we created to assure that the children and families in our care receive holiday gifts," Aranki said. "Every gift is a big gift and we appreciate what the Hospital has done."

Courtesy photo

Pictured from left, Julie Jarema, NMRH Foundation, Donna Gengle, NMRH, Peg Greene, Child & Family Services and Diane Lewis, NMRH. All were transporting another load of gifts donated 100 plus staff members at NMRH.

Benefit fund established

Lacey Richardson of Charlevoix has been faced with medical problems, and friends and family have established a fund raising effort to help afford a trip to Mayo Clinich in Rochester, Minn. in hopes of initiating recovery.

Richardson, 32, is faced with an undiagnosed physical condition that has left her unable to work or live comfortably, riddled with pain, bruises and seizures, family members said. A benefit fund has been set up at Charlevoix State Bank to assist with payment of a trip to the Mayo Clinic, planned for Jan. 9. Family and friends said anyone willing and able to help can make a donation in Richardson's name, and they thank any one who has or will help.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Story-Time *Thursday, January 3, 10:30 am*
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. (Please note the new age range.

Monday Movie Matinees *Monday, January 7*
• *1:00 pm* Some Like it Hot with Marilyn Monroe
• *3:30 pm* Lost Money
Bring your own snacks and join us for movie time on the big screen in the community meeting room.

(Please note - the Stitches group will NOT be meeting this month - Join us on the first Monday in February.)

Parlez-vous Francais? (Do you speak French?)
Tuesdays, January 8 - February 26,
1:15 - 2:30 pm • $25/8 weeks
Join us for a series of beginner level French language lessons taught by Sue Kessler, retired French teacher from Charlevoix High School. Sue will focus instruction on learning phrases for cuisine, travel and current events. Pre-registration required by calling 237-7340.

Sleepy-Time Stories *Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm*
Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite toys for an evening of sleepy-time stories.

2008 Travel and Adventure Series:
Crossing the Continental Divide, a family walking adventure with Richard and Gaila Mallers
Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm
Join the adventures of one family as they walk and travel the 3,800 miles of the Continental Divide from Mexico to Canada. Dick hiked the trails, his wife, Gaila drove the motor home meeting him every two to ten days with supplies and encouragement. Their daughter, Maggie, was in charge of enthusiasm. Gaila's parents were the support team. They are coming to Charlevoix to share the adventure with humor and details. The Mallers have written a book about the trip and live in Traverse City, Michigan. The program is free and open to all ages.

Regular Weekly Meetings:
Newcomers welcome!
French Conversation Circle *Tuesdays at noon*
Spanish Conversation Circle *Tuesdays at 6:00 pm*
Writer's Group *Wednesdays at 6:00 pm*

Don't miss warm, sunny Hawaii on January 19th – Family Fun Day at the Library!

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Football team gives to community

The Charlevoix High School Football team was able to collect over 700 canned foods and over $200 from bottle returns for the Charlevoix Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated. The group would like to extend special thanks Lori Mitchell, Bob Borths, Tom Rankl, Zach Rankl, and Maxine Bergmann. Football players that participated were Drew Largent, Jake Rankl, Michael Heckendorn, Corey Loucks, Braden Knoop, Mike Kras, Brock Yenglin, Clayton Mitchell, Tanner Fisher, and Aaron Schnackenberg. Organizer Don Jess said it was the team's first year doing a food drive and it seemed to go very well. The community showed a lot of support and the kids were able to brave the cold temperatures all day.

OBITUARIES

MARY JANE HADWIN

Mary Jane Hadwin, 87, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at her home. She was born Aug. 13, 1920, in Mason, Mich. to Porter and Bertha (Easterday) Field. In 1938, she graduated from Mason High School. She married Donald Hadwin Oct. 15, 1938, in Mason and they made their home in Holt, Michigan, retiring in Frankfort and Moran, Michigan. Donald preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 2001, and Mary Jane moved to Charlevoix. She was a gifted seamstress and a portrait artist. She studied art at the Famous Artists School and the Lansing Community College. She drew portraits of many celebrities and had the artwork signed by the celebrities, among them Norman Rockwell, Gloria Stuart, Alan Alda, and James Garner. Mary Jane enjoyed all types of outdoor sports and was an active swimmer, skier, sledder, and golfer into her eighties.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda J. (Larry) Porath of Charlevoix; sons, Donald (Loretta Higgins) Hadwin, PhD of Durham, NH, Larry (Brenda) Hadwin of Savannah, Ga.; grandchildren, Luke and Jake Porath; Angela, Larry Joe, Ken, and Scott Hadwin; Catherine Burke and Laura Scott; sister, Billie Mae Somers of Marquette, as well as 16 great grand children and 1 great great grandson. Mary Jane was also preceded in death by a son Gary and sister Ellen Bellows. Private services are planned. Those wishing to honor Mary Jane's memory may make a donation to the Charlevoix Council for the Arts Scholarship Fund. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

JANET DOCTOR

Mrs. Janet Doctor, age 93, died peacefully Dec. 23, 2007. Janet was born July 4, 1914, in Ellsworth, Mich. to William and Katie (Tans) Kooyer. She had been a resident of the Muskegon area for much of her life.

Janet married Richard Doctor in Detroit in 1936, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1992. She was a long-time member of Olivet Evangelical Free Church. Mrs. Doctor headed the lunch program for the Fruitport School District for 25 years. After her retirement, Janet and her husband served seven years in the start-up of Spring Hill Camps. She lived 17 more years in Ellsworth and an additional 12 years in Muskegon. Througout her life she was known for her servant's heart.

Janet is survived by her children Janice (Larry) Dobb, Gerald (Judith) Doctor, Virginia (David) Blackwell-Roe, Stanley Doctor, and Richard (Paula) Doctor, as well as 13 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by son David Eugene Doctor in 1945, grandson David Kenneth Doctor in 1979 and three Kooyer brothers. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28 at Olivet Evangelical Free Church, 1050 W. Southern Ave., Muskegon with the Rev. Enoch Olson efficiating. Visitation was held Thursday, Dec. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes.

Internment was held in Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon. Memorial contributions can be made to Olivet Evangelical Free Church or the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Share memories with the families at their online guestbook at www. sytsemath. com.

FRANCES R. THIEL

Frances R. Thiel, age 90, of Cornelia, Georgia, formerly of Marion Township, Charlevoix County and Brady Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, died Friday, Dec. 21,2007.

Frances was born Oct. 26, 1917 to Francis and Esther Thompson in Findley, Ohio. She spent her childhood in and around Ashley, Michigan

She married Louie A. Thiel on Nov. 22, 1933, raising their children on the family Homestead Farm in Brady Township, Saginaw County, Michigan. Besides being a devoted wife and mother and caregiver for Louie's parents, she worked at Peet Packing Co. and as a professional pastry baker. She was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and was active in the Ladies Aid Society. One of her favorite pastimes was to take a leisurely walk down the lane back to the woods, enjoying the beauty of nature.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louie A. Thiel, her son, Robert L. Thiel, her brothers, Cecil and Nelson Thompson, and her sisters, Marjorie Baum and Sylvia Kerr

Frances is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sherrie and Richard Flagg of Vancouver, Washington, her son and daughter-in-law, Franklin and Connie Thiel of Cornelia, Georgia, her sister, Edna Ward-Scully of Chesaning, Michigan, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

There will be a private burial at Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix, Michigan in the Spring of 2008. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

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Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6284

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1001 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
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Use caution while keeping warm this winter

Some northwest Michigan residents are using dangerous methods to winterize their homes this year. During the cold months – December, January and February there is a sharp increase in home accidents involving fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. The Michigan Propane Gas Association (MPGA) is taking proactive measures in helping homeowners with energy efficiency.

"No one is talking to northwest Michigan homeowners about what not to do when it comes to energy efficiency," said MPGA President Wayne Kohley "As a result, they are putting themselves and their families at great risk"

Avoiding some basic safety pitfalls will ensure safe, warm homes for everyone," he addded

Dangerous Winterization Methods:

- Surrounding the foundation of a home with hay bales this is a major fire hazard;
- Using thicker versions of visqueen to cover windows this prevents windows from being used as an emergency exit (thinner plastic window kits are available);
- Wadding and stuffing paper into the sliding tracks of windows this is another major fire hazard;
- Using kerosene heaters indoors and near flammable objects – this could start a fire, cause burns, pollute the air, or cause asphyxiation. Using kerosene heaters indoors is actually illegal in Michigan

"The rural poor are frequently overlooked on energy use issues," Kohley said "They are more at risk because of their geographic isolation The MPGA stands behind LIHEAP, ready to assist these families and ensure they don't get left out in the cold."

Families who are at risk of having their power shut off may be eligible to receive government assistance One of these options is the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Protection (LIHEAP) program, which is federal money given to each state to assist families who may not be able to pay their heating bills The Department of Health and Human Services recently announced the release of $131 Million in LIHEAPL emergency funds to directly help rural families with energy assistance

The MPGA encourages low-income families to apply for the Federal Home Heating Tax Credit through the Michigan Department of Treasury by calling 1-800-827-4000 or by visiting www.michigan.gov/treasury. DHS is the designated agency responsible for leading LIHEAP. Contact www.mighican.gov/heatingassistance for more information.

The MPGA website, www.UseMichiganPropane.com., also contains these helpful suggestions.

Homeowners typically use these dangerous methods to trap warm air inside and block cold air from entering their homes. However, there are many free and low-cost methods to safely lock in heat.

Michigan Propane Gas Association's low cost energy-saving tips:

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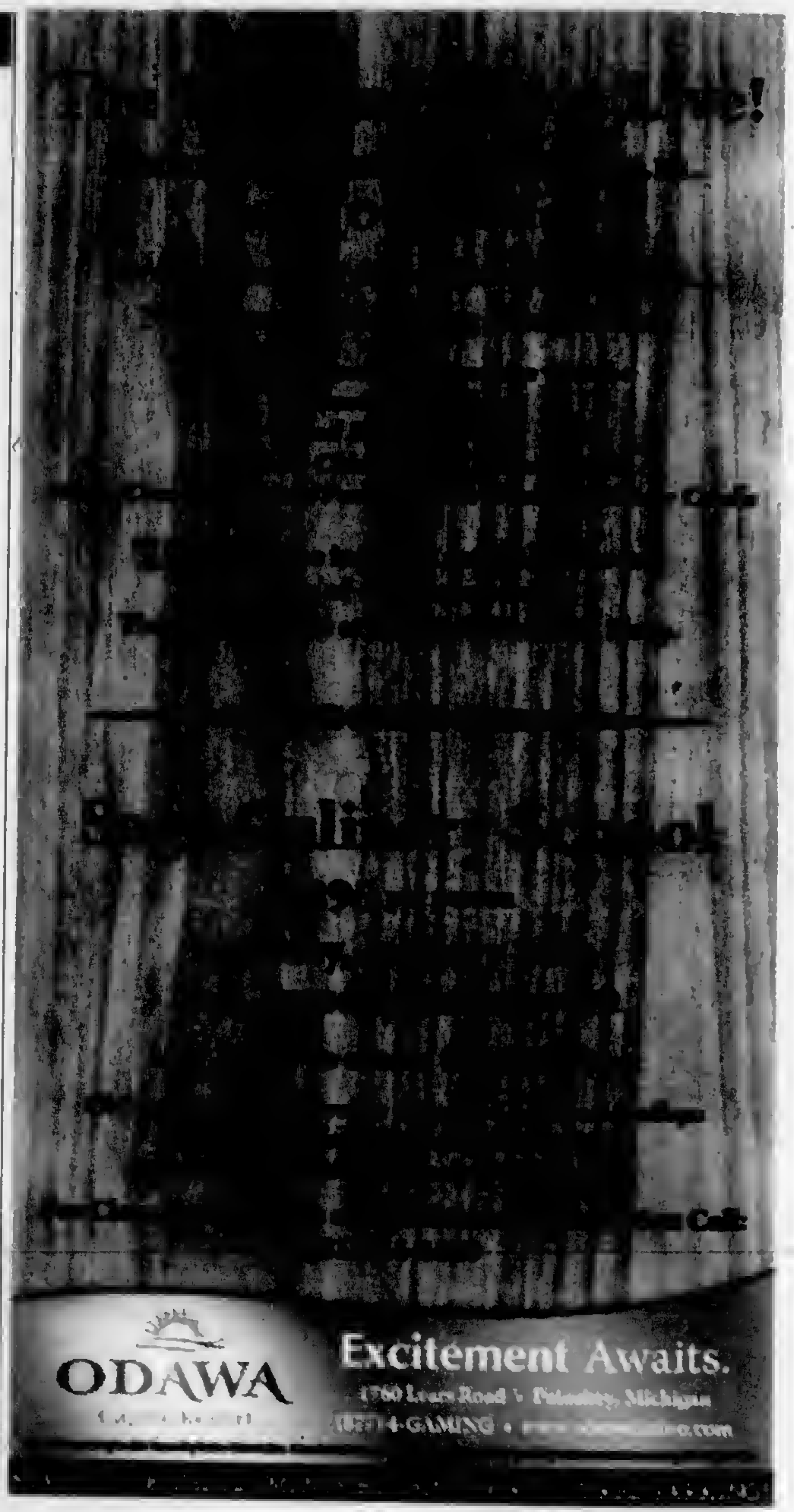

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Embezzlement victims to get at least some money

LOCKMAN

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victim statements of restitution owed, he never contacted me," Taylor said. "He never looked at the books of Northern Preferred Title, he never looked at the accounts Karla embezzled from."

He added, "My biggest issue is the way the funds are being distributed."

Hoffman did not return calls by press time.

Taylor said 25 to 50 percent of his former employees are owed more than the blanket $2,000 amount which is set to be allocated to each employee regardless of their years of service or vacation and sick time owed them.

Taylor also said he does not hold much malice toward Lockman, but more on the corporate culture which may have had a hand in allowing her to do the things she did.

And, though she asked not to attend, Lockman was in court during the two-plus-hour proceedings held Friday, Dec 21 at Jarema's behest.

"I writted [sic] (writ of habeas corpus) her up for two main reasons: Number one, it's a criminal case, this affects her and she has a right to hear what is going on; number two I wanted her to sit and listen to the devastation she caused all the people in the county," Jarema said. "She didn't say boo."

While he could not pinpoint the day victims will have their respective checks-in-hand, Jarema said he hopes it will be by the first quarter of 2008.

"I have to submit an order detailing the Judge's numbers to all the attorneys that were there (in court) and they have to sign off on it," Jarema said. "They can't object to the amount or the numbers the judge set, but they do have to look at the language of the order to see if that is what the judge said."

However, Jarema added, the attorneys representing the various victims will have the option to appeal the Judge's decision.

The best case scenario, according to Jarema, is that the judge will receive all the required signatures allowing restitution to be disbursed

"I would like to get those checks cut from the receiver to the victims as soon as possible because they've been waiting a long time," he said "I feel good about it. I feel good that the judge has ordered restitution that is fair to the victims, but I'm just concerned the victims have had to wait this long to get what they're due."

In the days following the hearing, Lockman's attorney, Fred L. Gibson, said he had no objections to the receiver's report and said he has no intention to appeal the judge's decision.

"Other than to wrap up the entry of the order, my obligation is complete, I should say it was a self-imposed obligation because I promised Karla I would follow this through to the end regardless of the fact that I wasn't getting paid," Gibson said. "There are no further court dates set on this matter If she (Lockman) were to file an appeal, the court would appoint an appellate attorney."

> "This is not even close to dollar for dollar that I lost."
>
> **John Taylor**
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Lockman will have 42 days from the date the judge finalizes his order to appeal the decision.

The remaining $459,000-plus that Lockman owes is not dischargeable in bankruptcy and will likely follow her the rest of her life.

"A civil money judgment must be renewed every 10 years, but a criminal order for restitution exists forever," Gibson said. "A victim, in this case Northern Preferred Title Company, can hunt her (Lockman) down forever, can put a lien on any real property she has in her name, can garnish wages if employed"

Taylor said even with the nearly $40,000 he hopes to receive in restitution he will still be in the hole.

"This is not even close to dollar for dollar that I lost," he said "I got nothing for my time and effort in settling this matter over the last two years."

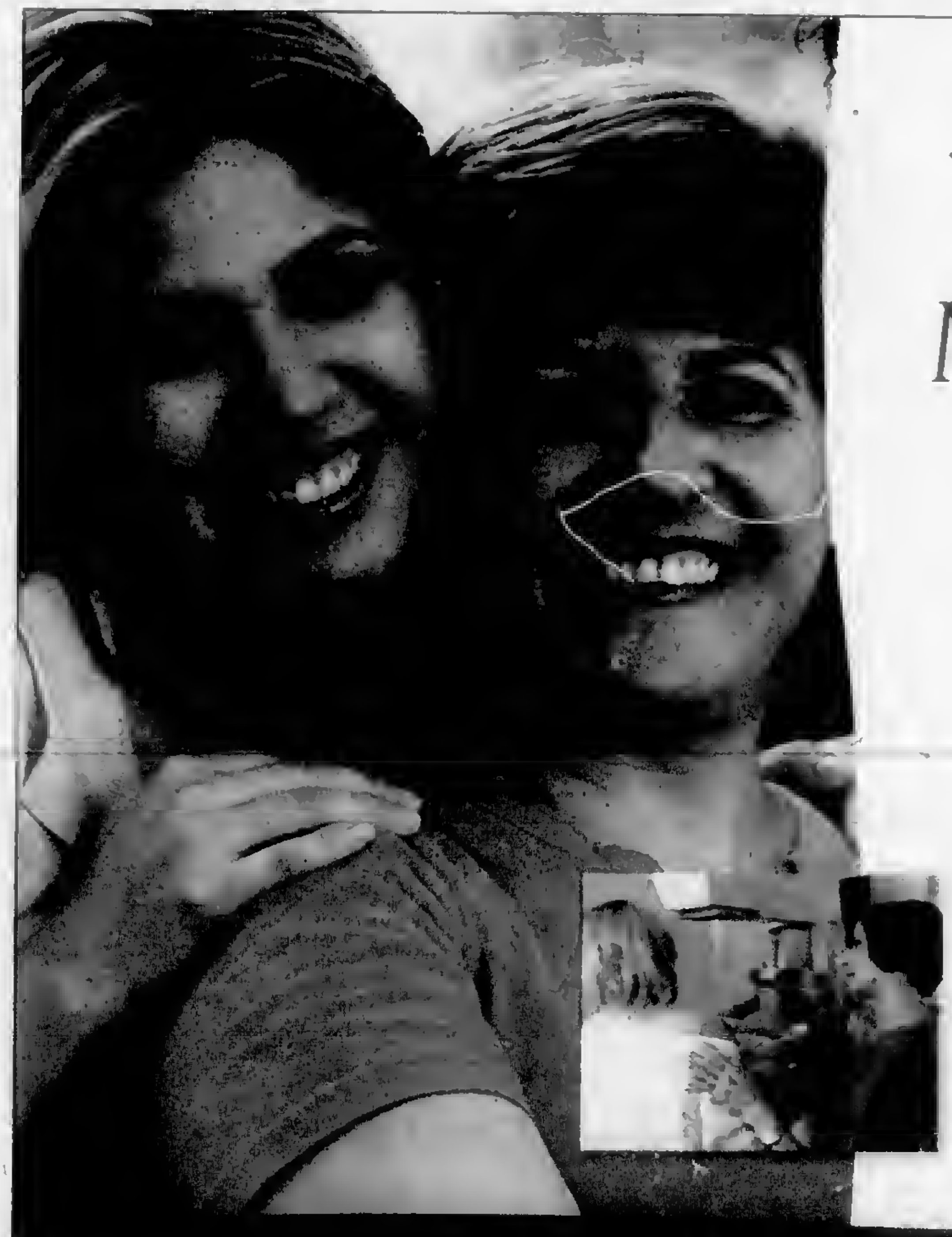
Barring an unforeseen change in her conviction or a win in Michigan appeals court, Lockman's 5- to 10-year prison stretch gives her an earliest release date of Sept. 20, 2011 with a maximum release date of Sept 20, 2016.

A jury found Lockman, currently residing in the Huron Valley Women's Complex in Washtenaw County, guilty of 2 counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $20,000 or more from Northern Preferred from Jan. 31 to May 17, 2005.

Lockman has an appeal pertaining to her sentencing in process with the Michigan Court of Appeals which is being handled by a court appointed attorney other than Gibson.

When asked if he will ever reopen Northern Preferred Title Company in Charlevoix, Taylor said, "The plans are in the works but announcement of yes or no is still pending I've got to test the waters first to see if it is a viable option."

He added, "I'm a very optimistic guy and I'm holding on to my optimism as best I can. My wife and kids, and friends have gotten me through, and the community has really been supportive."



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayders remain undefeated with two more conference wins

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SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Charlevoix Lady Rayders continued their unbeaten ways, racking up two more Lake Michigan Conference wins, defeating Traverse City St. Francis, 59-48 and Kalkaska, 56-35.

"The girls are really coming together," coach Bret Erskine said. "They are in great shape and it is showing in their play. Many of them played a lot of soccer this fall and that has helped."

Against St. Francis, the Rayders trailed by six at halftime but Erskine went to "Double Trouble," as the girls have dubbed K.C. McCary and Meredeth Rich in the press defense and the two of them, combined with Becca Madison, Alyssa Smith and Desi Faust, picked up the defensive pressure and erased the Gladiator lead.

"We switched it up a bit and those five got us back in the game," Erskine said.

McCary led Charlevoix statistically with 18 points and 7 rebounds.

The Rayders used a balanced attack for a more characteristic blowout win over the Blazers.

Rich led three Charlevoix players in double-figures with 11 while Murphy Gillespie and Brooke Whitaker scored 10.

McCary scored nine and Tammy Potter tallied eight. Potter and McCary each grabbed seven rebounds.

"With it being a big game for us, we went with a more senior-oriented lineup to get our more experienced players in," Erskine commented. "They did a great job and everyone off the bench contributed as well. It has been great that players off the bench come in and contribute right away. They are really doing a great job."

The Rayders (7-0 overall, 5-0 conference) have two tough games immediately after Christmas break, playing at undefeated Petoskey Thursday, Jan. 3 and the next day playing at Boyne City who is tied with Charlevoix for the Lake Michigan Conference lead.

Classifieds pay off!

MHSAA: Girls' cross country benefits from fall season changes

Participation in girls high school cross country in the state of Michigan increased 15.18 percent during the 2007 season compared to 2006, and it appears to be the major beneficiary of sports seasons changes being implemented this school year as a result of federal court action. The increase in girls cross country 1,054 participants more than offsets the losses in girls volleyball and girls golf at Michigan High School Athletic Association member senior high schools.

All three sports whose seasons were changed to the fall experienced drops in participation. Girls volleyball was down 3.08 percent (658 participants), girls Lower Peninsula golf down 8.97 percent (291 participants), and boys Lower Peninsula tennis was down 11.43 percent (93 participants). The MHSAA routinely collects participation data from member schools to report to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The fourth fall sport for girls, Lower Peninsula swimming and diving, increased 0.94 percent (60 participants) versus last school year.

Among the other fall boys sports, football participation was up 2.45 percent (1,109 participants), boys cross country was up 5.05 percent (403 participants), and boys Lower Peninsula soccer increased 2.32 percent (338 participants). Overall participation for the fall for boys and girls was up 0.89 percent (1,015) over last year.

These results are based reports from all 766 MHSAA member senior high schools, comparing actual figures at the same schools between the current school year and the 2006-07 school year.

The school's responses to the MHSAA also included this information:

- 61 fewer schools made cuts in their girls volleyball programs
- 21 schools dropped freshman girls volleyball; and no programs were added
- 4 schools added junior varsity girls volleyball; and none dropped the program
- 5 fewer schools made cuts in their girls Lower Peninsula golf programs
- 22 fewer schools made cuts in their boys Lower Peninsula tennis programs.

This information indicates that not only is participation down in these sports this year, but the number of students trying out for these teams in these sports is down as well.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,800 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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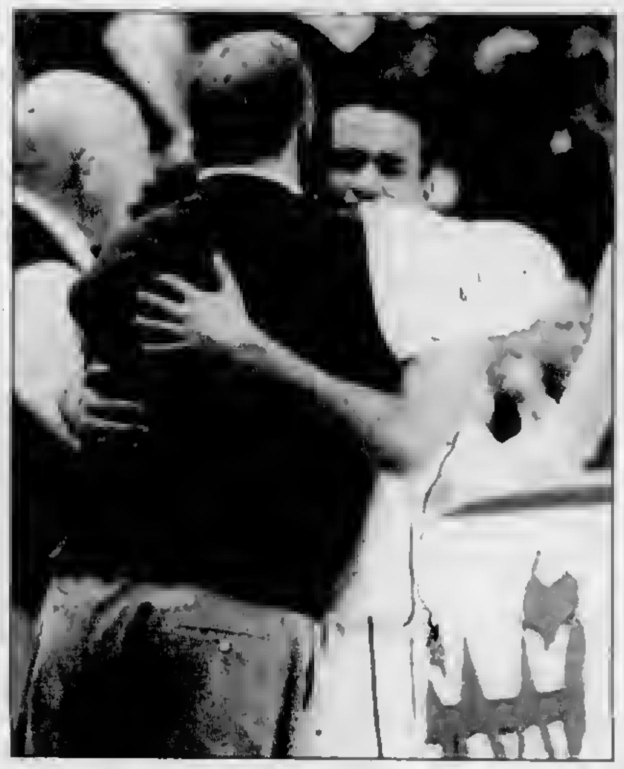
SPORTS reviewing the action

Top sports moments of 2007: Reliving the action

Youth hunt

Hunters ages 10 to 16 participated in a statewide special youth hunt Sept. 22-23. A property licensed youth was allowed to take one deer during this two-day hunt. This was the eighth year for the youth-only hunt in Michigan. Pictured (top) is Cameron Canupp, the 14-year-old son of Denny and Jeanne Way, who shot this six-point buck at 6:50 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. Also pictured is Charlie Blacker and Austin Themm of Charlevoix with the black bear shot during a dog run on Sept. 22 near Petoskey. The bear weighed 400 pounds and stretched over six feet in length.



Father, son team farewell

The Charlevoix High School Rayder basketball team ended its successful season on March 22, losing 67-54 to Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central in the Class C semifinals at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University. (Left) Ty Haske, playing in his last game as a Rayder under the direction of his father, head coach Keith Haske, scored seven points and played relentless defense. The two shared a hug following the loss.

Alina Dhaseleer, a Charlevoix High School girls' cross country team member, wades through the mud hole at Charlevoix High School during the annual Mud Run Sept. 8. Dhaseleer was fifth in the 11-12 race.

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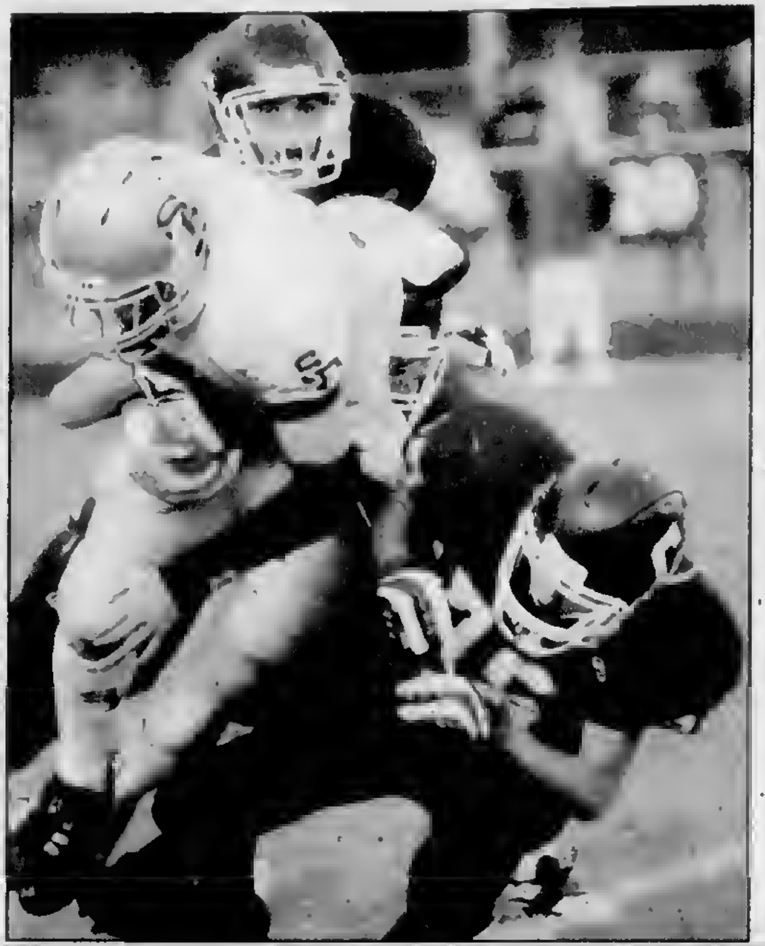
MORE SPORTS ACTION FROM 2007

Charlevoix's Scott Plude clears a hurdle en route to finishing second in the 110-meter hurdles at Kipke Field. Plude won the 300 hurdles as the Charlevoix boys won the April 23 four-team Lake Michigan Conference meet. Charlevoix also won the girls' portion of the meet.



Rayder football lost 28-15 to Traverse City St. Francis on Sept. 7. (Left) Charlevoix's defense knocks St. Francis running back Dan Brick off his feet after a short gain in the first half. Unfortunately explosive plays like these weren't enough to pull out the win.

Charlevoix pitcher Cliff Jones burns one in during the second inning of the Charlevoix Invitational opener when the Rayders faced Boyne Falls in April (photo from April 25). They beat Boyne Falls 14-0 and went on to beat Gaylord 8-7 for the tournament win.

Tips for heating safety

HEAT

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• Insulate hot water pipes and ducts wherever they run through unheated areas.

• Change your furnace filters monthly. Cleaner filters are more efficient.

• Seal up the largest air leaks in your home – the ones that whistle or feel drafty on windy days. The worst culprits are usually not windows and doors, but utility cut-through for pipes (plumbing penetrations), gaps around chimneys, recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets. All of the little invisible cracks and holes may add up to as much as an open window or door.

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• Fill your propane tank before it is empty – this saves on out-of-gas pressure test costs.

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Merry belated Christmas! Most of all I would like to thank my children and ex-wife for their support, Shirley Roloff and the Roloff Foundation, John Fiedorek and his golfing club for all their prayers and helpfulness and those who took me to chemotherapy classes. I would also like to thank Sally Nye, Becky Goodfrey, Al & Jeanette Grams, Nancy Danberg, Arnie & Lori Silva and everybody. I appreciate your prayers. I have gone from a 5% chance of living to a 0% but I believe through your prayers and mine we will pull it off. Thank You and I Love You.
Martin Fassett

0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

New Today!
GUN AND KNIFE SHOW
Cadillac Wexford Arena
January 5th and 6th.
Saturday, 9 to 5.
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22 rifle door prize.
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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Bright, energetic, Certified or Registered Dental Assistant needed to join our specialty practice. We are offering an excellent wago, guaranteed raises and bonuses, paid Holidays and vacations, medical and dental benefits, paid CE courses, and the opportunity to work in a high-technology office with a mature professional staff. Please reply with education and work experience to P.O. Box 698, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

CLASSIFIED ADS PAY OFF!

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

TRADES

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0870 PART-TIME HELP WANTED

Deliver the Courier one day a week.

We are looking for a driver to deliver the Charlevoix Courier to stores and newspaper machines in the Charlevoix area.

If you are interested in this part-time opportunity, call the Petoskey News-Review circulation department for details:

231-439-9315

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The Charlevoix Courier ads are read daily in over 55% of the area's homes.
Call Lisa In Classifieds
(231)547-6558

0880 SALES HELP WANTED

Sales

SALES ASSOCIATES

HAVE YOU ever thought about selling, but you weren't sure if you had what it takes? We have a great opportunity for individuals who can exhibit care and courtesy to our customers and their automotive needs. If you are personable, customer service focused, disciplined and compassionate, we will provide the tools to help you succeed in auto sales. Some of our most successful sales associates have had no prior experience! Guaranteed weekly salary plus commissions. Earning potential unlimited! We are a phenomenal growth dealership ... come grow with us!

Visit our website northpointemotors.com and apply online or email icccorp@charterinternet.com.

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

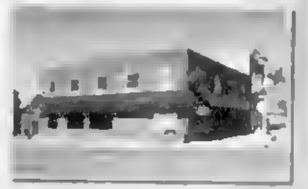
FOR SALE
New condo furniture, GE Profile appliances, washer and dryer. Leather sofa and love seat. Bedroom set. Open 10 to 3 on Saturday, January 5th at 224 Bridge, Charlevoix. (Next door to Murdick's Fudge).

Priced To Sell!
TRYING TO SELL YOUR HOME OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY?
CALL LISA FOR PRICING ON TEXT WITH PHOTO!

1500 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Commercial

Historical inn in prime location downtown Central Lake. Unique offering for commercial development. Current use is dinner club and inn. Class B hotel license and SDM and business assets ARE included. $599,000 MLS #245648



High visibility corner, an established business is adjacent to waterfront and city marina on south arm of Lake Charlevoix. All business assets convey including liquor licenses, Class C and SDM. $400,000 MLS #253324

ABR
Cindy Clark e-mail: cindyclarkred@charter.net
Call 989-350-5520 Office: 989-732-4569

1550 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

VERY NICE QUALITY STORAGE BUILDING and airport hanger at the East Jordan airport, 50x50. Heat, insulated, water and concrete floor. $79,880. Carol Franklin (231)633-3672 or GREENRIDGE (231)947-8200.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX
LUXURY office suite facing round lake for rent. $1,500 NNN per month. Call Amy at (231)547-7916.

COMMERCIAL SPACES
1,797.90 Sq. Ft. and 1,575.86 Sq. Ft. downtown Charlevoix. Call Arch Wright at (231)582-6724 or Amy (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX NORTH SIDE
Commercial space, 1,300 sq. ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One (231)547-5100.

1690 APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT

Rent This!

CHARLEVOIX
Located downtown by the bridge. Large, 1 bedroom, 2 bath with hot tub and pool. Available weekly or monthly. Rent negotiable. Low winter rates. Call (231)881-3528.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

RENT A LOG HOME
On Susan Lake in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

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50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas. Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS. Charlevoix Mini Storage, (231) 547-5838, closed Thursdays.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT EQUIPMENT
Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

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2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

YOUNG STATE PARK BEACH CONCESSION

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking a qualified owner/operator for a Beach Concession to be located at Young State Park, beginning in the 2008 season. If interested, contact Sue Rose, 02280 Boyne City Road, Boyne City, MI 49712 or phone (231)582-7523 for more information. Bids will be due January 15th, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 07-011137-DE

Estate of Victoria, Pawlowski, deceased.
Date of birth: June 15, 1918

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Victoria Pawlowski, who lived at 01959 Hetrick Road, Boyne Falls, MI 49713, Michigan, died July 6, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sylvester Czerkies, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date December 24, 2007

E. Douglas Basel, Jr. (P30279)
Attorney for Trustee
3327 US 31 North
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)347-3160

Sylvester Czerkies
0345 Thumb Lake Road
Boyne Falls, MI 49713
(231)549-2583
(L-01/02)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jason Craig Hazel and Jodi Lee Hazel, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Capital Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2006 and recorded August 10, 2006 in Liber 761 Page 157 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($101,560.55) including interest 10.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 1, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, of NICHOLL'S FOURTH ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof Commonly known as 606 Fifth Street, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: DECEMBER 27, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-84684
ASAP# 981620
(L-01/02/2008, 01/09/2008, 01/16/2008, 01/23/2008)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Barr, a married man, and Julie Barr, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2003, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on August 26, 2003 in Liber 566, Page 514, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 5, 2007 the sum of $91,732.90, including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Lobby of the County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County) on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Said premises are described as follows:

AN UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST IN UNIT 50, THE CABINS, BEING FRACTIONAL ID "D", ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 411, PAGE 939, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 419, PAGE 752, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 518, PAGE 575, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLAN NO 126. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Commonly known as: 01285 Powder Ridge Dr #50D, Boyne Falls, MI 49713

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

NANTZ, LITOWICH, SMITH, GIRARD & HAMILTON, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee

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(L-01/02, 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Wright-Way Homes, Inc., dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 352, Page(s) 994, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Libor 353, Page(s) 001, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $52,153.39, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline O. Eiben, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 6.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL I:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2 WHICH IS 314.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 270.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 130.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 270.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SECTION, 130.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF ADVANCE BOYNE CITY ROAD, NORTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 444.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" WEST 33.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33" 42' WEST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 193.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 7, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

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FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 422, Pages 893 through 950, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,

Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN, a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and WILLIAM SHERMAN,

Mortgagees.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $76,200.34, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number VP9744BAIN.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 20, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John H. Moore and Josephine M. Moore, husband and wife, of 4939 Woodbin Road, Vanderbill, Michigan 49795 and AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, formally of 3643-A 28th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512, dated November 25, 1996 and recorded on March 6, 1997 in Liber 312, Page 996 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E.; Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 by virtue of a Corporation Assignment of Real Estate Mortgage dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on April 21, 1997 in Libor 314, Page 707 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents ($34,068.60), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 18.63% and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on February 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan and which are described as follows:

Commencing at a point 208 feet North of the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 4 West; thence West 208 feet; thence North 208 feet; thence East 208 feet; thence South 208 feet to the place of beginning.

which has an address of 4939 Woodin Road, Vanderbill, Michigan 49795.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 20, 2007

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

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Legal Advertising Questions? Call Lisa In Classifieds At (231)547-6558
Deadline: Noon on Friday

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MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Joel F. Wasylewski and Kimberlee Wasylewski, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 27, 2001; and was recorded on January 10, 2002, in Liber 452 on pages 977 through 983 of the Charlevoix County records. The mortgage is subject to a Mortgage Extension Agreement dated January 8, 2007, and recorded January 26, 2007, in Liber 787, Page 301. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $39,691.32, including interest at 8.125% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hudson, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

Beginning at a point 491.4 ft North of the center 1/4 corner of Section 33, T32N, R4W on the North and South 1/4 line; thence continuing North on said 1/4 line 436 ft; thence SE'ly 407 ft, more or less, to the centerline of Hoffman Lake Road; thence SW'ly, along the centerline of said road 430 ft, more or less, to a point East of the Place of Beginning; thence West to the Place of Beginning; being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated. December 7, 2007

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, NPB Mortgage LLC may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated October 1, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 7, 2004, in Liber 641, Page(s) 388, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $49,056.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, together with interest at 9.94 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BOYNE VALLEY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

UNIT 32, PINE VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED AS RECORDED IN LIBER 634, PAGES 615 THROUGH 668, INCLUSIVE, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 146. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 17, 2007

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TOP 10 STORIES OF 2007

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East Park project brings change to summer festivals

COVERAGE BY JULIE WITTHEOFT AND STEPHANIE CARANO
JAN. 31 AND AUG. 1

In January, the Courier reported local festival planners would not have their number one pick of event venues — East Park — for 2007 summer events, but they would have "a prime downtown location."

The East Park renovation project extended through the 2007 tourist season leaving festival planners who have typically called the park home, homeless. As event planners strategize hosting their summer attractions in two downtown parking lots, coordinators of Charlevoix's main event — the $250,000 Venetian Festival — began exploring their resources to keep the bulk of the week-long festival in downtown Charlevoix.

The 77th Annual Venetian Festival took place July 22-28. In the past, main events like Kids' Day, the Rhythms of Venetian concert series and the stadium fireworks display have been centered around East Park.

With the park under heavy construction this summer, Dan Barron, president of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc., said his group's focus is on keeping the festival downtown.

Despite some concern, good planning from committed planners brought success to the 77th annual festival, with coverage running in the Courier Aug. 1.

"Overall, it may have been the most phenomenal Venetian to date," Barron said. "We are most pleased at how smoothly things went at Lake Michigan Beach and how gorgeous a setting it provided."

Road Commission decision stirs distaste

COVERAGE BY BENJAMIN GOHS, ERICA GOFF AND PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
NOV. 21 WITH ONGOING COVERAGE

Following in the footsteps of many other cash-strapped road commissions around the area, the Charlevoix County Road Commission decided in November it will not be plowing or salting/sanding secondary or "local" roads on weekends or holidays this winter.

Commissioners voiced their support to the plan in November as proposed by manager Pat Harmon. The policy is a change from last year when crews would be called in to plow "local" roads if more than six inches of snow fell.

A strong outcry from county residents followed, including an official statement of opposition from the Charlevoix City Council, who noted public safety and economic interests as reasons to reverse the decision.

Crumbling and snow-covered roads will worsen before they get better, Harmon recently stated, adding while he sympathizes with people having problems, there is little he can do.

"If we can figure out a way to pay for this, I'm not opposed to providing that service (weekend road maintenance)," Harmon said. "I'd be more than happy to make sure it gets done, but we've got to be able to find a happy medium ..."

The problem comes, Harmon said, when weekend snow removal could cost around $100,000 that he simply doesn't have to spend.

Charlevoix named Community of the Year

COVERAGE BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SEPT. 26

Out of the five communities that participated in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns program, Charlevoix was selected as the 2007 Community of the Year.

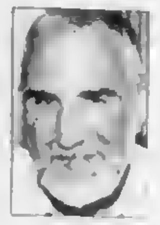
Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority Director Keith Carey attended the Michigan Downtowns Conference in Traverse City in mid September and accepted the Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns Community of the Year award on behalf of Charlevoix.

"This award recognizes what we are on the cusp of doing. We are geared up to be the community of the future. What we've done thus far indicates to them (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) that our future shows nothing but promise," Carey said of the award. "This is the community's award. The community has demonstrated its commitment to this project from the very beginning. Residents have said, 'We've got a great little town, we like to live here and we can make it even better.'"

Charlevoix beat out the likes of Petoskey, Muskegon Heights, Oscoda and Tecumseh to take home the honor.

Charlevoix says goodbye to long-time manager

COVERAGE BY JULIE WITTHEOFT
JAN. 10



Mike Wiesner

Fireworks exploded at Charlevoix City Council's first meeting of 2007.

In a 4-2 vote, on Jan. 2 city council voted to initiate dismissal proceedings and to suspend current city manager, Mike Wiesner, who has held that post for 22 years.

Grounds for Wiesner's dismissal as stated by Timms are, "Failure to properly supervise the city treasurer regarding the issuance of a check to CCMS in the amount of $222,978; failure to properly supervise the city wastewater treatment plant regarding the falsifying of records by wastewater treatment plant personnel, failure to provide in a timely manner the city council with information that will be considered at a city council meeting, and failure to provide monthly reports regarding the operation of city departments. ."

Council's suspension of Wiesner, which stemmed from a motion by Gennett, was approved with pay for not more than 15 days.

Wiesnet was given the option of filing a request for a public hearing with Ochs by Friday, Jan 12. Weisner did not appeal, and vacated the position.

New City Manager

COVERAGE BY STEFANIE CARANO
JULY 4

Rob Straebel

The Charlevoix City Council decided unanimously June 28 to offer the position of city manager to Robert Straebel.

Straebel came to Charlevoix from the Village of Taos Ski Valley, N.M., where he served as village manager. His connections to Michigan include having family in the area and having graduated from Ferris State University.

Council offered Straebel a three-year contract.

Straebel was one of two finalists in the search for a replacement for former city manager Mike Wiesner, who the council terminated in January. Todd Campbell was defeated in the race for the position.

Murder mystery

COVERAGE BY BENJAMIN GOHS
SEPT. 5 WITH UPDATES THROUGH OCT. 24

A murder mystery in Eveline Township reads like a dime store crime novel according to investigators.

Charles Curtis Merriman, 58, of Eveline Township, was charged in September as a suspect in connection with the disappearance of his brother, William George Merriman.

Police were tipped off to this case when an old friend of William's contacted them with talk of suspicious activity.

Though the body has yet to be found, investigators believe a knife or ax was used to murder William whose last known whereabouts are linked to a financial transaction that occurred around 8:02 p.m. on June 15, 2006 at Glen's Market in Charlevoix.

On Oct. 16, 2006, cadaver dogs searched Merriman's parents' property in East Jordan where they found human blood.

A number of clues influenced investigators, leading to Charles Merriman's arrest and subsequent charge in October. Adding a twist to the already unusual case, Merriman did "something unusual" at the beginning of his preliminary examination Thursday, Oct. 18. He asked 90th District Court Judge Richard W. May for a different court-appointed attorney saying that he was not satisfied with the work his current defense attorney Kerry Zahner had done to-date on his case.

Judge May denied Merriman's request.

Wind testers gaining ground

COVERAGE BY BENJAMINE GOHS
DEC. 12

Thousands of acres of local land have already been designated as potential sites for wind turbine generators.

Representatives of Heritage Sustainable Energy, pleased the Marion Township Planning Commission approved two special use permits to allow anemometer towers used to test wind speed, must now await final approval from Marion's zoning board.

"We hope to go before the zoning board in January and get them (meteorological towers) installed in mid- to late- January," said Heritage project manager Rick Wilson.

The two 197-foot tall wind testing towers, one approved for Marion Township Supervisor Wilson Boss' property and the other on Marion resident John Frey's land, cost approximately $20,000 each and will remain there for one to two years.

"We've acquired somewhere around 3,500 to 4,500 acres of wind energy leases in Marion and a little bit in Norwood," Wilson said.

While some residents have questioned the plan, Wilson said the reception by locals has been positive so far.

"We really seek to achieve a level of enthusiastic support from the community and don't have any intent of developing a project that isn't compatible with what the community wants to see done in that area," he said.

Change in Chamber leadership

COVERAGE BY JULIE WITTHOEFT AND ERICA GOFF
OCT. 24 AND DEC. 19

Following almost three decades of service to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, president Jacqueline Merta announced her resignation in mid October.

"The end of 2007 is good timing to bring my career with the Charlevoix Chamber to an end. This will make it possible for the next half-century to be started under new management. It's been a wonderful experience working for the Chamber for all these years. It has been personally rewarding to watch Charlevoix grow..." Merta, who began her career as the executive director of the Chamber in 1976, stated in a press release.

The search for a new Chamber leader began, and Chamber Board members unanimously elected Charlevoix native Erin Bemis in early December. A five-member selection committee that included Chamber President Tom Conlan, Chamber member Kirby Dipert and Chamber board members Jay Bingham, Patt Blanchard and Linda Bradley, agreed Bemis stood apart from the other five finalists for the position. Bemis will represent a "new era" for the city, Conlan said.

Erin Bemis

"A new generation of leadership is emerging in Charlevoix and that is as it should be," he stated.

Bemis' position became effective Jan. 2.

The CCMS fiasco: resolved

COVERAGE BY JULIE WITTHEOFT AND BENJAMIN GOHS
JAN. 10 WITH UPDATES THROUGH DEC. 12

Charlevoix City Council took its fight for cash lost in a criminal money grab to the Michigan Supreme Court. The decision came less than a month after the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed a decision made by Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas in June, 2006 to force the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool to cover the $222,978.36 cost of the "check mix-up" with CCMS, and also the $8,566.94 in interest the money would have earned had it sat in the city's coffers. Pajtas also awarded the city $4,616.80 for attorney fees incurred while defending a related lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty.

In Dec. 2006 the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of, MML, leaving the city "disappointed." It worked out in the end, however, and the Dec. 12 story written by Benjamin Gohs announced the correction of the problem. William Montgomery, owner of CCMS, a contractor hired to perform street work for the city back in 2001 and the man believed to have cashed a check accidentally addressed to him, made the second and final of 2 payments totaling $232,000, plus roughly $400 in interest, Tuesday, Dec. 4.

"It means the city is 100 percent whole," said Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young. "It's really a question of having a fair and just result. Montgomery is the one that caused the problem initially by cashing a check and not turning the money over to his company, and then failing to pay the subcontractors that he used on a city project."

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema was credited with taking the initiative to retrieve the money, an effort Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson later noted was a key factor in the case an in "protecting the city."

Wynkoop Mine controversy

COVERAGE BY BENJAMIN GOHS
JAN. 31 WITH UPDATES

Wayne Wynkoop's limestone quarry was "silenced" after Judge Thomas G. Power overturned a Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals decision from mid-May 2006 that upheld Wynkoop's right to mine the property.

During the hearing, Wynkoop was accused of everything from destroying the Fritz Trail site and excavating without permits to having a conflict of interest by bringing his quarry proposal before the board on which he served.

The judge did not acknowledge the Fritz Trail comment and asked if the accusor had contacted the proper authorities if he/she thought Wynkoop had worked without proper permits.

The issue grew to a head throughout 2007, with the most recent update involving Wynkoop's decision to resign as Norwood Township Supervisor. Wynkoop called it quits amid a litany of legal back-and-forth, including a Nov. 7 ruling by a Traverse City judge to cease operations, between Wynkoop and the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS) over his desire, and their loathe, to operate his limestone mining operation. Wynkoop has since stated he will not relinquish his case.

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JAN. 7
MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES

1:00 p.m. — Some Like it Hot with Marilyn Monroe

3:30 p.m. — Last Mimzy

Bring your own snacks, and join us for movie time on the big screen in the community meeting room, Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street

JAN. 8
QUILTERS MEETING

The Chain of Lakes' Quilters will meet at the Central Lake Governmental Center. A social period will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. A program on customized yoga stretches and exercises will teach quilters how to enjoy hours of pain-free stitching. For more information call Cindy at 544-9973.

JAN. 8
FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join other French enthusiasts for an hour of casual discussion. Noon at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street

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JAN. 8
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Join other Spanish enthusiasts for an hour of casual discussion, 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street

JAN. 8
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JAN. 8
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JAN. 9
WRITERS' GROUP

Join other writers to discuss the trials and tribulations of writing, 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street

JAN. 12
DOUBLE GRAMMY WINNING ARTIST AT CROOKED TREE

2006 Grammy winner Billy Childs, with his Chamber Jazz Ensemble, will take the stage at 8 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now.

JAN. 15
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the award-winning hour-long film "Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

JAN. 19
CHRISTIAN MUSIC REVIVAL

Local church members are invited to express ther beliefs musically from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Emmet County Comunity Center Building, located at the Petoskey Fairgrounds. Anyone intersted in singing can call (231)668-3360. Also Pastor Pete Kroll of Liberty Baptist Church can be contacted for more information at (231)548-5836.

JAN. 29
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the film "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

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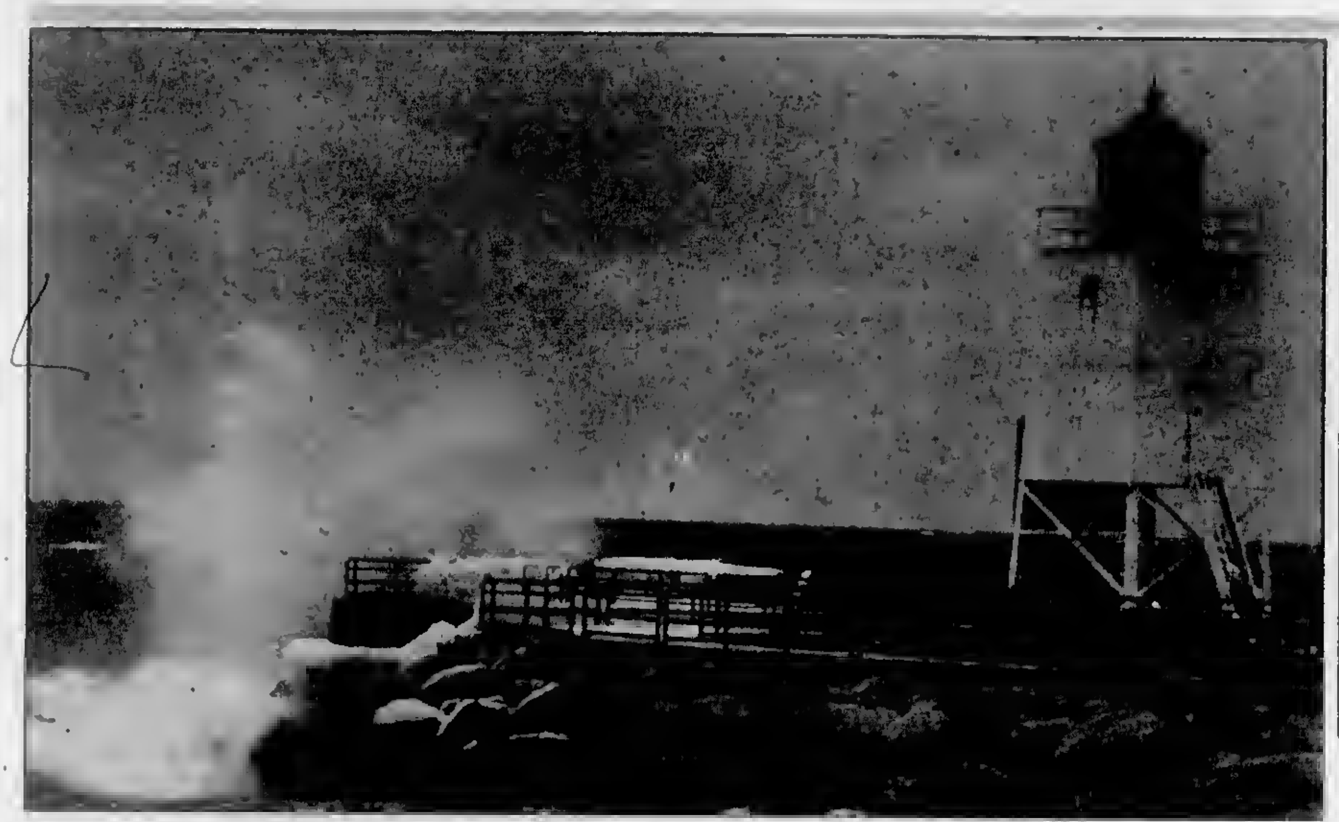


Photo by Benjamin Gohs

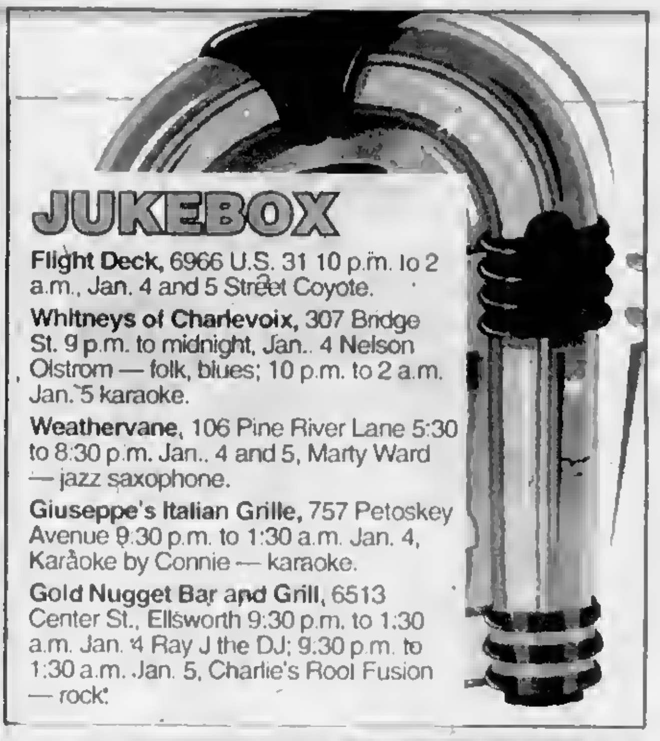
Winter water crashing

Winter waves wash over the rocks and railing below the Lighthouse at Lake Michigan beach. Several days of thawing gave way to frigid temperatures for the end of December 2007.

Courtesy photo

Giving for Christmas

Each holiday saason, as part of the company's annual Christmas Party, the employees of Irish Boat Shop's Harbor Springs and Charlevoix locations select a local charity to support. Irish Boat Shop matched employee donations dollar-for-dollar. Sarah Gurney and Jeff Pulaski presented Kathy Hart and the Manna Project with a donation of $2,125, which will purchase an entire truckload of food.



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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Jan.. 4 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Jan. 5 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan.. 4 and 5, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

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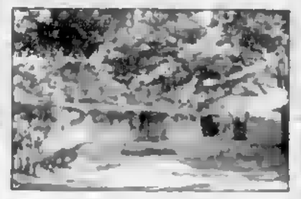

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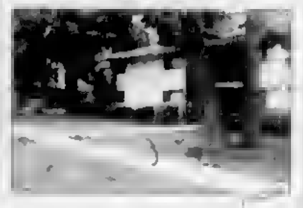

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Plow truck loses control

The driver of this Charlevoix County Road Commission plow vehicle had a wild ride Friday morning when the edge of the plow got stuck in some shoulder sand on Barnard Road, about five miles east of Charlevoix. The truck had been traveling west when the driver lost control and flipped the vehicle. The driver was not hurt in the incident, but onlookers quesitoned the safety of the roads.

County aids in Beaver Island tax collection

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs
Charlevoix County Treasurer Marilyn Cousineau at work.

Charlevoix County Treasurer Marilyn Cousineau has stepped in to collect nearly $70,000 from more than 20 businesses in Beaver Island's St. James Township.

While some of the businesses have owed thousands of dollars since 2000, Cousineau said the St. James Township treasurer James Wojan refused to put the proverbial screws to his friends and neighbors for fear of making life uncomfortable on such a small island.

"They (treasurers) didn't really want to get into that kind of thing where they were pushing it too hard," Cousineau said. "My understanding is it is so close knit over there they didn't want to have to put a lien on anyone's property."

The tax owed is on personal property which encompasses equipment owned and used for business purposes and attachments such as a porch on a trailer, but does not include homes or land, however homes and land can be confiscated if

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Charlevoix Area Hospital welcomes New Year's Baby

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Even though he arrived slightly after his Dec. 31 due date, Martin Larry Duff Evans was the first baby born in Charlevoix Area Hospital in 2008.

His mother, Sara Evans of Boyne City, said her little bundle of joy arrived "really fast" once she went into labor the morning of Jan. 3. Sara and her husband, Charlie Evans, welcomed their eight pound, four-ounce baby boy at 9:44 a.m.

"He was easy. I was only in labor for about four or five hours, and then he was here," Sara said.

Martin is the first child for Sara and Charlie, and despite not yet having siblings to greet him, there was no shortage of family at the hospital the day of his birth.

"My mom works here, and so do two of my aunts," Charlie said, referring to mother, Lynn Houtman, and aunts Norma Pott and Shelly Laisne.

The new grandma and aunts visited the baby last Thursday, as did other aunts, an uncle and various other family members.

The baby was welcomed by one seasoned professional in the realm of New Year's babies. Dr. Jeannie Haberer delivered the baby, and delivered last year's New Year's baby as well. The Evans thanked her for her help.

While Sara is happy to be mother to the 2008 New Year's baby, she said she had hoped he would arrive before Christmas, but "that didn't happen."

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Photo By Erica Goff
Dr. Jeannie Haberer and new mother Sara Evans share a look at Evans' new baby boy, Martin Larry Duff Evans, Charlevoix Area Hospital's first baby of 2008. Father Charlie Evans is also nearby.

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ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office

Scovies Gourmet, 111 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Scott and Vi Forreider

Inventor's Shop Cafe, 38905 Island Woods Road North, Beaver Island, by Richard Ray Denny

Jody's Cleaning Service, 56 South Cummins Road, East Jordan, by Jody Harris

Carol's Cleaning, 01800 Zink Road, Boyne City, by Carol Holley

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Franklin D.R. Steinhoff III, 30 and Samantha Lynn Puroll, 25, both of East Jordan

BIRTHS

Marshall Douglas Smith weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces, was born December 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amber Rose Smith of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Mark and Darlene Simpson of Charlevoix.

Alex James Michael Parrenello weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces was born December 30 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Laurie Parrrinello of Manistee. His sibling is Madison. His grandparents are Laurie Rozga of Manistee and Jim and Michele Parrinello of Scottville. His great grandparent is Ann McDougall of Interlochen.

Aurthur Malizia Ramalhu weighing 7 pounds was born December 30 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Arthur and Kelly Ramalho of Brazil. His sibling is Beatriz Malizia Ramalho. His grandparents are Bernardino Ramalho, Sonia Ramalho, Joao B. DeCarvalho and Sheila Molizia DeCarvacho, all of Brazil.

Highlander Journey Sweet-Jenema weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces was born December 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert and Priscilla Jenema of Harbor Springs. His siblings are Christopher, Mitchell, Sonny and Beau. His grandparents are Pastor and Mrs. James D. Sweet of McBain and Mr. And Mrs. B. Jenema of Vogel Center, Mich. His great grandparent is Marge Van Steenis of Vogel Center.

Morgan Patrick Arnold weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born December 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Shay and Jessica Arnold of Charlevoix. His sibling is Thomas Arnold II. His grandparents are Bob and Betsy Schoonover, Bill and Jan Debri both of Charlevoix and Craig and Corine Babb of Boyne City.

Man skips court, arrested downstate

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Warrant remains for second criminal, with a $200 reward for information
Call 800-427-8925

Thanks to some coordination with the Dearborn Heights Police Department and the Bond Bonding bail bond agency, a Dearborn Heights man convicted of copper theft has been apprehended after failing to appear at his sentencing hearing.

A representative from Bond Bonding said Friday and local Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema confirmed, a car chase involving five police cars was necessary to make the arrest.

Thomas Jean Arender of Dearborn Heights was convicted in November 2006 of stealing thousands of dollars worth of copper from the Consumers Energy facility in Boyne City. Following a jury trial in Circuit Court in Charlevoix County, Arender was charged with trespassing on a keyed (locked) property, larceny of less than $20,000 and habitual third offense, Jarema said. Also convicted was his son, Timothy Arender-Morris, who now has two felony warrants out for his arrest, and is being sought for missing his court dates.

The elder Arender was scheduled last week for a pre-sentencing report appointment, and his sentencing in court Friday morning. The Dearborn Heights Police Department was alerted when he failed to appear, and police apprehended him following the car chase, assistant Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara said.

Jarema said he made a motion in court Friday morning to forfeit Arender's bond and issue a bench warrant with no bond, which allowed the Dearborn officers to pursue him.

"He will be transferred from Dearborn to Charlevoix County, and will sit in jail until his pre-sentencing report can be done," Jarema explained. "Then his sentencing date will take place when the Judge can fit it in the (court) docket."

Both Arender and his son, Arender-Morris, were convicted of the larceny crimes, and Arender-Morris' wife, Gloria Morris, also believed to have been present on the scene at the Consumers Energy facility on at least one occasion, but believed to have remained in the car, was offered a deal to testify, Jarema said, adding, "I really want to see these two men get charged with this crime."

Bond Bonding said a warrant remains for the younger Arender-Morris' arrest, and a $200 reward has been offered for any information on his whereabouts. Arender-Morris is 26 years old, five-foot, nine-inches tall, and weighs approximately 145 pounds. He has short, cropped hair and a mustache and goatee. Anyone with information is encouraged to call 800-427-8925

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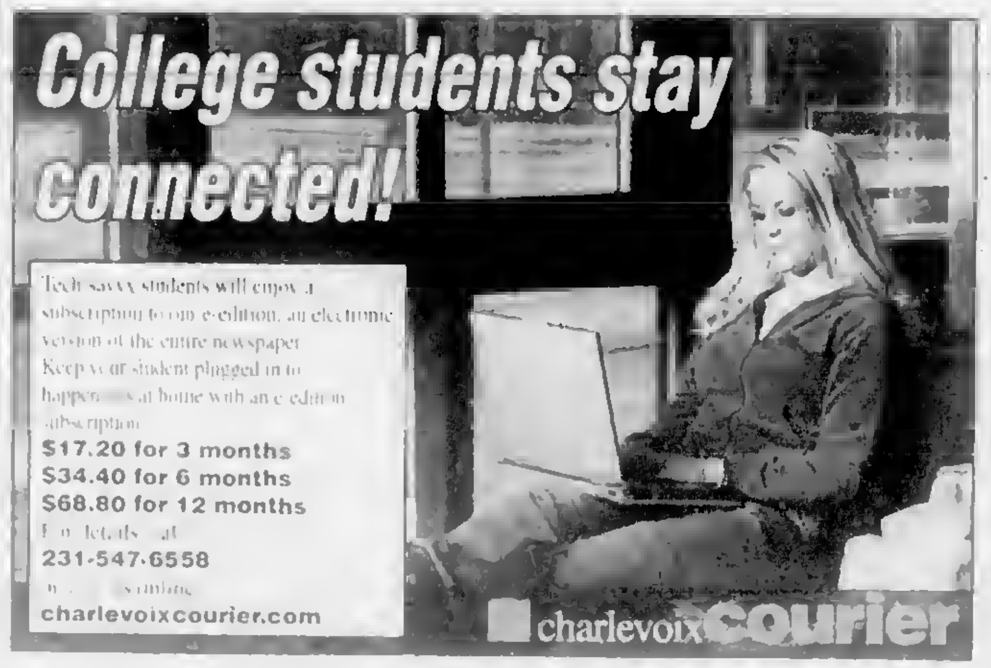

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Jason Mueller, 7, of Charlevoix, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions when his father needed medical attention this fall. Above, Mueller is pictured with Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan and Tiger Cub Master Christopher Snabes.

Scout helps save dad

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Jason Mueller may only be seven years old, but when confronted with a serious situation, he knows how to keep his cool.

Mueller proved his cool-headedness this fall when his father, Mark Mueller, went into seizures while working on the family's home in Charlevoix. Jason's mother, Janna Mueller, was home at time, and heard calls from outside from her brother-in-law, who was also working on the home. Mark had collapsed and gone into seizures, and Janna yelled for her son to help.

"I told Jason to call 9-1-1, and he did. He answered all their questions, and he stayed so calm," Janna recalled.

Jason, who was only six when the incident occurred in early November, said he doesn't remember a lot about it, but wasn't afraid to make the call.

"I was just helping," he said.

Janna said the problem occurred because of her husband's motor cortex stimulation implant, a device that issues electric shocks to treat pain. A side effect of the implant, she said, is that if the shocks get too high, he can have problems with seizures. Jason and his siblings, Jacob, who is five, and Caili, three, were told about their father's situation and had been some problems before, but "not this bad," Janna said.

"We kind of talked to them about it, and told them Daddy had this implant but if anything happened it would be OK," Janna said. "This time it really scared us."

After he called 9-1-1, Jason stayed on the phone, explained where he was, and went to the edge of the road to wait for the ambulance. His father was at the hospital for about four hours after the incident.

Janna said she is very proud of her son, who claimed his training in the Charlevoix Cub Scout Pack 11 helped him remain calm. She also said her husband thought it was "pretty cool" that his son responded so quickly.

Jason received a special Certificate of Recognition for his life saving action during a medical emergency from his Cub Scout Pack. He also had his picture taken with Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan and Cubmaster Pack 11 Christopher Snabes.

CORRECTION

Due to reporter error, it was stated in a recent story on the Lockman Embezzlement case that John Taylor is the Chief Financial Officer for Northern Preferred Title Company. John Taylor is actually the Chief Executive Officer, not the Chief Financial Officer, of Northern Preferred Title Company of Charlevoix.

Islanders refuse to pay taxes

TAXES

Continued from page 1

"*It's kind of hard to go and take your neighbor's property.*"

Karen Wojan
ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP DEPUTY TREASURER

taxes are not paid in full.

St. James Township Deputy Treasurer Karen Wojan, speaking on behalf of her husband and St. James Treasurer James, said several of the business owners in question told her they would not pay the tax because it was unfair, but would not say which ones.

Many of the business owners on the list could not be reached, and the ones that were said they were not trying to make a statement by not paying their taxes.

"Every year we send out everybody their tax statements and quite a few don't pay it and then we send out reminders and still no payment has been made," Wojan said. "Our next step is to actually seize property and that's where it gets a little awkward because we are a small, close community."

She added, "It's kind of hard to go and take your neighbor's property."

The delinquency was discovered by Cousineau, who gets annual reports on those townships with residents who owe back taxes.

"It came up this year when the girl who does the personal property tax was going through and found this," Cousineau said. "She brought this in to me and I got on the phone with the state to see what I could do about it and I found out we could do an agreement between us and the township treasurer."

Wojan said she is delighted for the help.

"I think once there has been a precedent set people will realize that they have to pay their taxes," she said. "The consensus is that it's an unfair tax, but it's on the books and you have to pay it or a price is going to have to be paid."

Charlevoix County and St. James Township now have an agreement where the county will collect taxes until 2010.

And, while the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) officials said there are no penalties for treasurers who do not collect required taxes, they should be doing the job assigned them.

"The taxpayers hold these individuals (township officials) accountable for what is not done correctly and in this circumstance the general property tax act MCL 211.47 indicates that the treasurer shall collect personal property taxes," said Member Information Liaison with the MTA Evelyn David. "If they don't pay it, they have to make a personal request or send a letter and then if they do not pay the treasurer has a couple options for collecting — they have to exercise due diligence in collecting unpaid taxes."

Property equal in value to taxes owed may be seized and sold at public auction or the person owing taxes may be taken to small claims court, though defunct businesses are generally written off the tax rolls if taxes simply cannot be collected.

David added, "It is the duty of the individual to collect those taxes."

Cousineau is now working to alert those who owe taxes that she will give them yet another opportunity to pay but that this debt will not be forgiven or forgotten.

"I may give them as long as two years to pay and at that point, if no effort or no payment arrangement has been made, I may put a lien on their property," she said.

Preliminary figures as of July, and not including accrued tax, were $69,416.28.

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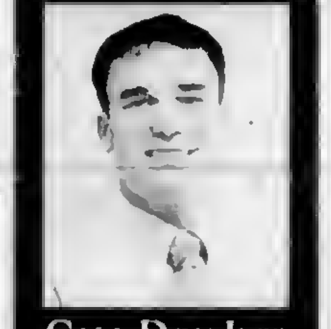

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House bill tyranny, not terror protection

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

This week's installment of what may soon be dubbed the "Terror Towel" is in direct violation of our Government's latest tribute to tyranny: H.R. 1955, the Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007, which passed in the U.S. House by a vote of 404—6.

HR 1955's $22 million commission, which cites the Internet as a prime facilitator of terrorist propaganda, said it will merely study and report on the finer points of "homegrown terrorism," not infringe upon constitutional rights of free expression online or otherwise.

The bill calls violent radicalization the adoption or promotion of extreme beliefs to facilitate ideologically-based violence to advance political, religious or social change and says homegrown terrorism is planned or threatened use of force to intimidate or coerce America to political or social ends—when the government demands obedience by force they call it law—but fails to define force, intimidation or coercion

I had to pull the founding documents from the totalitarian toilet to see how merely having radical beliefs was a no-no, but all I found was this little gem by patriot/terrorist Thomas Jefferson (to paraphrase Ustinov, terrorism is war of the meek and war is terrorism of the strong), "whenever any form of government becomes destructive to (life, liberty and freedom) it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government."

TJ knew governments must be aware of their mortality and possess a healthy fear of the governed, for it is not a question of "will?" they oppress, but "when?"

Don't get me wrong, I agree with his idea that "governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes."

So it's up to you to decide whether the following handful of examples are "light and transient causes" or abject tyranny when American citizens are: Forced to remove shoes and submit to unreasonable searches in areas of mass transit; held at length without due process (Yaser Hamdi, Jose Padilla to name two); subjectively disallowed from polygamy, animal sacrifice (while indigenous peoples hold peyote ceremonies and rabbis in certain sects of Judaism use their mouths to finish circumcising babies) in accordance with religious practice; prohibited from and punished for recreational drug use, though it took a constitutional ban to prohibit alcohol use; prohibited from and punished for engaging in the sex trades; caught in an ambiguous dragnet of wiretaps, e-mail monitoring and records searches—all violations, by our rulers, of the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and 10th amendments, just at first glance.

An HR 1955 propaganda sheet states: "There are no provisions seeking to change the criminal code or set up a 'Big Brother' regime to put Americans under surveillance," as if Big Brother's regime didn't exist. If nary a law was passed starting today, you would still be a slave to your municipal masters.

When unjust laws turn patriotism to terrorism and convince good men to yield to injustice, extreme measures, as Thoreau wrote, must be taken. "Under a government which imprisons any unjustly, the true place for a just man is also a prison."

And even if freedom was an option, who would choose such an arduous path over the current means of sedation? With fat belly and digitally induced daze we consume masses of cheap goods to fill the void left by empty existence, but beware. Comfort and complacency bear a steep price. For even the blue-ribbon hog, gently shampooed, lovingly caressed and hand fed before the county fair will too find itself squealing in terror before the butcher's blade.

America is great not for what it is, but for what it could be, and while I would much rather see liberty delivered via civil disobedience than bloody revolution, criminalizing my right even to discuss extreme measures is a sure sign that it will take the latter over the former to end this jack-booted thuggery.

"He had committed—would still have committed, even if he had never set pen to paper—the essential crime that contained all others in itself Thoughtcrime," Orwell wrote. "Thoughtcrime does not entail death. Thoughtcrime is death."

For more on HR 1955, check out Ben's interview with Mel Lipman Professor of Constitutional Law and President of the American Humanist Association on our website: www.CharlevoixCourier.com.

Weekly Poll

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Of those polled, only 13% stick to New Year's resolutions, while 88% don't make

Pets can offer love when it is most needed

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

There is unconditional love, it truly exists. Something most of us seek and hope to find.

Are you out there looking for Mr. Right or Mrs. Right? Longing for a relationship where trust, respect and love are mutual and appreciated no matter what occurs between you. In the early morning hours are you longing for a friendly touch, maybe a nose to rub against your own or a look that says, "let's do something fun today." Look no further my friend as I have found the answer. This always giving, wanting more, gazing-look-in-your-eyes kind of love is found by owning a dog. They greet when you come home, they want to participate in your activities, comfort you when you are sad and are interested in what you have to say. A description of this four legged creature sounds more like an advertisement in the personal want ads. Do you like long walks in the park, eating outdoors, playing in the freshly fallen snow? Are you seeking a good listener and some quiet time spent by the fireside?

I thought about this when a friend shared how they were dealing with the loss of a dear pet, and another friend who is presently caring for their dog that is experiencing a debilitating illness. I have witnessed dogs with children and watched how patient a canine can be when a child drapes themselves over the furry creature to share a book. It's a delight to see residents in nursing homes who light up when they see the wagging tail as a carefully aimed nose drops onto the their lap looking for a pat on the head or scratch under the chin. It truly is amazing how one creature of God can light up a room quicker than a supermodel wearing Ralph Lauren. No pretentious overtones, just plain and simple fur which they grew organically themselves, a figure that they love, and eyes that will look at you as if you were and always will be their best friend.

When children don't feel understood, the first thing they go to is their teddy bear or family pet. When a man is stressed and feels unappreciated, he'll take his dog for a walk.

When a woman is feeling overwhelmed with her work load she'll turn to her dog to share her problems. Not even a therapist can disagree about the positive effects a dog has on a family, school, or residential facility. Yes, there is responsibility, training, and attention involved on your part but you can't deny the rewards that far exceed the tribulations.

We raise children with hopes they will turn out well. Dogs sometimes follow through and respond a little quicker than children do. They aren't with us for a long time, which is probably why they work twice as hard to get us to like them. There is no doubt they have feelings that get hurt, but they recover quickly, rarely hold a grudge and forgive you for all your faults. Rarely have I viewed a dog scolding its owner. We've read stories about dogs saving lives by waking loved ones before a catasphrophe and their ability to detect seizures in humans prior to their occurring. Dogs can hear for some of us and see for others. They even make great doorbells. So as we progress during this new year you may want to consider adopting a pet whether it is furry and fluffy or feathery and flighty. Our winters are long and if you are looking for something new in your life this may be the answer. If your location, travel, or time prohibits you from such an endeavor, you might look into caring for a neighbor's dog while they are away or fostering a dog for a short term while a shelter may be seeking a new home for them.

It's true that animals can cause stress by their behavior at times, but in the long run, our own daily stressors are quickly reduced when our furry friend looks our way and we respond with a gentle hand gliding over their endearing face. A dog truly is man, woman and child's best friend and it's no coincidence that man's best friend can't talk. He will always think you are the most wonderful person in the world. Don't get a second opin-

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LETTERS to the editor

FACTS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Editor,

Facts about the Presidential Candidates:

All eight Democratic candidates support taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand. Four of them would appoint judges who would uphold Roe V. Wade, Source: National Pro-Life Alliance

Rudy Giuliani supports amnesty for illegal aliens, abortion rights and gun control. Source: National Pro-Life Alliance and American Free Press (AFP).

John McCain teamed with Ted Kennedy on a bill for amnesty. Source: a matter of record.

Mitt Romney consistently supported abortion-on-demand as governor of Massachusetts and says states should choose whether or not to allow abortion. Source: National Pro-Life Alliance.

Fred Thompson, as a senator supported amnesty for criminal aliens. Source: AFP.

Mick Huckabee, as governor of Arkansas, opposed a bill in the state legislature that would have prohibited state benefits for illegal immigrants as "un-American and un-Christian." Source: AFP.

Then there is the American First candidate – the only candidate who can pull this country out of the mess it's in: Ron Paul.

Thank you.
Ed Aulph
Clawson, MI

HOW IS FREEDOM DEFINED?

Editor,

President Bush is a strong advocate for freedom. President Roosevelt advocated four essential freedoms before the second World War. One was "freedom from fear, which translated into world terms, means world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor-anywhere in the world." The military industrial complex countered that freedom with the slogan, "peace through strength." Time has proven that slogan to be a farce. The United States is the number one nation with weapons of mass destruction, both in quantity and variety. It has enough nuclear weapons to destroy civilization, and is the only nation to have used nuclear weapons in war.

After the second World War the victors prosecuted the vanquished for new crimes. "Crimes against peace that is planning, initiating, and waging war. Crimes against humanity such as extermination of racial, ethnic, and religious groups and other such atrocities against civilians." Those crimes resemble terror. The victors were not prosecuted for such crimes after the second World War. Does the War in Iraq, or the War in Vietnam, by the United States qualify as war crimes under those definitions?

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

MILLAGE FOR ROAD COMMISSION

Editor,

On a local tv station this week, I saw that an area is adding a local question to the January 15th primary ballot.

I thought that perhaps the Charlevoix County Road Commission could also add to the Jan. 15 ballot for Charlevoix County a request for millage to be able to plow the secondary roads on weekends.

I can see where the road commission needs to stay in the black on its budget. I can also see where the people living on these roads want to be able to get out, plus the issues of emergency vehicle access and being able to have school on Mondays.

Perhaps the Road Commission could give a figure of the dollar amount needed, what it comes to in terms of millage, and then what that comes to dollar-wise per household.

Just a thought.
Marybeth Wallick
Retired Librarian

Elks could herd to Charlevoix, if wanted

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Open meeting will question whether there is enough interest in the area to bring an Elks Lodge to Charlevoix

Where: American Legion Hall, 106, East Garfield St.

When: 7 p.m. Jan. 10

While hunters and nature buffs are encouraged to attend the upcoming meeting, it is really the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, not a herd of deer, which will soon gather in the city of Charlevoix.

And, according to locals John Hess and Chris Jones, they have a good feeling the Elks will stay.

"The magic number I was told to be granted a charter is 125," said Chris Jones, 20-year Elks Lodge member and Charlevoix Area Lodge Organizer. "I think we can do it. I'm very optimistic and I think it's a realistic number for us."

He added, "I think there are enough established members in the area and enough interest has been shown that it's just a matter of getting people out to make that commitment."

An informational meeting, hosted by two members of the Elks Grand Lodge in southern Michigan, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 at the American Legion hall in Charlevoix, located at 106 East Garfield St.

The Elks mission statement is, "To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks care and Elks share."

"Current Elk members should attend and anyone interested in joining should also attend," Jones said.

Hess said he supports the idea because he would like to have a social club in the area which gives back to the community.

Jones joined because his father was an Elk and he grew up around the organization.

"I always wanted to join since I was old enough," he said. "On weekends we'd go out to the lodge and it was a family deal, a family function. We'd always have a picnic and other family functions and my mom had friends there."

He added, "I travel and the upside for me is when I go to a town and I see an Elks Lodge, I know it's a safe place to go to network, to relax."

Aside from children's charities and working with veterans, Elks Lodges nationwide work to educate people about drugs and drunk driving.

Currently, Jones said, the closest lodges are in Gaylord or Traverse City.

"The Elks always have a good presence in (their respective towns) and they do a lot of good," he said. "I think it would be good for Charlevoix; it would be good for us."

Jones

Hess

To qualify for membership men and women must be 21 years of age, American or naturalized American citizens and believe in God.

"Political beliefs do not come into play. In fact it's frowned upon to bring it up in that setting," Jones said.

While Hess and Jones are confident sufficient interest will be shown to obtain a charter, they said it will be some time before a headquarters is named in Charlevoix.

"We have a lot of work to do before that can be decided," Hess said. "This is going to take some time. We're not going to get the charter and have a clubhouse set up the next day."

Rehearsals open for LTCS concert

The Little Traverse Choral Society (LTCS) will begin rehearsals for its Spring 2008 concert Tuesday Jan. 8, under the direction of Tim Hendrickson. This is Mr. Hendrickson's second season with the LTCS. Hendrickson is currently the Director of Choral Activities at Delta College, University Center, Michigan. He comes to the LTCS from Midland, Michigan and is a talented director, organist and vocalist.

The LTCS is a non-audition, all volunteer chorus of singers who enjoy challenging music. Concert dates are April 12 and 13, 2008 at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey and the Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River.

The LTCS Spring concert will feature works selected expressly for their textual content. In fact, the theme for this concert will be 'Inscriptions' taken from various words written to commemorate specific moments, both good and bad throughout our world history.

Registration will be held before rehearsal on Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Registration is $30 for adults and $15 for students. Students at North Central Michigan College may earn one credit hour by registering for Music 102: Chorale II. In case of financial concerns, the registration fee may be paid anonymously by the LTCS Sponsorship Program. There are also opportunities for car pooling. Call 231-347-0272 for more information.

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Mother of many remembered in Charlevoix

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

A Charlevoix woman who impacted the lives of many children through both adoption and foster care passed away Saturday, Dec. 22.

Friends and acquaintances of Pat Keehn, 63, remember her as a loving, generous person who not only adopted 14 children but helped an additional 85 through an emergency shelter which she and her husband, Bill, ran for three years.

"She was very, very intelligent and had a wonderful sense of humor ... she just had a very, very kind heart," said Acme resident Becky Dornoff with the Adopt America Network — a nationwide adoption system based in Toledo, Ohio.

Dornoff assisted with the Keehns' last five adoptions and has known the family for more than 15 years. Throughout the years, Dornoff said, Pat had a tremendous amount of energy when working with children and always went the extra mile to enrich their lives to help them get the most out of life.

"She really had a big heart. They (Bill and Pat) truly felt the need to reach those kids," Dornoff said.

The Keehns first entered the world of adoption as newlyweds in Arizona when they adopted their first son in 1974. Three years later, they adopted another son. During that time, Bill said Pat decided to own her own business, the Village Shop, and hoped to expand her business nationwide. But her plans changed as she reached out to more children.

"In less than six months we went from two to five kids," Bill said. "My wife made the decision to cancel her nationwide store."

As the years passed, Pat returned to the idea of expanding her shop. So in 1990 the couple moved to Pat's home state of Michigan and opened the Village Shop in Charlevoix. That same year, they also turned their home into an emergency shelter as part of the Michigan Department of Human Services.

During the next three years, 85 children passed through the Keehns' home staying anywhere from one weekend to three weeks. After adopting four more children, though, the couple had to close their doors.

"We adopted ourselves out of the shelter home business," Bill said. "We found out that if you had eight kids in your home you could no longer be a shelter home."

Even with nine children, Bill said Pat still browsed through the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange book to learn about youngsters in need of a home. Eventually they adopted five more children to reach a total of 14. Of those 14, the majority were under the age of 7 at the time of adoption and all were special needs children.

Fourteen kids may sound like a handful, but being around the large family has always been a joy for Anne Fiedler and her husband, Jim, of Charlevoix. A family friend and fellow church member, Fiedler said visiting Pat, Bill and their children was a wonderful experience because the Keehns were so open. In addition to being loving and forgiving, she added that Pat also had a great sense of humor and loved to play games whenever the two families were together.

Another long-time friend, Deidra Splan of Onaway, remembers Pat as a person who always went the extra mile to care for others.

"She was very loving, very concerned about children in general. Always wanted the best for them," she said.

Splan met Pat through the adoption system, having adopted 24 herself. Not only was Pat wonderful with people but Splan said she was nurturing, calming and able to comfort children who came to her shelter during the middle of the night. And when it came to her own children, Splan said Pat did everything she could to help them succeed — such as home schooling them during the early years to give them the best start possible.

Even as Pat's health declined, Splan said her friend never stopped helping others and had a way of bringing out the best in people.

To put it simply, Splan said, "She had a gift."

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Pat Keehn is seen above planting petunias during Charlevoix's annual flower planting event. She is remembered as a caring, inspirational woman.

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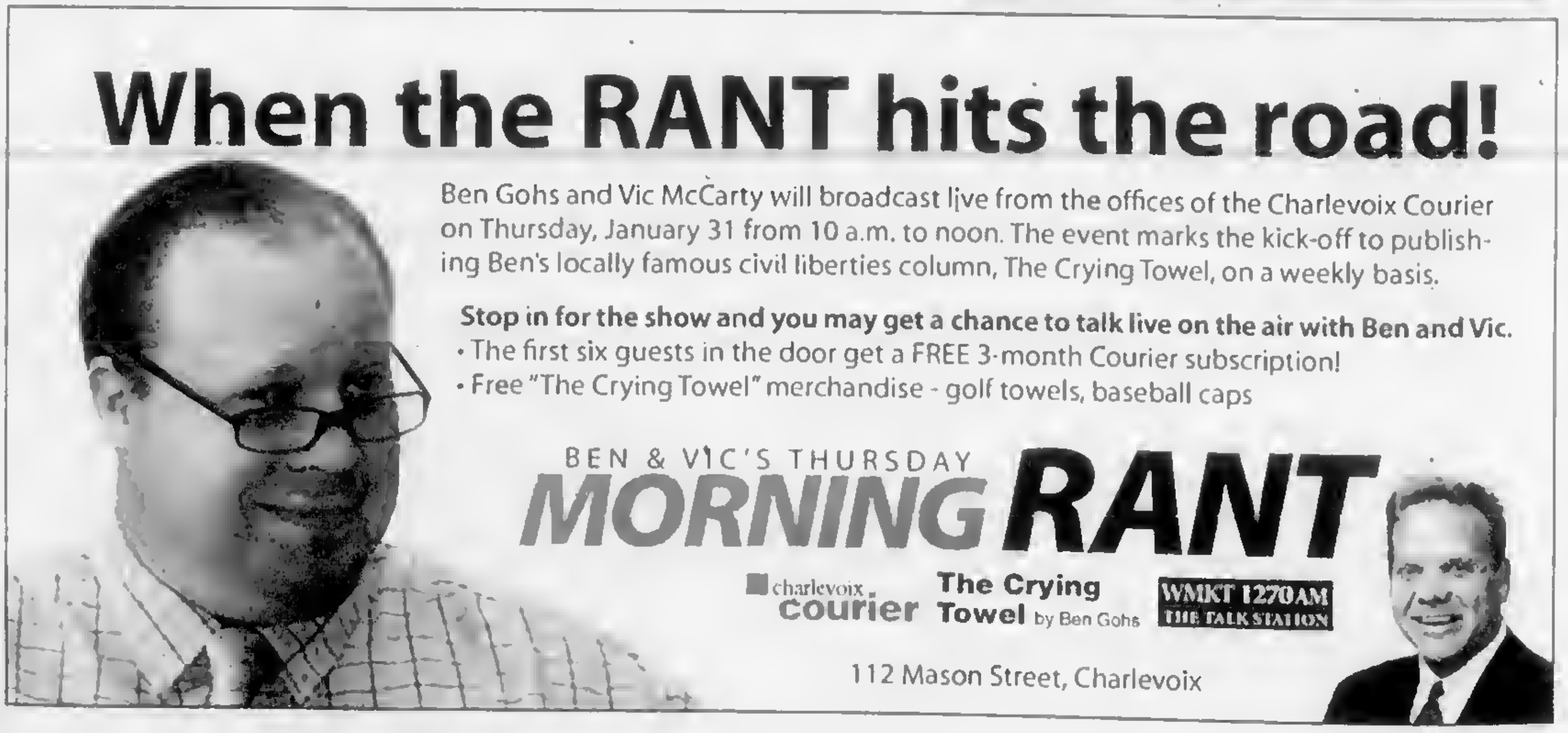
Fiddle event

The fifth annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will bring pickers galore out to the V.F.W. Hall north of Charlevoix from 3 to 10 p.m. Jan. 12.

Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome, with food and beverages available as well as round and square dancing. Entrance is allowed by donation, which will benefit the Jordan Valley Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund. For more information call Gabe Campbell at (231)457-9739.



When the RANT hits the road!
Ben Gohs and Vic McCarty will broadcast live from the offices of the Charlevoix Courier on Thursday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event marks the kick-off to publishing Ben's locally famous civil liberties column, The Crying Towel, on a weekly basis.
Stop in for the show and you may get a chance to talk live on the air with Ben and Vic.
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Local schools support United Way

United Way officials honored staff at Charlevoix Public Schools recently for being the winners of the United Way School Challenge, sponsored by Lesky Insurance Agency.

The challenge offered a prize of lunch or breakfast for staff at the school that contributed the largest amount of funds to the Char-Em United Way Campaign, on a per-capita basis. United Way officials were on hand to thank campaign coordinators Carol Madison, Kelly Yaroch, and School Board President John McLean for their support.

"We are pleased to award the challenge prize to the staff at Charlevoix Public Schools," said Steve Andreae, United Way Vice-President. "The Charlevoix staff generously donated a total of $3,323, which is a per capita donation of $22.91 and a 279% increase over their donations the previous year. Since teachers and other school personnel are on the front lines of helping children and families, they know how great the need is at this time. These generous donations will help us make a difference in both Charlevoix and Emmet Counties over the coming year."

Gary Lesky of the Lesky Agency donated breakfast trays to teachers and staff in all three Charlevoix School buildings. "What a great opportunity to thank the staff of Charlevoix schools for their generous support of the United Way," said Lesky.

"The United Way campaign has now exceeded 75% of our ambitious $230,000 goal, and we are confident that we will exceed that mark," stated Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "Our Education Division, which includes all the public schools in the two counties as well as North Central Michigan College, increased its support by 68% this year. School staff donated a total of $15,490 or over 5% of our campaign. The Lesky Challenge was a fun incentive to encourage giving by school staff.

The United Way campaign supports health and human service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Tax-deductible donations to the campaign continue to be accepted at P.O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770. For more information, contact United Way at (231)487-1006 or charemuw@sbcglobal.net.

Community Foundations grants available

It is time once again to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community. The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees (YAC's) will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The YAC's, which are made up of area teenagers throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties, will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet or Charlevoix County. The deadline for grant requests is March 3, 2008.

Applications are available by calling the community foundation office in your county. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff is available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in submitting a proposal for funding consideration.

Both community foundations are grassroots charitable organizations made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, now and for generations to come.

For more information about the grantmaking process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation by phone at (231)348-5820, or by website address at www.phsacf.org. Contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation by phone at (231)536-2440, or by website address at www.c3f.org.

Photo by Erica Goff

Locks of Love

Kayla Anderson, 11, of Charlevoix, holds nine inches of her hair, cut off for a Locks of Love donation.

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What's happening at the Library this week?
Story-Time Thursday, January 10, 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.
Booktalkers: The City of Falling Angels
Monday, January 14, 6:00 pm
Falling Angels is a masterpiece of journalism, storytelling and social insight, doing for Venice what Berendt's previous best-seller, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil did for Savannah
Computer Tidbit: Price Your Antiques
Wednesday, January 16, 1:00 pm
Join Linda Adams for an hour lesson on how to use Internet resources to assist in pricing antiques
Fiber Design Group
Wednesday, January 16, 1:00 pm
Join Kathy Briggs and other fiber art enthusiasts for discussion and instruction
Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm
The Friends of the Library invite everyone to their annual meeting where the new slate of officers will be elected, the Charlevoix Oral Traditions video project will be highlighted, and Gary Morrison will perform a special dramatization of Ernie Pyle, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist during World War II
Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers welcome!
French Conversation Circle Tuesdays @ noon
Spanish Conversation Circle Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm
Writer's Group Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
Mark your calendar
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NWA awards acts of kindness

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Anonymous angels and good Samaritans may not be looking for a pat on the back for their efforts, but at one local school that's just what they may get.

While still awaiting final approval by the Northwest Academy Board of Education, school officials are optimistic the Excellence in Character Award will soon make its debut.

"It still needs the blessing from our board," said Northwest Academy school leader and Chief Administrative Officer Gary Stutzman. "I think more of this type of thing would be fitting in our school."

Shelia Davis, architect of the award, hopes to recognize students who do for others a couple times each year with a token of gratitude.

"A lot of kids may not get straight A's or excel in sports, but they may have just as much to offer society in life as the ones who get academic awards and who win trophies," she said. "Students, teachers and even community members who witness Northwest Academy students doing a random act of kindness can nominate them (students) for doing a good deed."

Davis said both staff and parents she has spoken with support the award.

"They are all just very excited about it," she said. "Northwest is unique in the way that they present education to kids. It's more of a small family thing. You feel like part of something special when you go there and I think this is why teachers want to acknowledge students for character and kindness and for reaching out to others."

She added, "When I brought this up to the Friends of Northwest Academy (a parent-teacher organization), immediately there were a couple of people who said they had seen one of the high school kids stop in the hall to help one of the (younger children) tie their shoes and there are some who volunteer their time outside of school."

Davis

Davis said the modern world has yielded generations of selfish people, making it more important than ever to praise acts of selflessness.

"I think we are really beginning to live in a 'me' society, so to see a child, especially a school age child in middle or high school, not be concerned so much about appearance or peers and do the kind of thing that builds those heart connections, I think that will make the world a better place," she said.

"I think we're losing a personal touch with people and this is a way to honor those efforts."

The award will include a ceremony and some type of prize, Davis said.

"My business, Heaven Sent Adoption Services, is going to be donating $25 per semester in a gift card or something that we really think will be good for the kids," she said. "I hope to solicit donations from the community as well."

Davis added, "We will give different things to different kids depending on their age and what they could use best."

Stutzman said it is important to recognize students for doing good.

"I think it helps to promote citizenship and that is important for our future leaders," he said.

Those interested in donating to the Excellence in Character Award should contact Davis at 237-9880.

Grammy winning artist to perform at Crooked Tree Arts Center Jan. 12

2006 Grammy winner Billy Childs, with his Chamber Jazz Ensemble, will take the stage at Crooked Tree Arts Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 12. Tickets are on sale now.

Nominated for a total of eight Grammy Awards, Childs received two of the coveted music awards for his 2005 album, "Lyric," one for best instrumental composition for "Into The Light" and the other for best arrangement accompanying a vocalist.

Childs' solo jazz recording career began in 1988, when he released "Take For Example, This...," the first of four critically acclaimed albums on the Windham Hill Jazz label. A long friendship with Chick Corea resulted in the jazz icon asking Childs to join his label, Stretch Records, upon Childs' departure from Windham Hill Jazz.

Other notable accomplishments include being twice commissioned by the Monterey Jazz Festival, and in 2000, Childs arranged, orchestrated, and conducted the Dianne Reeves CD, "The Calling: Celebrating Sarah Vaughn." He has also performed with his own trio in Carnegie Hall.

Currently, Childs is scheduled to work on a piece for The American Brass Quintet, The Imani Woodwind Quintet, The Jazz Chamber Ensemble with The Ying String Quartet, and another piece for the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

Tickets are on sale now. CTAC members, $20/adult, $8/student; non-members $25/adult, $10/student. Visit www.crookedtree.org, call (231)347-4337, or stop by the Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell, downtown Petoskey.

Courtesy photo

Jazz performer Billy Childs will perform at CTAC Jan. 12.

OBITUARY

MARY TAMMINGA

Mary Eileen Tamminga nee Andrews, nom de plume Princess of Doom, known aliases Savannah and Zelda; peacefully passed away on Jan 4. She was raised in Roseland, IL, enjoyed life in Crete, IL, and retired in Ellsworth Mich.

Mary was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She worked as a domestic engineer for 43 years. She will be remembered by her beloved friends as an avid follower of Christ, recovering Republican, independent thinker and a Second Amendment sister. Mary always lived life with a theme. She moved to Northern Michigan to breed wolverines, propagate the truth, swaddle herself in flannel shirts, and love black bears with abandon. Her hobbies included herbalism, scrap hooking, and exposing Satan's minions. She only went into the kitchen because it was between the bathroom and TV room. Mary would never leave the house without carrying a steno pad, bottled water and toilet paper. Being a prolific consumer of the printed word, she fancied herself a political pundit, conspiracy theorist and was a confirmed doubter of global warming.

Mary is survived by her loving husband Erv; children Peter (Marjorie), Jennifer (Kevin) Krueger, and Joy. She was the proud grandmother of six: Nicole, Scott, Dylan, Kaitlyn, Aden and Piper. She is also the sister of Susan Remely and fond cousin of Berniee Kandron and Judy Hurley. The funeral was held Monday, Jan. 7, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, Pastor Dan Gilmore officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Family Services, 9746 Main St., Ellsworth, MI 49729.

Vet Affairs meeting

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Emmet County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building, 200 Division Street in Petoskey, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 16 to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 348-1780 at the time listed above for more information. Charlevoix County veterans should note that the American Legion service officer won't be in Charlevoix until Feb. 5.

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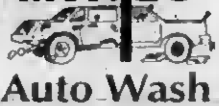

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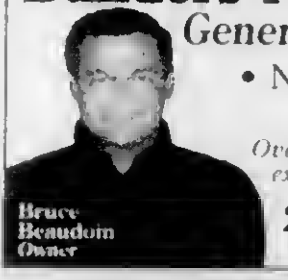
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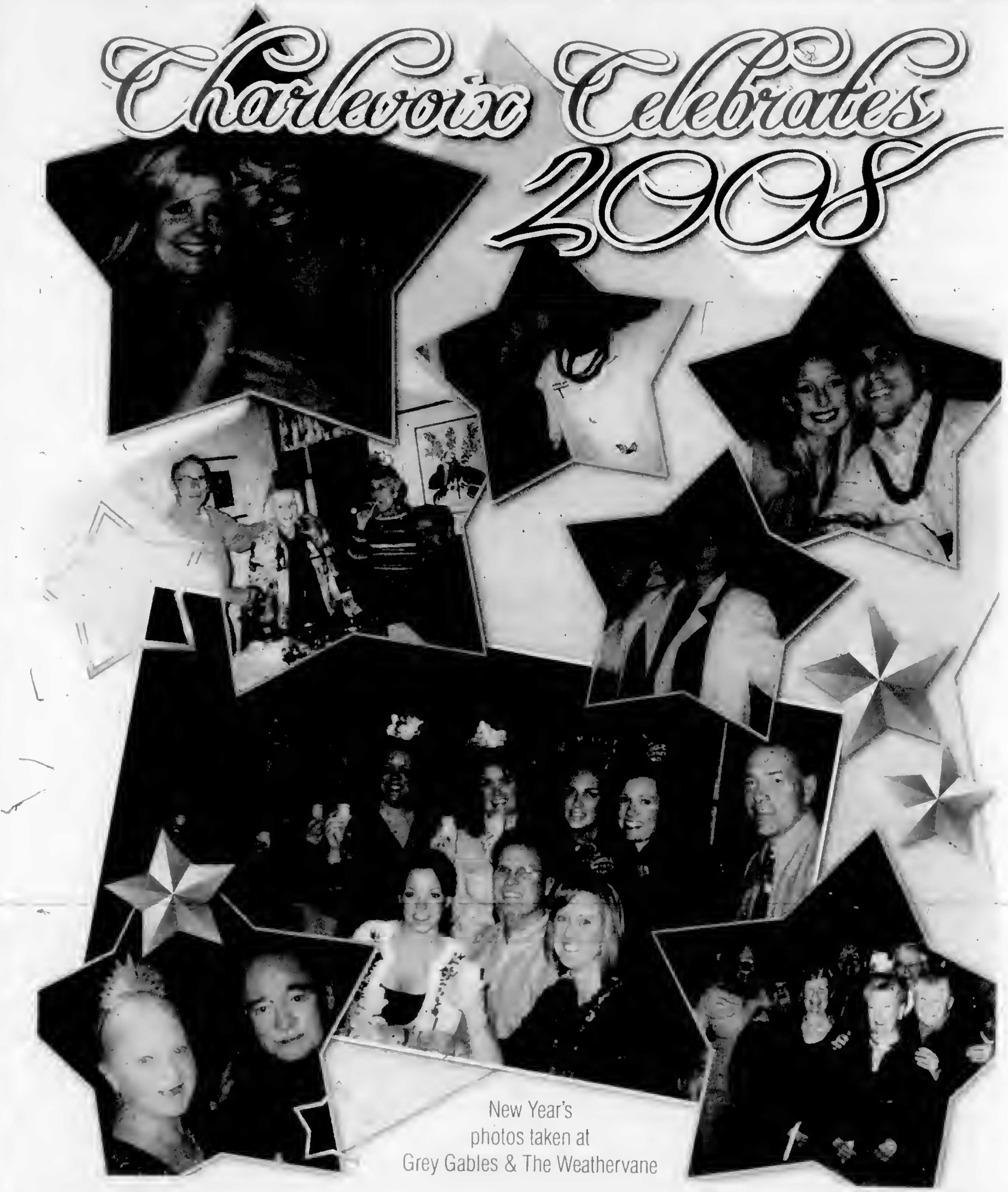

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New year, new leader for County Commission

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Commissioner Chris Christensen, District Two, was elected Chairman in a 4-2 vote over past Chair Shirley Roloff

Commissioners hope to "squeeze the most' out of tax dollars in 2008, and address goals set in 2007 not yet addressed

With a new year comes a new chairman and a new direction for the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

During their yearly organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 2, District Two County Commissioner Chris Christensen was named chairman of the board in a 4—2 vote.

"I'm honored, which sounds cliché, but I'm honored the majority of the board feels I can do this job," Christensen said. "From my perspective it's not doing a better job than other chairpeople [sic] (former chair and District Six Commissioner Shirley Roloff), but it's a matter of doing the job in maybe a different manner."

He added, "I think each of the six of us have our own strengths and weaknesses and I wouldn't be surprised to see this chairperson's job bounce around a little bit."

By "bounce around," Christensen meant the title may be had by several or each of the newer commissioners in upcoming years.

"In this year I've been granted I'm excited and look forward to hopefully doing justice to the job as required," he said. "Specifically last year, the jail issue was resolved and so we've got a few lingering issues that I would like to see efficiently and quickly addressed as well as (addressing) the new issues as they arrive."

He also said he is "grateful to have a person with the presence like Shirley (Roloff)" to draw on.

In the end, Christensen said, he is but one man, and does not hold all the control.

"There are six of us that make decisions, and frankly five other people besides myself share responsibility. The chairperson is just the one that runs the meetings."

Christensen was chosen following a secret ballot after both he and Roloff were nominated to the chair position.

Former chair Roloff said she is relieved the position went elsewhere.

"I am busy and the newer commissioners wanted a change and so they got it," she said. "I think things are going fairly well and I think I've been a fairly decent person, but I still have other things to do."

She added, "I don't need my name tagged with a (title) and I think Chris (Christensen) will make a good chairperson. I have no problems with that at all."

Roloff's 2008 goals include working on her pet project of recycling and getting renovations done at Whiting Park in addition to doing what she can to have county road issues resolved.

District Four Commissioner Joel Evans echoed Roloff's thoughts that Christensen will do a fine job.

"Shirley did a good job and we've appreciated her and I think Chris (Christensen) will do a great job," he said

Evans is excited about the upcoming year and plans to do all he can to squeeze the most of governmental services out of tax dollars.

"Things are tight in Michigan and we need to be responsible to the taxpayer," he said. "I am working on the menu at the jail trying to find ways to lower the cost to the taxpayer"

District Three Commissioner Ron Reinhardt also supports Christensen.

"I have known him (Christensen) since high school when I was his coach in basketball and I think he will do a really good job," he said

Reinhardt hopes to work on ensuring the county maintains financial solvency.

"There is basically a lot of fine tuning I think we need to work on," he said. "We need to come up with ways of coming up with financing down the road with the state of Michigan's economy."

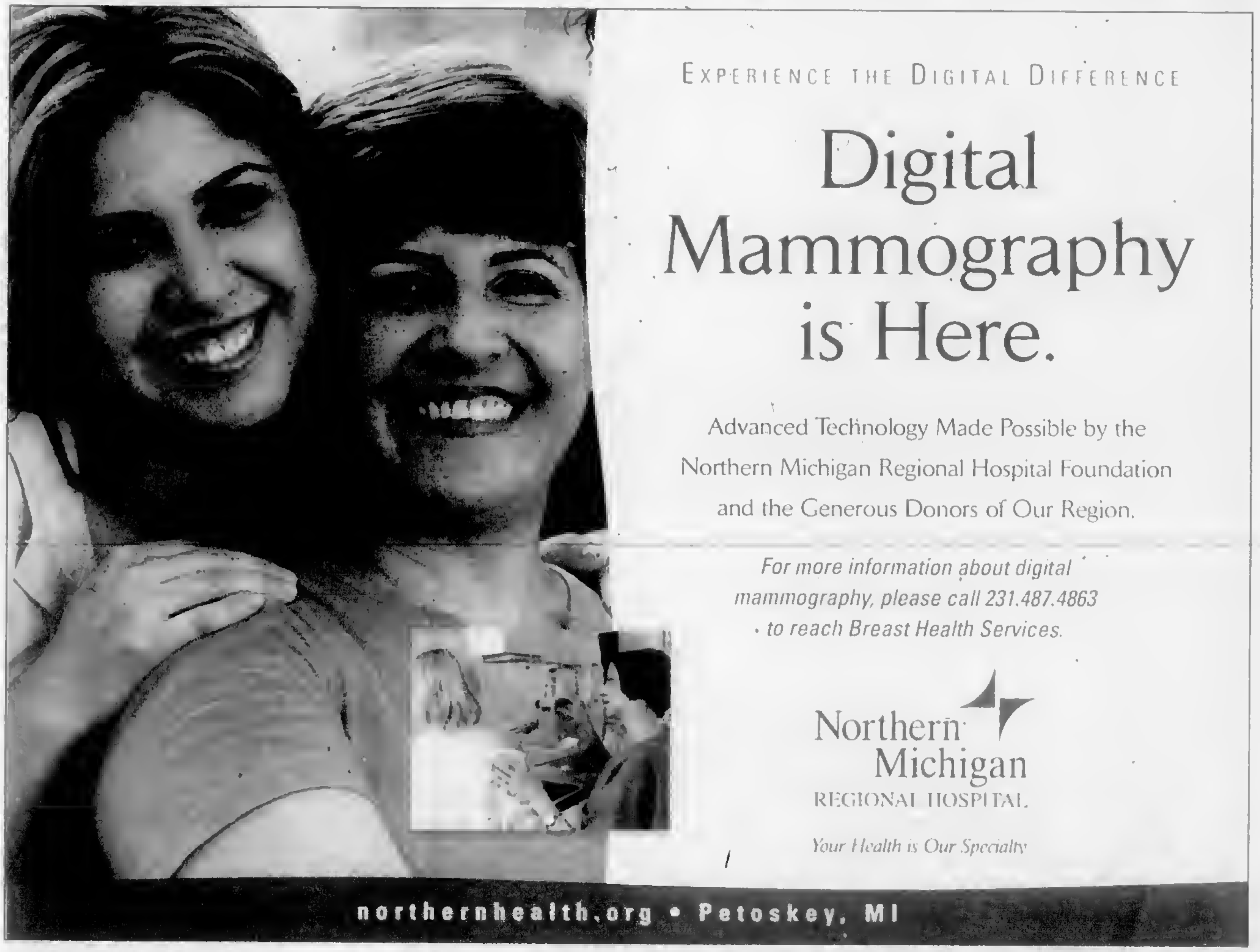
He added, "We need to tighten our belt and I will represent the people in the third district as best I can."

District Five Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt said he supports Christensen as the new leader and hopes to address some issues he feels were not taken care of in 2007.

"We went a year asking for certain things to get accomplished and they have not even been brought back up," he said. "We asked for job descriptions from all the department heads and have not received them and we have some personnel and maintenance issues to work on."

Drebenstedt added, "I think Chris (Christensen) has young, fresh ideas on the same old problems and I think he's willing to try something new instead of the way it's always been done."

District One Commissioner Shirlene Tripp could not be reached by press time.



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders rebound from first loss, seize control in Lake Michigan Conference

Bouncing back.

A little less than 24 hours after losing its first game of the season, the Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team got back on track.

And, in the grand scheme of things, Friday's 51-42 victory over Boyne City is more substantial than Thursday's 52-46 loss at Petoskey.

"We took care of the ball better than we did against Petoskey," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said Friday at the Boyne City gym. "This was a nice win. It's always hard to play over here."

The win gave the Rayders sole possession of first place in the Lake Michigan Conference at 6-0, while Boyne City — which entered the game as the only other team unbeaten in the league — is 3-1. The Rayders are 8-1 overall, while Boyne is 4-3.

Charlevoix plays a non-league game at home against St. Ignace on Wednesday, Jan. 9, then goes to Elk Rapids, 3-4, 3-2, for a conference game on Friday, Jan. 11.

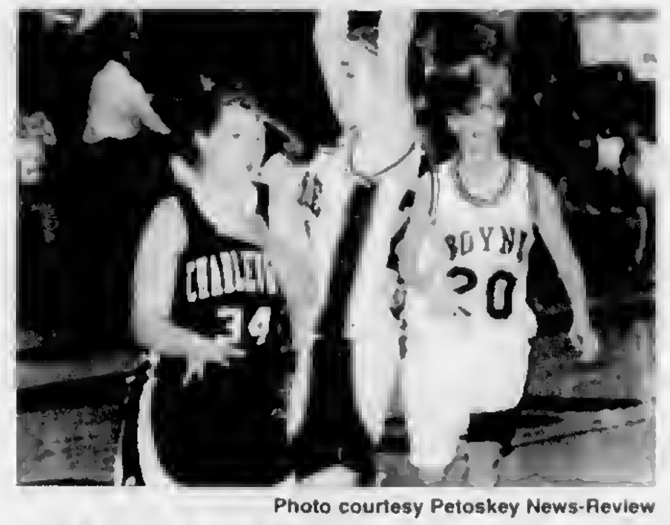
Juniors KC McCary and Meridith Rich sparked the Rayders on both ends of the court against Boyne as the Rayders took a 14-10 first-quarter lead and did not trail again for the rest of the evening.

"Those two soccer players, KC and Meridith, they don't care about starting, they don't care about scoring, they just want to come in and play defense," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "They give us a lot of energy."

Rich scored a team-high 11 points and McCary had eight. Ten different Rayders scored. Jessica Knysz scored 13 points to lead Boyne.

A Knysz bucket to start the fourth quarter got the Ramblers within five, 35-30, but her Charlevoix counterpart, Murphy Gillespie, scored inside and then on two free throws to get the lead back to double digits.

"Jessica is a really tough matchup for us," Erskine said. "She's a head taller than any of our players, but we really concentrated on her with some double teams, and did a pretty good job."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Charlevoix guard Meridith Rich (34) makes a pass by a Boyne City player Friday in the Rayders' 51-42 Lake Michigan Conference victory.

One night before, the Rayders' dropped a hard-fought battle to unbeaten Petoskey, 52-46.

Tammy Potter had eight points and Alyssa Smith added seven for the Rayders, who committed more turnovers than Erskine would have liked.

"When you turn the ball over as much as we did, you're not going to win many ball games," Erskine said.

"I think the girls were mad at themselves because we let them right back into the game. We were ahead at one point in the second quarter, but they exploited us on defense and they took it to us."

Charlevoix-East Jordan ski action

The Charlevoix-East Jordan boys' ski team hit the slopes in Boyne City last week, joining other area teams in kicking off the 2008 season.

Charlevoix-East Jordan fell to the home Boyne City Ramblers who put forth a dominating performance in the giant slalom and also won the slalom en route to winning the six-team meet.

The Ramblers finished with 31.5 points, while Harbor Springs was second with 63, followed by Elk Rapids, 120.5; Grayling, 142; Traverse City St. Francis, 145; and Charlevoix-East Jordan 153.

Charlevoix-East Jordan finished with 68 points to win the girls' event. Boyne City was second with 78, while Harbor Springs and T.C., St. Francis tied for third with 88 points apiece. Grayling was fifth, 137; followed by Elk Rapids, 194.

Charlevoix-East Jordan senior Katherine Rowley won the girls' GS in 46.73 seconds, while Boyne City's Cristina Roland won the slalom in 1:08.01.

Rowley paced the Charlevoix-East Jordan girls with her win in GS and a second place finish in slalom.

Also for Charlevoix-East Jordan in slalom, Elizabeth Hasseld was seventh while Emily Bajko was 10th. In GS Hasseld finished fifth.

Also for Charlevoix-East Jordan girls, Lizzy Hofweber was 14th GS, 15th slalom; Stephanie Poindexter, 14th slalom, 21st GS. Amanda Fritsch, 23rd GS, 25th slalom.

For the Charlevoix-East Jordan boys, Nic Williams had the best individual finish as he was 13th in GS. Other Charlevoix-East Jordan boys: Tanner Fisher, 14th slalom, 29th GS; Zach Smith, 16th slalom; Justin Williams, 17th slalom, 20th GS; Michael Cardwell, 17th GS; Joe Hidakastu, 27th slalom.

Rayder boys extend streak to seven

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Gotshall

Cory Gotshall scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Justin Friske added 16 points Thursday as the Rayders took sole possession of first place in the Lake Michigan Conference boys' basketball race with a 72-54 victory over Kalkaska.

The victory lifted the Rayders to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference, while Kalkaska slipped into a second place tie with East Jordan in the league at 3-1. The Blazers are 4-5 overall.

The Rayders resume defense of their league championship on Thursday, Jan. 10, when they go to Elk Rapids, 2-4, 2-2. But first, the Rayders were to entertain rival Petoskey on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The Northmen, a 59-54 loser to Charlevoix in the second game of the season, are 5-4.

Brock Yenglin added nine points and seven rebounds for the Rayders against Kalkaska, while Nate LaBlance had eight points and six assists, and Kyle Jones added six points and six steals.

John Kasza scored 19 points and Travis Schuba added 15 for the Blazers.

Charlevoix won the JV game, 61-47. Bill Ivan had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Rayders, and Clayton Mitchell had 12 points and six assists.

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Couple brings books back to downtown Charlevoix

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

What does Charlevoix's downtown need?

A bookstore. So says Dianne and Bill DuPont, owners of the soon to be Round Lake Bookstore.

The couple said they have been nterested in opening a bookstore for some time, and are hoping to open in the Round Lake Bookstore in the spring of 2008 — "around April 15 or so," Dianne said. This is not the first attempt at such an endeavor for Dianne, who in fact almost purchased he Bridge Street Book Shop from Dianne Foster in 2002.

"The timing wasn't right, and hings just didn't come together as they needed to)," Dianne DuPont said.

Now is the right time, however, and things are coming together for the Round Lake Bookstore, which will occupy the Rose Cottage Garage, currently being remodeled for the purpose. The shop will offer a "cozy atmosphere," Bill and Dianne said, and will bring together their collective interests, talents and experiences.

"After things didn't work out with (buying) the Bridge Street, I thought I should try working in a book store to see if I liked it and wanted to do that," Dianne said.

So try she did, working with Jim Berlage at the Bridge Street Book Shop in the summer of 2003, remaining there until it closed. Bill said he and his wife were "very sorry to see that (store) go," as they are "good friends with Jim." They will now use the experience and "even greater love and real appreciation and knowledge of what Charlevoix residents and summer people like to read," Dianne said, by providing adult readers with the text they enjoy.

Both are avid historic fiction and historic non-fiction readers, Bill and Dianne said, and will serve as an outlet for others interested in that genre.

"Downtown Charlevoix needs a bookstore and Dianne and I are just the right people to provide it," Bill said, adding his wife will "be doing the lion's share of the start up and everyday stuff," while he will be there on weekends to help.

While Bill and Dianne are excited to offer the service of reading for adults, they do not plan to complete with the other bookstores which sell used and children's books.

"We will be too small to compete with the other downtown bookstores we will not be selling many used books or children's books," Dianne said.

Bill, who has lived in Charlevoix since the early 1990s, will continue his weekly commute to Troy where he practices law.

Dianne said the store will also embrace a partnership with the Charlevoix Public Library, working together on events such as book signing, author visits and other projects.

"We plan on working hand-in-glove with the library, and I think we can really help each other out," Dianne said.

While the DuPonts are exejted

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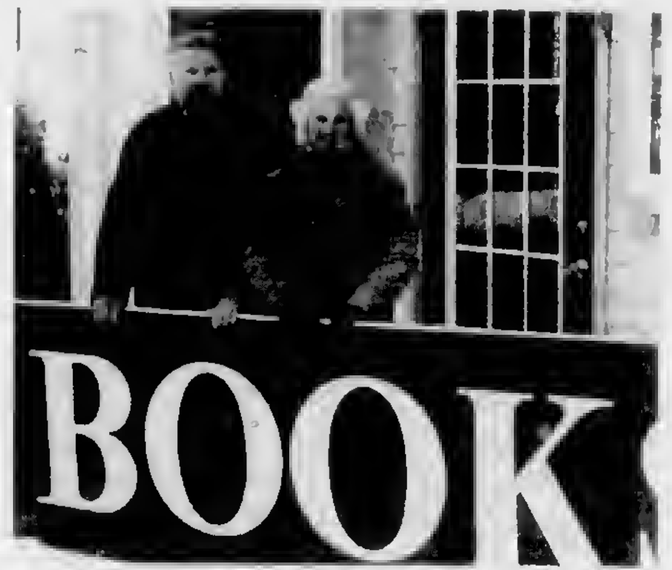
Photo by Erica Goff

Bill and Dianne DuPont stand in front of what will be the Round Lake Book Store, at the Rose Cottage in Charlevoix. The store will open this spring.

Project to 'connect' homeless with services needed

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Members of the Char-Em Collaborative Council have aken the bull by the horns in regard to their efforts to end homelessness in the Northern Michigan area by planning a way to "connect" individuals in need of help with the resources available.

Project Connect, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Feb. 13, will bring ogether an array of services — offering help with everyhing from employment to hygeine to education to financial assistance — offered free to hose in need of such help. The concept of Project Connect, which essentially 'connects' homeless or extremely low-ncome individuals and families with services, originated n San Francisco a "few years ago," said Lorraine Manary, coordinator of the Collaborative Council, and the idea has spread throughout the country.

"Members of our Continuum of Care Committee (which works on housing and low-income issues within the hi-county area) saw a presentation on this in December and were sparked by the idea," she said. "They really took off with this."

While still in planning stages, Manary said the project will utilize a city model that brings a variety of organizations, businesses and community volunteers together in one place to "put the services needed (by homeless individuals) within their reach." The hope is that transportation will be available to help get individuals and families to the fairgrounds and perhaps to where they may need to go after the event, and offer help while they are there. It is "tagging on" to a tax preparation event the Northwest Michigan Human Service Agency has offered for a number of years, Manary explained, and will expand on that concept.

"There is a push in Michigan at the state level around the issue of homelessness in general, and this was an effective way to reach that population," Manary said.

The event fit well into the Char-Em 10-year Plan to End Homelessness, a guide many communities in Michigan have developed not only to address housing issues but also to help qualify for state funding programs. Manary said homelessness is a real problem for which real answers are needed.

"Our economy is tearing people apart. There are a lot of people homeless or on the verge of homelessness that have never experienced these kinds of financial troubles before, so they don't know what kinds of services are available to them," she said. "They are just kind of thrown into it, and it is scary."

The homeless population in Northern Michigan is visible, Manary said, living in campgrounds and under bridges in nice weather, and are often seen in places such as Manna Food events and area libraries. Some are living in cars, pulling camper beds on backs of trucks, and some families are sending children to school after spending the night in a car.

"These people can be seen. Sometimes you see them plugging a cell phone in at a library or something, because they want to remain connected and present themselves as being OK, but they're not," she said.

Manary said organizers hope to get area banks involved to offer financial and tax help. She has also invited hair dressers to give haircuts, Michigan Works representatives to help with employment searches, Women's Resource Center representatives for any help they can give, and other organizations, including Charlevoix Area Hospital. A free hot meal will be provided around lunchtime, and boxes of food will be donated by Manna Foods.

Manary emphasized the need for help from the community to make the event successful. Any one interested in volunteering on or before the event is welcome, and she also encouraged donations from area businesses, suggesting such things as hygeine products or dental care items. Anything "tangible they can take away with them" will be of benefit, she said.

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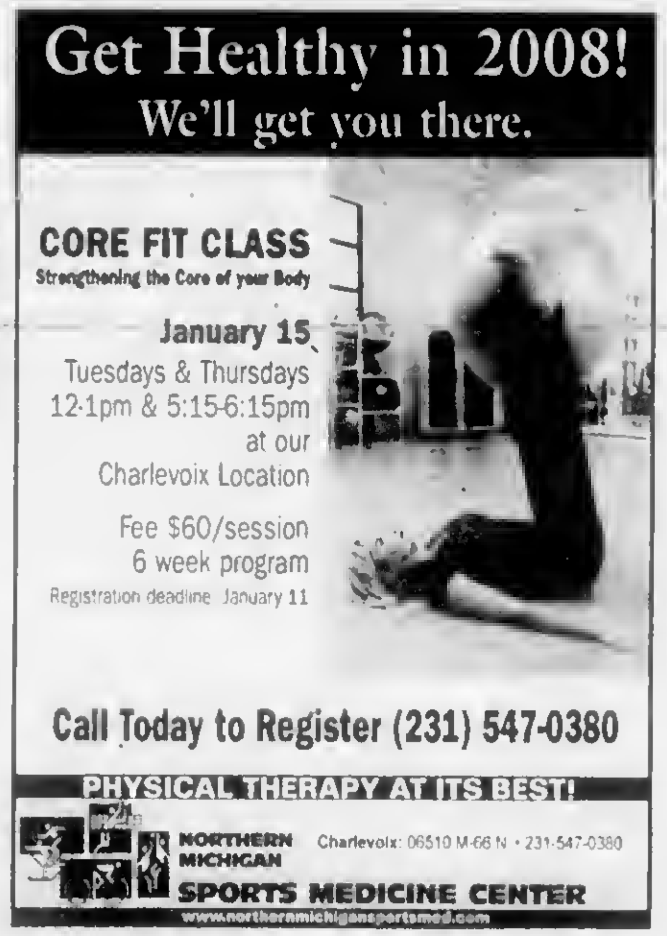
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Synopsis –January 2, 2008

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE 140TH SESSION

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Commissioner Christensen was elected Chairman. Commissioner Tripp was elected Vice-Chairman.
- Committee appointments and meeting schedules were made. A complete list is available in the County Clerk's Office.
- County Clerk Jane E. Brannon is the Fiscal Officer.
- The Board of Commissioners will meet the Second Wed. monthly at 9:30 a.m. and the Fourth Wed. monthly at 7:00 p.m. The Personnel/Internal Government Committee meets the First Wed. monthly at 9:30 a.m. and Public Safety Judicial/Building & Grounds Committee meets the Second Tues. monthly at 9:30 a.m. Other meeting times are available at the Clerk's office.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

YOUR CHAMBER MONTHLY

A publication of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

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Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

New Year Welcomes New Board Members

This year, the Chamber is proud to welcome new Board members, Mike Hinkle, Charlevoix State Bank; David Kurchinski, Michigan Officeways; and Elizabeth Rich, Harbor View Café.

Congratulations to our 2008 officers, Chairman, Tom Conlan, Belvedere Club and Golf Club; Vice Chairman, Patricia Blanchard, Shop of the Gulls; and Treasurer, Jay Bingham, Bingham Insurance Services.

We also welcome returning Directors Steve Bennett, MacDougall House Bed & Breakfast; Linda Bradley, Charlevoix Manufacturing Company; and Chris Turkelson, Law Firm of Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.

As our new Board is getting to work, we also say a fond farewell and a very heartfelt "Thank You" for a job well done to our departing Board members, Chris Cuffaro, Citizen's Bank; Lou Hollow, Hollow & Associates; and Jeff Sprecksell, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant who served as Vice Chairman in 2007. The progress we make in the future will be due to the steps you have taken to pave the way. To present and past Board members... Thank you for improving our quality of life. Charlevoix is a better place because of you!

Our mission is to attract, develop, support and retain commerce for a better Charlevoix.

2008 GOALS

1: Continue to foster improved relationship between CVB, DDA and Chamber
- Support Cool Cities implementation
- Help fill empty storefronts
- Industrial Development Committee: Job creation/retention
- Coordinate with the CVB to develop small group business

2: Enhance and grow existing festivals
- Showcase East Park

3: Complete office renovations
- Establish outside kiosk and improve signage

4: Membership Goals:
- Continue to follow-up on 2007 survey
- Expand the Ambassadors Program
- Meet face to face with as many Members as possible

5: Develop & expand shoulder season events
- Explore job fair/business expo
- Investigate & develop future winter events (Winterfest)

6: Support Creating Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) implementation

7: Expand Chamber scholarship opportunity/visibility in community

8: Continue investigating 501(c)(3)

9: Join the Northwest Michigan Regional Chambers Alliance

10: Increase cash reserves

Chamber Annual Awards Meeting

January 24, 2008

The 50th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is Thursday, January 24, 2008 at Castle Farms. The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30pm, with dinner served by Grey Gables at 6:30pm.

The Chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to their community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Ambassador of the Year Award recognizes an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix Community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs.

The Chairman's award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time and/or resources to help the Chamber of Commerce.

The Outstanding Citizen Award recognizes an individual who, over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents, and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live.

Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, spirits and camaraderie. For more information call the Chamber office at 231-547-2101.

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Jan 12	Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-Out	547-1901
Jan 12	5th Annual Fiddlers & Pickers Jamboree	547-9739
Jan 14	American Red Cross Blood Drive	547-5877
Jan 26	Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In	547-1901
Jan 24	50th Annual Awards Meeting	547-2101
Feb 05	LTAHB Harley Davidson Raffle	348-9770
Feb 09	Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-Out	547-1901
Feb 12	Charlevoix Evening Garden Club Meeting	989-732-3541 Ext 5045

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, January 17, at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on February 1 at 7:30am. The guest speaker is Chet Janik, Superintendent Charlevoix Public Schools.

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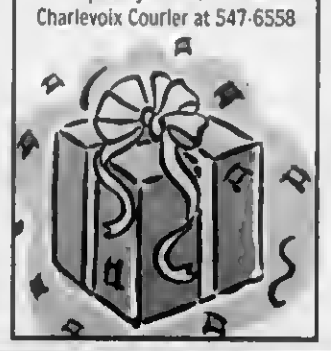

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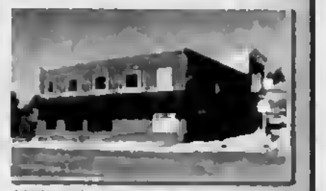

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clarence Arthur Marecki, a/k/a Clarence A. Marecki, Deceased, who lived at 4221 Concord N., Bay Township, Michigan died on September 4, 2007.

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HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Assignee, of Mortgagee Attorneys:

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Barr, a married man, and Julie Barr, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2003, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on August 26, 2003 in Liber 566, Page 514, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 5, 2007 the sum of \$91,732.90, including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Lobby of the County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County) on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Said premises are described as follows:

AN UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST IN UNIT 50, THE CABINS, BEING FRACTIONAL ID "D", ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 411, PAGE 939, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 419, PAGE 752, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 518, PAGE 575, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLAN NO 126. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

NANTZ, LITOWICH, SMITH, GIRARD & HAMILTON, P.C.
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Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Wright-Way Homes, Inc., dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 352, Page(s) 994, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 353, Page(s) 001, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$52,153.39, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 6.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL I:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2 WHICH IS 314.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 270.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 130.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 270.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SECTION, 130.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF ADVANCE BOYNE CITY ROAD, NORTH 00 DEGREES 00° 00" WEST 444.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION: THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" WEST 33.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33" 42' WEST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 193.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 7, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

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FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Geike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at \$91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC. in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 422, Pages 893 through 950, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,

Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN, a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and WILLIAM SHERMAN,

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christina M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$76,200.34, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number VP9744BAIN.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 20, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John H. Moore and Josephine M. Moore, husband and wife, of 4939 Woodbin Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795 and AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, formally of 3643-A 28th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512, dated November 25, 1996 and recorded on March 6, 1997 in Liber 312, Page 996 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 by virtue of a Corporation Assignment of Real Estate Mortgage dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on April 21, 1997 in Liber 314, Page 707 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$34,068.60), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 18.63% and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on February 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan and which are described as follows:

Commencing at a point 208 feet North of the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 4 West; thence West 208 feet; thence North 208 feet; thence East 208 feet; thence South 208 feet to the place of beginning.

which has an address of 4939 Woodin Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795.

The redemption period shall be six (8) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 20, 2007

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, S.E.
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Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated October 1, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 7, 2004, in Liber 641, Page(s) 388, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$49,056.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, together with interest at 9.94 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BOYNE VALLEY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

UNIT 32, PINE VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED AS RECORDED IN LIBER 634, PAGES 615 THROUGH 668, INCLUSIVE, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 146. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 17, 2007

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Lighthouse restoration could begin this spring

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

A partnership between the City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Historical Society, a state-wide effort to save Michigan's lighthouses, and financial commitment from Charlevoix citizens, could soon come to fruition with anticipated construction on Charlevoix's South Pier lighthouse.

Charlevoix Historical Society board President Mary Adams said a lot of work — which began locally in 2001 — has gone into preparation, research and fundraising for the project that will restore the lighthouse to its original state and its original red color, relying on an approximately five-year fundraising effort. Structural components of the lighthouse will be re-enforced, electrical elements updated, and the entire structure will be "strengthened," during the first phase of construction, Historical Society member David Miles said. The next step would be to repaint the now white lighthouse, restoring its original red color, a requirement from the Secretary of Interior, a guiding-force in historical preservation projects.

The cost of those two restoration steps is estimated to be $183,000, hoped to be raised within a five-year period that began in 2005. The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has been a major contributor to the efforts, having established the Michigan Lighthouse Project in 2000 with the goal of offering grant awards to communities such as Charlevoix that serve as homes to Michigan lighthouses.

The money from SHPO can only be used for lighthouse preservation, and lighthouse stewards, in this case the Historical Society, can apply for the $40,000 grants every year. The grants require a 50 percent match be raised, and so far two grants, with local matches, have been received.

Adams said an extra boost was received in 2007, thanks to a private grant project that agreed to offer $10,000 challenge grants for five years. The dollar-for-dollar challenge grant sparked further interest for local fundraising, and the Society raised $11,743.23 in 2007 to contribute to the project.

"This helped tremendously with our goals," Adams said, adding the Society raised much of the money from sale of lighthouse items such as hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, bumperstickers, magnets and other items.

"We hope to appeal to anyone. This is the type of fundraiser everyone can get involved with because you can spend as much money as you want, even as little as $1 or $2 for a sticker or a notecard," Adams said.

With the local funds and the grants, Adams said the Society should be able to begin taking bid applications for work, and hopefully begin work in the spring. The system in place, governed largely by SHPO and the Secretary of Interior, is somewhat complex, she said, and works on overlapping phases. First, architectural plans must be submitted, a step already taken, and the plans must be approved at the state level. Then the architect(s) can prepare bid documents, which also require state approval, then work can begin.

The process will begin the following year with the next phase of construction, at the same time construction from the first phase is underway.

Specific requirements must be met, Adams explained, and the project "has to take the lighthouse back to the 1948 condition, according to Secretary of Interior standards." Such efforts, while complex, are tasks that "have lots of people excited because they grew up with a red lighthouse," and many realize the historical importance of the fixture.

"In addition to the fact the Coast Guard still utilizes the lighthouse (for the safety of incoming vessels,) it is also one of the most visible things within our city," Adams said, noting it is an "important landmark," and "one of the most photographed lighthouses in the Midwest."

Background

In 2001, SHPO contacted the City of Charlevoix with the news that the South Pier lighthouse was scheduled to be "excessed" in approximately three years. SHPO also said the City would likely be eligible to obtain ownership of the light if it would work in conjunction with a non-profit which would act as a steward of the project. This led to the partnership between the City and the Historical Society, and the three entities — SHPO, the City and the Society — worked together to devise a plan that would transfer ownership to the City and responsibility for the fundraising, restoration and ongoing maintenance of the lighthouse to the Society.

A committee was established within the Society to oversee the project, and that committee began efforts to obtain an Historic Structures Report to outline the condition of the lighthouse, and provide cost estimations and recommendations for restorative work.

See LIGHT, page 23

Photo courtesy Charlevoix Historical Society

Charlevoix's South Pier lighthouse is slated for restoration work, which Historical Society members hope can begin this spring. The timeline is dependent upon state approval.

The U.S. Coast Guard began excessing its lighthouse inventory in the mid-1990s. In 1997, they announced they were decommissioning more than 75 Michigan lighthouses. The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office then established the Michigan Lighthouse Project which awarded its first lighthouse grants to local governments and non-profits in 2000.

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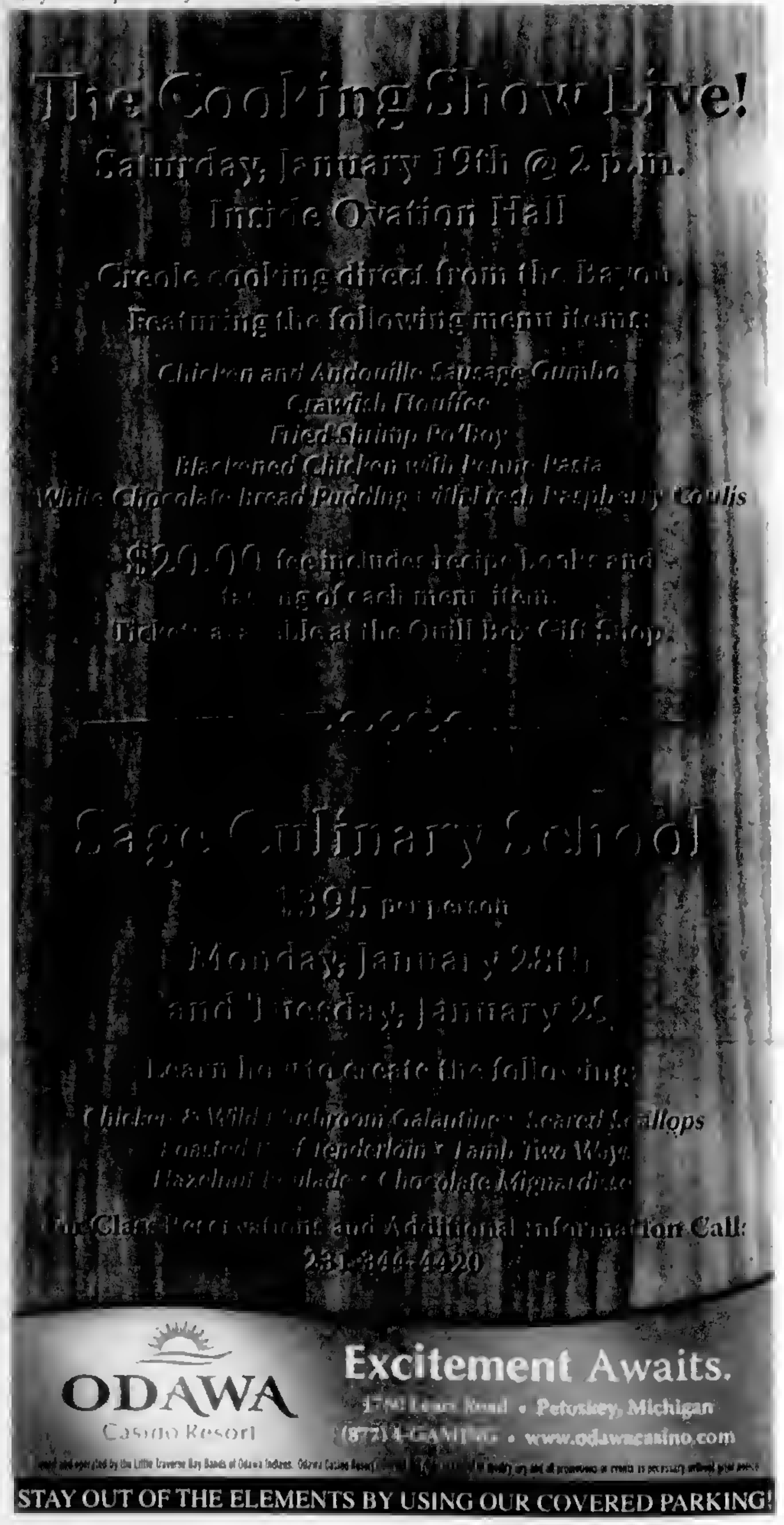

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East Park, Ferry Beach 'moving right along'

Photo by Erica Goff

Work at the Ferry Beach Boat Launch is expected to be complete within the next two weeks.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Two major projects enhancing Charlevoix's landscape and recreational attraction are ongoing and on-schedule, Street Department Superintendent Pat Elliot said.

Construction at East Park is "moving right along," Elliot said, with crews braving blustery, cold winter weather, currently focusing most attention on indoor work on the Harbor Master building and roofing work on the Performance Pavilion. Elliot said he has been pleased with the various trades at work on the site, and commended the contractors attending the tasks.

"All of the contractors have really come to the table on this, and they've really done a bang-up job," he said, noting especially Hallmark Construction, who "has continued to work despite these poor winter conditions."

Elliot noted three major areas of progress: The Harbor Master building, the Performance Pavilion and Plaza C, which will be the walkway and steps that will lead from Bridge Street (the west side of the Park) down to the water.

Interior work in the Harbor Master building is currently underway, including plumbing, heating and electrical/mechanical work, as well as the stone masonry work expected to make the facility a unique attraction that speaks to Charlevoix's history.

"This masonry design is meant to be reminiscent of the Earl Young design," Elliot said, noting the intricate design and painstaking work of applying it around electical designs in the building.

Installation of the glazed block on the interior of the building, seen mostly in the bathrooms and showers of the building, is also underway, as is the installation of the glass windows that will face the harbor when the building is complete. Roofing work, including waterproofing and preparing for the planted bed areas on the roof is also underway.

The Performance Pavilion is seeing roof work now as well, and crews are constructing the walkway that used to be Mason Street that will lead pedestrians through the park to the water.

Elliot also noted locations of the anticipated front streat and interactive water fountain, and, indicating the aesthetically appealing layout of the park, the extended green areas and the planted areas on top of the Harbor Master building, he said the finished product will be a "unique and environmentally friendly" park.

In another part of town, workers attended to the Ferry Beach Boat Launch project, which will remediate complications for boaters due to lowering water levels. Crews have formed and poured concrete ramps, constructed structural steel supports for ramps, and cut and removed the concrete curb on the existing ramp. That ramp will be extended, giving boaters more room to back their boats into the water.

The project, which was set back due to a hold on state funding, was expected to be complete by Christmas, but "the weather did not cooperate," Elliot said. Some good weather has allowed for some catch-up and work is expected to be complete within the next two weeks.

Photos by Erica Goff

Pictured (top) is some of the stone masonry work inside the Harbor Master building in East Park. Much of the interior of the building is designed with this unique facade. Pictured (bottom) crew members work on the walkway Plaza 5, that will lead from Bridge Street down to Round Lake.

Book store to open in spring

BOOKS

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about their store and its home in the Rose Cottage Garage, they are concerned people may have trouble finding the store. Visitors to the store can enter either from the back parking lot behind the police/fire stations or from the front side of Rose Cottage on Mason Street next to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. It will be "a quick walk up Hoop Skirt Alley from Bridge Street," the new owners said, with plenty of parking and "right in the heart of things."

"We are both excited to begin this new venture," Dianne said.

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JAN. 15 LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the award-winning hour-long film "Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

JAN. 16 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Library invite everyone to their annual meeting at 7 p.m., in which the new slate of officers will be elected, the Charlevoix Oral Traditions video project will be highlighted, and Gary Morrison will perform a special dramatization of Ernie Pyle, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist during World War II, at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street

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Join Linda Adams at 1 p.m. for an hour lesson on how to use Internet resources to assist in pricing antiques. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

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Join Kathy Briggs and other fiber art enthusiasts at 1 p.m. for discussion and instruction at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

JAN. 17 KEEP CHARLEVOIX BEAUTIFUL MEETING

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful committee will hold its annual meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Grey Gables. The public is welcome. For more information call Kris Good at 547-6603.

JAN. 19 CHRISTIAN MUSIC REVIVAL

Local church members are invited to express their beliefs musically from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Emmet County Comunity Center Building, located at the Petoskey Fairgrounds. Anyone intersted in singing can call (231)668-3360. Also Pastor Pete Kroll of Liberty Baptist Church can be contacted for more information at (231)548-5836.

JAN. 19 FAMILY FUN DAY

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JAN. 29 LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the film "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

MOPS group starting Jan. 11

Mothers of Preschoolers group is starting at Zion Lutheran Church Jan. 11. Open to all mothers with child(ren) in Kindergarten or younger. The meeting is from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Childcare and registration are free. Zion is next to NM Hospital in Petoskey. Contact Susan at (231) 622-3839.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

WHEN DO THEY MEET?

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The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

American Legion, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of every month except July in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651. This is a change from previous meeting times.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support groups —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

A reminder to voters

Charlevoix County residents are reminded that voting on the presidential primary is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Citizens must vote in the city or township hall in which they live except for Chandler Township residents who must vote at the Chandler Township Fire Hall.

Democratic party candidates which Michiganders may vote for include: Dennis Kucinich, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd and Mike Gravel.

Republican party candidates which Michiganders may vote for include: Sam Brownback, Rudy Guiliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo and Fred Thompson

Any national candidates who do not appear on in the preceding ballots made the choice not to participate in the Michigan pri-

Lighthouse restoration project update

LIGHT

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The first SHPO grant application was approved in late 2002, and the Society began fundraising efforts in 2003, raking in $5,390 by September of that year.

Such efforts have been ongoing since that time, including the City of Charlevoix's application for ownership of the light for the lighthouse in April 2005, a request approved by the Secretary of Interior in March 2006.

Adams said the project is one that is important not only on regard to the state's historical perspective but also, for many, on a personal level.

"People often have a very emotional attachment to lighthouses, and this is something that is a huge part of Charlevoix's history," she said.

The project could, in the end, tack on some additional costs — bringing the total close to $233,000 — if the group decides to do some additional historic elements such as installing brass fittings and other interior work. That step is optional in terms of state standards, Adams said, and will only be pursued of citizens support the idea.

"We will see if there is still a commitment to do the option items. If the community does not support it, we won't do it," she said.

2008 New Year's baby born Jan. 3

BABY

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she joked. She and Charlie said they are very excited, and already have a vast amount of gifts waiting for their son at home.

"We're big Michigan fans, so he's got a lot of Michigan stuff," Martin's proud father said, adding he already purchased necessary football equipment for his son.

Sara joked her boy has a better wardrobe than she does, and she intends to get plenty of pictures of him in all of his new clothes.

Other family members of the baby include grandfather Chuck Evans, grandparents Mike and Cathy Hoffman, and godmother, Tiffani Bruch, who is the mother's younger sister.

Charlevoix Area Hospital welcomed the baby and congratulated the parents with a gift basket.

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Grim future for Boyne City-Charlevoix Road

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A town hall meeting with state and local officials regarding the condition of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road confirmed what many Charlevoix County residents already knew. The road is a mess and no help is coming.

The meeting, which was hosted by State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R—Bellaire) came to fruition after he received an onslaught of communiqués from his constituents.

"I have to say I represent a lot of roads. There is a lot of mileage out there in my four counties and I have never received so many comments, so many questions, so many concerns as I have of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, and that's why I'm here," Elsenheimer said. "The bottom line is I think there is still a need out there to do a couple of things. I think we need to look at how it is that we get to a point where this road can be addressed to bring it to a level that is safe, that we're all comfortable with ... before 2012."

He added, "We're glad that money has been set aside for 2012, we're glad that it's on the table, but I think we all would like to see it moved up because we all know what winters do to roads in this area ... and we all know how difficult it's going to be in the future if things get worse and worse on that road."

Elsenheimer was joined by Charlevoix County Road Commission Manager Pat Harmon, managing engineer of the Traverse City Michigan Department of Transportation office Rise Rasch, and David Langhorst, who works out of Gaylord, the MDOT Regional Transportation Planner for the upper 24 counties in northern Michigan. Senator Jason Allen, who was scheduled to attend, canceled for unspecified reasons.

Elsenheimer turned the microphone over to Harmon for a brief overview of the road commission's status.

"We've got ... the road (repair) scheduled for 2012. Charlevoix County gets approximately $391,000 a year for road construction (and) that money has to be shared with the City of Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, and transit can come to the table and have a piece of pie if they want ... and the Village of Boyne Falls."

Harmon said the plan is to use 2011's and 2012's monies on the decaying road, but that the combined $880,000 or so in funding will barely put a dent in the cost.

"At today's cost, to go from Boyne City to (US)31 it's going to cost roughly five million bucks," he said. "If the road commission could have that money for 10 years there still wouldn't be five million dollars."

Elsenheimer added that Charlevoix County is not alone in its concerns.

"What I'm hearing from you Pat (Harmon) is not any different than what I am hearing from other communities, other counties around the state," he said. "Most road commissions statewide have made cuts. There have been layoffs at road commissions statewide. There have been many counties, including my hometown Antrim, going to staggered plowing. It's not just

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(From left) Charlevoix County Road Commission Manager Pat Harmon, Managing Engineer of the Traverse City MDOT office Rise Rasch, and David Langhorst, who works out of Gaylord listened to concerns and questions of county residents during a town hall meeting hosted by Michigan State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire). County and state officials assured residents there is no financial help coming any time soon and lauded a concerned citizens group for working to find solutions to the crumbling Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

Umulis hopes for Mrs. Michigan title

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

She's got the evening gown, she's got the swimsuit, she's got the jewelry and she's got the experience. So, Tanya Umulis says she can't give up the tierra yet.

Last year's second runner-up in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant said she wasn't planning on participating in the event's 34th contest in 2008, but, when she looked at the website, read the information of the 2008 contestants, and thought of her fond memories of her involvement in 2006 and 2007, she just couldn't resist.

Umulis has been competing in beauty pageants since her early teens, already having earned a number of titles — Miss Teen Northwest Michigan 1998, Miss Charlevoix 2000, Miss Sunburst Teen 2001, Miss Lake Michigan 2003 and a number of others — and finished with notable success in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant. Named third runner-up her first try in 2002 and second runner-up in 2007, she feels she is ready to let go of some of her anxiety — "You worry so much about what they might ask you and what it's going to be like," she said, — and focus on her efforts to go for the crown.

"I love it, I love every bit of it," she said about participating in such pageants, describing the demanding workout regimen of

UMULIS

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New leader for Norwood

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With 12 years of experience in township government, Tim Boyko was recently named as Norwood Township Supervisor.

Boyko's Dec. 26, 2007 appointment came in the wake of the resignation of former supervisor Wayne Wynkoop in November, 2007.

"I just wanted to offer my service for the short-term to the community," Boyko said. "This is nothing more than doing my civic duty."

He added, "Without predicting the future, which I'm not good at, it was my intent to just act as a true interim, meaning I would not pursue the position in the primary in August."

BOYKO

Tom Mielke, chairman Norwood Township Planning Commission, said Boyko is a good choice.

"They (Norwood Township) had three good candidates that I think would have done an excellent job," he said. "Although I don't think Wayne (Wynkoop) used his position in any manner to further his own cause, the perception was definitely there by many and to that end (having a new supervisor) I think it helps the township and I think it will help the healing process."

Board member Sadie Bartosik, who is out with an injury, was the only member absent from the board during the vote.

Norwood board trustee Denny Way said he feels it was Boyko's years of service in Hayes Township which put him above the other candidates.

"I would have felt comfortable with any one of them," Way said. "I think one of the things that gave him (Boyko) the edge is the fact that he had been re-elected twice and he has a lot of leadership skills."

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Pauline Maxine Hickok, 18, Charlevoix. Retail fraud: Third degree. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days served; To serve five days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; 76 days held in abeyance; to serve nine months on probation; not to enter Kmart; $350 in fines and costs.

Holly Ashley Dustin, 18, Central Lake. Retail fraud: third degree. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Christine Ann Knight, 60, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Credit for six days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Corianne Louise Gokee, 23, Harbor Springs. Insufficient funds to cover check written. Pay $407.18 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Robin Ronald Clark, 63, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Traci Annette Potter, 24, Traverse City. Three counts of insufficient funds to cover checks written. Totaling $964.16 in fines and costs.

Tina Louise Krukowski, Muskegon, 39. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Jerry Lee Duhart, 30, Detroit. Driving while impaired. Credit for 31 days in jail; to serve 62 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Renee Vos, 36, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace; Larceny greater than $200, but less than $1,000. To serve 20 days in jail; credit for one day in jail; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; to write a letter of apology; to attend economics classes; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Corey Robert Eaton, 17, Boyne City. Use of morphine. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; 339 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; $855 in fines and costs.

Kristine Rose Grice, 46, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Martin Leroy Hittle, 35, Petoskey. Insufficient funds to cover check written, less than $100. Credit for 19 days in jail; $251.88 in fines and costs.

Gerald Russell Sevenski, 53, Elmira. Driving while impaired. Pay $1,200 in fines and costs or serve 28 days in jail.

BIRTHS

· **Highlander Journey Sweet-Jenema** weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces was born December 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert and Priscilla Jenema of Harbor Springs. His siblings are Christopher, Mitchell, Sonny and Beau. His grandparents are Pastor and Mrs. James D. Sweet of McBain and Mr. and Mrs. Reg Jenema of Vogel Center, Mich. His great grandparent is Marge Van Steenis of Vogel Center.

Kendra Andrea Behrendt weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born December 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sandra and Michael Behrendt of East Jordan. Her siblings are Robert and Cristina. Her grandparents are Kendra Behrendt of Charlevoix and Sofia Castro of Bogota, Colombia. Her great grandparents are Laura Caine of Charlevoix and Barbara Zomundio Maria Castro from Bogota, Colombia.

Evenelo Troy LaCount weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces was born December 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Troy LaCount and Renee Cebulski of Ellsworth. His siblings are Devon Christian and Vanessa Rae. His grandparents are Debbie and John LaCount of East Jordan, Cindy Cebulski of Ellsworth and Gene Cebulski of Niceville, Fla.

Martin Larry Duff Evans weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces was born January 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Charles and Sara Evans of Boyne City, Mich. His grandparents are Mike and Cathy Huffman of Bellaire, Lynn Hatman and Charles Evans of East Jordan. His great grandparents are Maynard and Wilma Bach of Lansing and Fred and Micky Wilkinson of Bloomfield Hills.

Brendon Patrick Hesselgrave weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born January 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jensine Tricarico and Robert Hesselgrave of Central Lake. His sibling is Evangeline Lauren. His grandparents are Mary and Wayne Loper of Central Lake and Cary Tricarico and Melissa Henderson from Indiana.

Madilyn Victoria Sotoamaya weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces was born January 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Daniel and Jennette Sotoamaya of Boyne City. Her siblings are Gabriel and Lillian.

Payton James McKenzie weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born January 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Josh McKenzie and Amanda Fish of East Jordan. His grandparents are Steve and Laurie McKenzie of East Jordan, Alan Fish and Mary Schmidt of Boyne City. His great grandparents are Peter and Fran McKenzie of Charlevoix and Ray and Pat Fish of Stanwood.

(From left) Charlevoix Elemantary School sixth-grader Maggie Hamilton took runner-up at this yeer's annual school-wide spelling bae. Middle school principal Kaith Haske takas time out to congretulate Hamilton and bee winner Matthew Brown of the eighth grade. Both students will now move on to Herbor Springs for competition, the winner of which will compete in Washington D.C.

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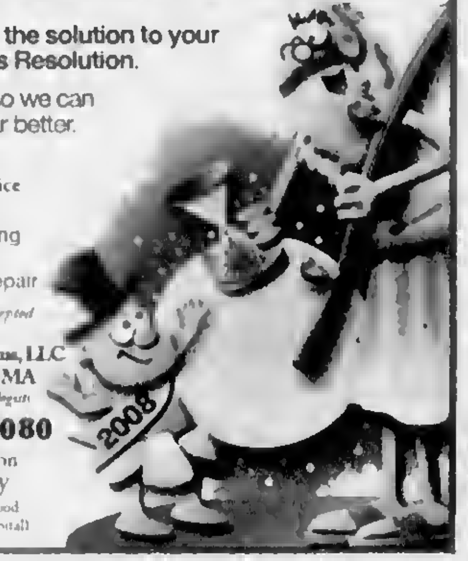

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Meeting offers limited good news for local road

ROAD

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happening here."

Nearly a quarter of the approximately 40 people who attended the meeting spoke on the issue of the road.

And, while some attendees were disappointed to hear there is no significant impending state or federal aid until at least 2012, some say there were a couple bright spots.

Connie Saltonstall offered a list of proposed solutions from the group Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County, of which she is a member.

The list includes various exploratory options like looking into economic fund grants, a countywide gas tax, tribal grants, making Boyne City-Charlevoix Road a historic trail and even selling bonds to pay for reconstruction.

"Boyne City-Charlevoix Road was built in 1958. The road is 50 years old," she said. "It's a dangerous road and it behooves us to take care of the citizens in our county to get it fixed as soon as we can."

Elsenheimer reinforced the importance of grass roots organizations through an anecdote about a similar group with a similar problem in Gaylord who managed to push their representatives who found a chunk of funding large enough to fund the project.

"It was all locally driven and the project is actually not an MDOT project. It's being constructed by the road commission," Langhorst said.

Elsenheimer added, "We are doing exactly the same kind of thing in Charlevoix. I can't promise you the same kind of results. I can tell you that I will do what I can from the state level, which is exactly what we did in the Gaylord project."

Langhorst said MDOT is merely a funnel for gathering funds from the federal and state government and funneling them back to various agencies. Harmon said not only are his funds severely limited due to state financial woes, but he expects significant cuts over the next few years.

"What Pat (Harmon) is describing is the same boat MDOT is in," Rasch said. "Trying to fund (projects) . with dwindling federal funds and dwindling funds from the state."

Potential funding, which may be more trouble than it is worth according to officials, includes federal earmarks, or funding requests attached to other bills which generally are paid out over time and require 20 percent matching funds. Charlevoix would need to obtain nearly $1 million in matching grants to qualify for $4 million needed in today's dollars, if that federal funding was even made available; making Boyne City-Charlevoix Road into a state trunkline is not likely to happen and officials said it would even further delay the timetable for reconstruction due to much higher costs of bringing the road up to trunkline standards.

Michigan State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire) spoka to a crowd of approximately 40 during a town hall meeting on the condition of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Members of the concerned citizens group said they will continue to rally their representatives and work to find funding for the project.

Congressman Bart Stupak offered similar news during his visit Jan. 10. See page 9 for coverag of that story.

Norwood Township board selects new supervisor

BOYKO

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Boyko said he would like to work on the township's as of yet unfinished master plan and advocate for open government.

"People will see that we can operate not only fully compliant with the letter of the law, but with the intent of the law," he said. "I think that will go a long way in possibly resolving some of the negative feelings in the community."

Way said he has had both Wynkoop opponents and supporters weigh in on the new supervisor.

"I've had actually a number of people who have expressed their happiness that we chose him," Way said. "People feel like he will step up and bring the township back together and possibly get some old issues behind us and move on to new things."

Boyko stressed that he is only one man, and that he is part of a team.

"There are many parts to local government and I've asked for everyone's help," he said. "Most people have been encouraging. They were glad to have an opportunity to start fresh and somewhat turn the page."

He added, "I think the key to looking forward is to install confidence in the local government. My goal is to have diversity in all the appointments that can be made by the supervisor."

Way, too, said he is eager to get to work on township business and hopes the change in leadership will help focus attention on getting things done.

"We've got some roads that need attention and it's rather hard to focus when the past supervisor had so much on his plate," Way said. "I look forward to this fresh start. I think he's (Boyko) going to be able to lead us in the area of doing people's business rather than wallowing in past issues."

He added, "I think, in general, the community is going to rally behind him and rally behind the board. I think a lot of people didn't have a problem with board members necessarily, but took out their frustration on the board as a whole because of the supervisor."

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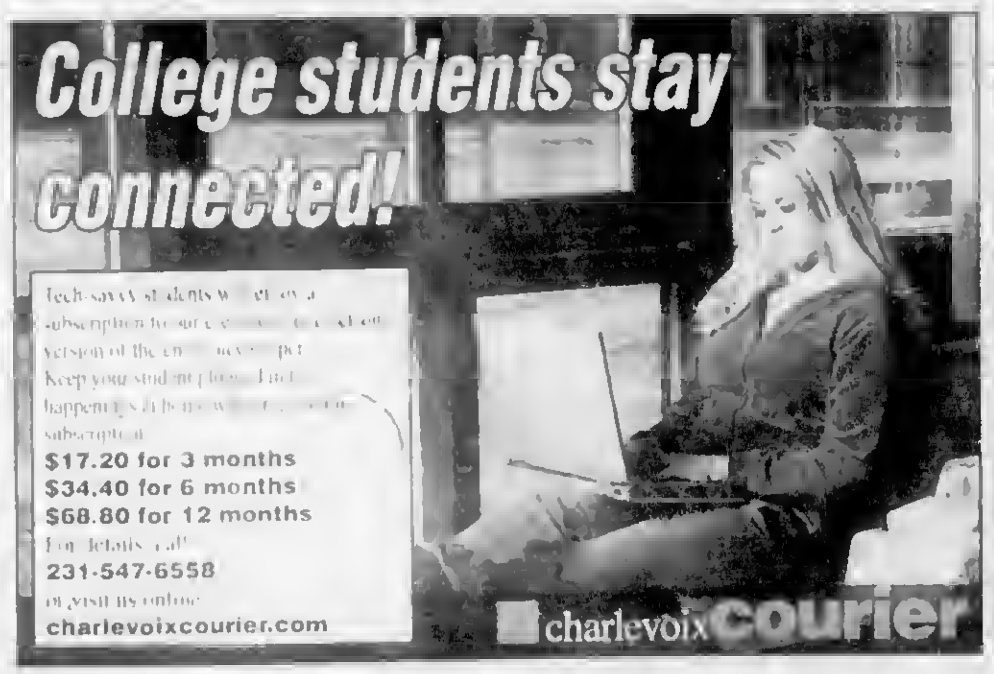

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The Towel Cries: 'Clean coal to the rescue'

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

As a gratuitous whiner from way back, I was a bit peeved by a lecturer who, a couple years ago, spoke on the ills of complaining without also suggesting a solution—Though I should point out that Mr. Ph.D. didn't give even one example of what to do about all the complaining that goes on, but what do I know?

Fast forward to a couple months ago (which is actually going in reverse from here, but not really if you were still thinking of the thing I was talking about from a couple years ago. If you're still following this you might want to go get some little chocolate donuts and O.J. and put on some Pink Floyd) when I began receiving press releases from a concerned citizens group trying to prevent seven coal-fired power plants from being built in Michigan.

'Cause if it's one thing Michigan doesn't need, it's economic stimulus, but I digress (and I've been doing a pretty fantastic job of digressing), by which I mean setting aside extra time to brood and cultivate a couple of blue ribbon ulcers on my duodenum.

Then, during midday Pepto' and Tums, I had a greeny tell me they were against wind turbines, which was, to quote Kinison, like "Christians against Christ."

How could they be against coal, or nuclear for that matter? France gets 80 percent of its electricity from nuclear, while we rely on atomic energy for only 19 percent with coal making up 60 percent and natural gas, wind and solar rounding out the final 21 percent.

In all seriousness, though I'm pretty sure all hope of that went out with the munchies reference, we have the opportunity to produce clean, sustainable energy, and not only that, we have the power to pull Michigan's economy out of its fiscal nosedive.

I'm with the people who say coal-fired plants are filthy because they were grandfathered in several decades ago before more stringent air quality regulations were imposed, and that's why I propose that we mandate and implement clean-burning coal technology until we can use 100 percent nuclear; make trains the mainstay of travel and shipping in the U.S.—clean air, more jobs and getting off the Arabian teat are just a few good reasons to do so.

And before you start screaming "Oxymoron! Oxymoron! Gohs-a-moron!" or call the commissioner to light up the Gore Signal, yes coal is dirty, unless it is burned in a closed loop process wherein the ash and Co2 are reclaimed before having a a chance to pollute.

Not only do we have an estimated 300 to 1,000 years worth of coal under American soil, the new clean-burning coal technology is estimated to produce near zero emissions.

And don't think the efficient and environmentally friendly train is a thing of the past; we didn't stop using trains because they don't work, but because there was a time when we changed over to cars and trucks because there was a time when oil was both cheap and bountiful.

"These green goblins of armchair environmentalism will be the first to tell you we have four percent of the population and produce 25 percent of the pollution, but instead of pressuring legislators to mandate clean-burning coal regulation, they are working to stop the plants from being built at all. They favor anecdotal projections on solar and wind energy which are not yet viable in lieu of coal power which, even if not completely innocuous, would be vastly cleaner than current means.

Look, simply eating granola, bringing your own bag to the grocery store and wearing moccasins hand sewn by a Cantonese third-grader before they are shipped on a diesel-powered scow that gets three knots per gallon and slapping a "Go Green!" bumper sticker to your V8 SUV does not an environmentalist make.

Don't get me wrong, I'm no friend to the environment. I burn Styrofoam; I don't recycle glass; I throw batteries in the trash knowing they could form a toxic landfill soup that will transform woodland creatures into wisecracking mutants with superhuman strength that eventually land their own animated TV series and children's clothing line.

When the plastics industry says "reduce, reuse, recycle" I say "burn baby burn"; When the grocery clerk asks "paper or plastic?" I say "baby seal skins."

I'm sure we could learn much from those liberal tree-huggers who use only wind, solar or donkey-driven turnstile electrical generators to power their patchouli extractors—listen up you hawks set on invading Iran, Libya and Outer Mongolia: We need that oil for tanks, warships and bombers.

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Ear to the Ground asks: Where has all the funding gone?

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Reading both local and national news I am reminded of the rap-like song from "The Music Man." "We got trouble, Right here in River City With a capital 'T.'"

There is no money to repair the Charlevoix-Boyne City road, even though it certainly needs repair. There isn't enough money to clear snow on weekends on some of our local roads. Bridges across the nation seem to be in need of at least inspection if not repair. And just last week it was announced an enormous, 150-year-old charity hospital in Atlanta, Georgia might have to close its doors because counties around Atlanta, which benefit from its services, are unwilling to provide any funds to support it. Other charity hospitals are in similar difficulty.

What do all those concerns and many more besides have in common? They are the product of the unavailability or the misdirection of public funds, tax moneys that are supposed to provide a suitable infrastructure and make civilized living possible for our citizens.

We have been sold a bill of goods, and have come to believe that taxes are bad. Calls to reduce taxes are sufficiently popular to get almost anyone elected to high public office. And since it is often a few years before the lack of funds for necessary public works and services becomes critical, those people most vocal in promoting reduced taxes can find other events to blame for the failure.

The idea that "tax and spend" is a bad thing has been attached to liberal political positions. Try this as a new thought: Tax and spend is what a democratic (small "d") government is SUPPOSED to do. The government is not a business. It does not manufacture anything that can be sold at a profit, except for collectable coins: A democratic (small "d") government's source of funds to support the general welfare (roads, snow removal, safe bridges, health services for those in need, etc.) is the taxes paid by its citizens. With insufficient funds available, those local and national services must be eliminated or reduced. It hardly requires saying that fraud and waste must be kept to a minimum. But such misuse of funds is hardly reason to abandon the basic needs.

It is unlikely that private entrepreneurs will come forward with the money for roads, snow removal and bridges, although they might help with the hospitals. Roads and bridges could all be supported by tolls, collected from any one traveling on them, and I do understand that there is an economic theory suggesting such arrangements are the best way to operate a society. Hospitals could all be operated for profit and those who cannot pay could die in the streets, an idea supported by the same sort of economic theory. Those who need snow removal on their piece of the public road could be forced to pay for it each time it is needed. We certainly have enough privately owned snow removal equipment.

As interesting to economic theorists as the ideas in the previous paragraph might be, they do not seem to me to constitute a successful democracy. The appropriate argument is not about whether taxes ought to be raised or lowered, it is about what the taxes are to be spent for: HOW to rebuild our failing infrastructure and troubled health-care system is a good question. Whether to rebuild them with taxes is a fruitless question.

Tax and Spend is what a government of the people is supposed to do. It is not a bad idea promoted by one political party and opposed by another. If you really want only private toll roads, private for profit hospitals only, privately built and maintained bridges, and privately financed snow removal, vote for Ron Paul. He will surely carry us in that direction. If you think we can do better than that, give up the idea that taxes are a bad thing...

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Mrs. Charlevoix County seeks Mrs. Michigan crown

UMULIS

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running five miles a day, striving for the right diet, keeping up on all current events, and trying to prepare for potential interview questions.

"I love competition and people pushing me. I find myself so stressed I wake myself up at night thinking about it all," she said. "I love losing sleep over it, having my muscles ache and the whole thing. This event is perfect for me."

With all of her pageant experience, Umulis has also learned to recognize what she enjoys about this particular pageant. The Mrs. Michigan America pageant invites married women of many statures, from the veterinarian with nine children to the newly wed going to school full time, to compete for a crown they all believe in.

"This isn't about who has the perfect family and the perfect marriage and the perfect house and the perfect job. It's about being able to balance what is on your own plate, no matter what it is," she said. "You get people from all across the board."

Umulis is currently balancing a fulltime job as a retail manager and sales consultant in downtown Charlevoix, a full load at Central Michigan University as she seeks a degree in elementary education, and caring for her husband, Matthew, and their two dogs, Dora and Rocco. She also loves to cook, fish and take care of things at home.

Umulis also strives to be active in the community, volunteering whenever she can for various events in Charlevoix and doing what she can to support her two "platform" causes: preventing abuse and neglect of children, and preventing abuse and neglect of animals. While the Mrs. Michigan America pageant does not require contestants to choose a platform cause as many pageants do — Umulis said organizers consider contestants to have plenty on their plates with careers and families and accept volunteer efforts in whatever arenas possible — but she would like to get on board with national organizations involved in preventing such abuse and neglect if she earns the crown.

"Living in a small area like Charlevoix, I don't have the opportunity to walk down the street and do something directly for a national abuse organization. But if I held that title, I'd like to be able to bring such opportunities to Charlevoix," she said.

Umulis moved to the Charlevoix area when she was 10 years old, and has since enjoyed strong support from the community in her efforts to seek pageant titles. She said her crown from 2000, when she was named Miss Charlevoix, was earned largely through the support of area businesses. While seeking other titles, including Mrs. Michigan, she also needs and appreciates the local support.

"I could never do this without the generosity of busniess owners in this town. Charlevoix has always supported me," she said.

Despite the common perception that pageants bring out the cattiness in contestants, along with declarations of wanting world peace, Umulis said this pageant, while still competitive, instills camaraderie and mutual respect among contestants.

"When you get to this level, you're among women who have invested so much time and money you would assume the reasons behind it are pure. I am proud to be in a room with any of them, and humbled to be with women who have accomplished so much," she said.

Having been given the honorary title of Mrs. Charlevoix County, Umulis will represent Charlevoix in the Mrs. Michigan America Pageant to be held in Grand Rapids in March. The pageant is the only nationally televised pageant for married women and will air multiple times on Women's Entertainment Network. Knowing her strengths and weaknesses in competition, Umulis said she is ready to earn her title and advance to that national level.

"I want to represent women across the state, to spread the message of home and the message to volunteer," she said.

LETTERS to the editor

BETTER SPORTS COVERAGE NEEDED

Editor:

It was disappointing to us and many other Rayder sport fans when we checked out the Courier's TOP SPORTS MOMENTS OF 2007 and found nothing regarding the championship CHS volleyball team. It wasn't the first time the Courier slighted the team and the individuals that have won back-to-back conference championships (32-0 record the last two years in league play.) In addition, they had players receive All Conference, All District, All Region and All State recognition. The fact that the Petoskey News-Review and its outstanding sports department did cover the CHS volleyball with pictures and excellent articles, does not relieve the Courier from their responsibility of sharing with its readers the "success story" regarding the 2007 volleyball program.

Through the years we have watched volleyball played at many levels (Olympics, professional, college and high school.) The Rayder ladies played at a high level, have excellent coaches, and deserve the credit and recognition that the Courier should give them. After all, not everyone takes the Petoskey News-Review and the many former community residents and alumni that subscribe to the Courier may have no idea what accomplishments were achieved by their hometown volleyball team.

When the All Conference selections were released, the Courier led off the story with the girls from Boyne City that made the team. The Charlevoix girls (Murphy Gillespie, Desi Faust, and Aubrey Way were first-teamers and Michelle Burke, Shauna Spencley and Tammy Potter received Honorable Mention) were buried in the article elsewhere. Nothing was ever mentioned about the all Regional team (Way and Gillespie) and when the All State team was chosen two (Gillespie and Way) were chosen, yet, the Courier's one-line story mentioned only one of the girls.

Rayder pride is something that sets CHS athletic teams and players apart from all the rest. Tradition is important for all ages in our town. It's too bad that the Courier doesn't appear to recognize this. We had a granddaughter that played volleyball. We traveled throughout the North watching them play and became close friends of the many parents, fans and players and they represented our town and school in outstanding fashion.

To not recognize them for their accomplishments in 2007 must have been an oversight. The Courier has become much improved in the past few years but recognition was missing while this team earned and deserved better and Title IX supposedly assures it. It was a great season and congratulations go to the players, coaches and parents, for CHS volleyball was indeed a 2007 Charlevoix Top Sports Happening.

Dean and Joyce Davenport
Charlevoix

VOTE FOR MCCAIN

Editor,

The voters who will be (did go) going to the polls on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. I want to thank you for your participation to make a change for all the people of this country.

In 2000 the majority of voters including myself said we wanted Sen. John McCain. He was the right person to be the republican nominee. I believe with what is happening in the world today all of us should vote for the same person we thought then to be our nominee and that is Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

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Boyer-Kris

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Mr. Kris is the son of Mrs. Dominique Rollier of Rennes, France and Mr. Andrew Kris of Antwerp, Belgium. Ms. Boyer is a 2002 graduate of Lake Forest College and is currently Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Retail Decisions in Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. Kris graduated from Keele University and is President of Fresh Enterprise in London, England. The couple are planning an August wedding in Charlevoix.

Courtesy photo

Kiwanis Club

Six new members were added to Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix Nov. 13, 2007 during a luncheon, held at Castle Farms. New members are (from left) Lisa Marsh, Patti Barraw, John Young, Mark Maynard, Ben Muladore, and John Baughan. Kiwanis is a service club "Serving Children Around the World." For more Information about Kiwanis or becoming a member, please call Ted Dumbauld at 547-9373.

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Community Foundations giving

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council President, David Crouse (center), accepts 2 checks totaling $10,250 from local community foundations. The Watershed Council received a $2,000 grant to enhance their communication system presented by David Jones, Program Officer of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council also received an $8,250 grant presented by Maureen Radke (right), Program Officer of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, to support a Boater Outreach and Education Program for recreational boaters and marinas on Lake Charlevoix.

50th annual Chamber Dinner

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

New Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Bemis will make her first official public appearance as local Chamber leader at the annual Chamber Awards Meeting Jan. 24.

The event brings community members, Chamber members and area officials together to discuss Chamber business and recognize area citizens for their service to Charlevoix.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to be involved with the Chamber at such an exciting time," Bemis said, adding she thinks are "so far, so good" for her in her new position.

The 2008 event is not only another opportunity to praise committed residents, but also a milestone anniversary as the 50th annual meeting and dinner.

Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Castle Farms in Charlevoix, with dinner served by Grey Gables at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner, the awards presentation will honor community and Chamber members.

The Ambassador of the Year Award recognizes an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix Community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs.

The Chairman's award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time and/or resources to help the Chamber of Commerce.

The Outstanding Citizen Award recognizes an individual who, over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live.

Bemis said all are welcome to the event, and she hopes for "a great evening of mingling and networking."

For more information call the Chamber office at 547-

e-mail the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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Pickin' away at Fiddlers and Pickers Day

Photos by G. Randall Goss/News-Review

(Left) Musicians from the Cedar Swamp Boys Band and others fill the stage at the Charlevoix VFW Hall, Saturday during the fifth annual "Fiddlers and Pickers Day." Different musicians joined in throughout the night as others watched and danced to the music.

Above, Square dancers take to the dance floor during a square dance segment of the night's music.

Schedule for Red Cross blood drives

The start of the New Year is a great time to resolve to donate blood since January is National Blood Donor Month.

For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

The following list highlights upcoming American Red Cross blood drives in your coverage area through Feb. 4:

Jan. 17, 2008, Community Reformed Church, corner of US 31 and Meech St., Charlevoix, noon - 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 18, 2008, American Red Cross, 2350 Mitchell Park Drive, Petoskey, noon - 5:45 p.m.

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Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm
[illegible]

Story-Time Thursday, January 17, 10:30 am
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DDR - Dance Dance Revolution Thursday, January 17 • 3:30 pm Middle School • 6:00 pm High School
[illegible]

Family Fun Day: Hawaii Saturday, January 19, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
[illegible]

Shackleton's Voyage of Endurance: The greatest survival story of all time! Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 pm
[illegible]

Valentine Paper Art Workshop Thursday, January 24, 6:00 pm
[illegible]

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OBITUARIES

MARTHA FRANCES PATERKA

Martha Frances Paterka died at Boulder Park Nursing Home in Charlevoix surrounded by her loving children Steve, Chuck and Sally on December 28, 2007.

Born June 6, 1920 to Charles and Frantiska Svoboda in Czechoslovakia, she immigrated with her parents to Chicago. Following her mother's death, they moved to Charlevoix, which Martha embraced as her home for the rest of her life.

Martha married Steve Paterka on June 16, 1949. They raised four children: twin sons Steve Jr. and Charles ("Chuck"), and daughters Sally and Diane. Martha was a devoted wife and mother, and took tremendous pleasure in serving others through the gifts of her hands. Her love for family, neighbors and friends was evidenced by her homemade pies and breads, pine needle baskets and crocheted rugs. Martha and her husband Steve enjoyed a long happy life together gardening, camping and traveling. Steve preceded her in death in 1985.

She is survived by her sons Steve (Kathleen) Paterka of Charlevoix, Chuck (Judy) Paterka of Ann Arbor, daughter Sally (Victor) Malkowicz of Boyne Falls, daughter Diane Roberts of East Jordan; grandchildren Stanley (Renee) Malkowicz; Abigail (Patrick) Carter; Kenny (Mary) Roberts; Lorraine, David, Jimmy, and Margie Roberts; a niece Susan Merrill, and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her brother Charles Svoboda, sister-in-law Jane Svoboda, nephew Harold Svoboda, son-in-law Bob Roberts, and grandson Bobby Roberts.

Martha was a member of St. Mary Church and St. Mary Rosary Altar Society. A humble, deeply devout woman with a loving heart and arms always ready to give a hug, Martha will be deeply missed.

Visitation was held at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008. The Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Charlevoix Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, with the Rev. Jerry Hunko and Rev. James Gardiner co-celebrating.

The family suggests donations to Charlevoix Area Hospital or St. Mary Rosary Altar Society.

LISA M. FOLEY

Lisa M. Foley, 50, of Charlevoix, died January 7, 2008 at her home. She was born Aug. 12, 1957, in Detroit, the daughter of Edgar King and Jeano Margaret (Noack) Beatty, and grew up in Milford. Lisa married Tom Foley and they made their home in Davisburg before moving to Charlevoix in 1997. A licensed cosmetologist, she worked at Grondin's Hair Center in Charlevoix. Lisa loved nature, and animals. She enjoyed walking the beaches of northern Michigan, and riding her horses. Lisa's laughter and sense of humor will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband of twenty-two years, Thomas J. Foley, and sons, Gene and Bill Foley of Charlevoix. Brothers, William (Pam) Beatty of Memphis, Tenn., Ted (Patti) Beatty of Heartland.

Lisa was preceded in death by her parents, and by her father-in-law, Thomas A. Foley. Memorial service was 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Lisa's brothers, Ted and Bill Beatty will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Lisa Foley.

BETTY MARGARET (WILLIS) LENNOX

Betty leaves a loving family- husband Dick, son Greg, daughters Mary and Janet and poodle Pierre.

Her accomplishments were many and varied. In her senior year at Michigan State, she had a full scholarship from Pratt and Whitney Aircraft and took accelerated engineering course. Betty worked as an engineering aide for P&W for almost a year before marrying Dick in Corpus Christi, Texas. Their son, Greg, was born at the Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas.

In Flint, Mich. Betty was a substitute teacher in: mechanical drawing, any math course, physics, chemistry or home economic subjects. Daughters Mary and Janet and son James were born in Flint . In New Jersey Betty worked in food preparation for photography that would be used in product packaging, magazine advertisements or menus for restaurants. Betty continued this occupation in Connecticut and later back in Michigan.

In Northville, Michigan Betty held political offices in the Township and later served as Finance Director for the City of Northville and retired after 10 years. Betty was a 52-year member of P. E. O. and served in many positions in the society. In Rio Verde, Arizona Betty was president of the Church Board and served as a member of the Rio Verde Fire Board.

She will be missed by her family, friends and everyone who knew her.

DEATH NOTICE

Mildred E. Scheck, 93, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. A private burial service was held Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Norwood Lakeview Cemetery in Norwood Township.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Touring the town

Members of the Charlevoix Tiger Cubs Pack 11 got a tour of the Courier office last week, earning a badge for their efforts to tour and learn about local professions. Members received copies of the newspaper during their tour and pictured with them are (from left) Riley Goss, William Gardner, Bradon Richards, Jason Mueller, Pack leader Janna Mueller, and Caili Mueller.

Photo by Erica Goff

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins ... 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer ... 536-2161

BELLFLOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8013 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher ... 547-9446

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05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m
Pastor: James O. Green ... 547-4100

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:10 a.m
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Worship 11:00 a.m
Pastor:
Todd Thompson ... 547-2654 or -5368

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State Street at Clinton
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 a.m
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m
Sunday School & Child Care Provided
Church Office ... 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m
Sunday School 11:00 a.m
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m
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[illegible]
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Pastor: Neil Turner ... 547-2875

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Sunday Services [illegible]
Church Office ... 547-9481

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Sunday Morning Worship [illegible]
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Rev. Carl Afman ... 588-7807

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace ... 588-7455

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m

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181 State St. (At Park Ave.)
Worship 10:00 a.m
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m
Church Office ... 547-9122

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12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley ... 237-0800

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Old U.S. 31 North
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Ironton
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m
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Norwood
Sunday School [illegible]
Sunday Worship [illegible]
Pastor: Michael Maurer ... 536-2161

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Stupak offers glimmer of hope for Charlevoix road fix

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Congressman Bart Stupak on Thursday offered a glimmer of hope for federal assistance to Charlevoix citizens seeking funds to reconstruct the 17-mile long Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

"We might be able to do something under 'safety,'" Stupak told the News-Review, before addressing nearly 100 people at a town hall meeting in the Charlevoix Public Library.

"They tell me there's been 400 accidents in four years out there. I would make an argument then for safety, so you might be able to get an annual appropriation," he said.

He said he might also be able to fund part of the project through the U.S. highway bill that's scheduled for renewal in 2010.

"I would need the road commission to say it's a priority. Other than that, the federal government is not about to come in and start bailing out local roads," Stupak said, adding that the county could vote a county-wide millage for roads or bond for the project, expected to cost $4 to $5 million.

He said Menominee and Dickinson counties in the Upper Peninsula have passed millages that bring in several million dollars annually for roads.

County road commissioner Pat Harmon thanked Stupak on behalf of the county and said he will provide information that he had requested about the road.

Stupak, D-Menominee, met with representatives of the "Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County," including Jerry Matelski and Connie Saltonstall, a former county commissioner.

The group, which met with state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer on Tuesday, has scheduled a meeting for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Boyne City public library to discuss what they have learned from the Tuesday and Thursday meetings.

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> **Bart Stupak**
> U.S. CONGRESSMAN

Stupak listed a number of bills enacted by House Democrats, who have sought with varying success to pass the Senate and have been signed into law by President Bush.

He said he expected that the United States would not disengage from Iraq until the next president of the United States takes office.

He said that the "surge" – the additional 30,000 troops Bush sent to Iraq last year – was not working, because it had not met the 18 benchmarks it was supposed to meet.

"The surge will never work because they're not doing the reconciliation in the government, even something as simple as oil — how they're going to split the oil proceeds between the different groups, or ending corruption, or setting up paramilitary groups."

"If you bring all these people (U.S. troops) in and not do the political part, it's not going to work," he said.

"How long are we going to be there? Until we get a new president. We can't get such a bill through the Senate and if we did, it would certainly be vetoed. And I'm concerned that candidates running for president on both sides say we're going to have some combat troops in Iraq, even when they're there (in office). And I just think that's wrong.

"I didn't vote for the war to begin with. I'll do everything I can to support the troops; but I think it's in our best interests to get out of Iraq, sooner better than later," he said to a round of applause.

School board vacancies

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Voters could decide May 6 who fills two seats on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education.

The filing deadline for potential candidates to the office is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

"I haven't made that decision yet," said 20-year board member Larry Levengood when asked if he will run for yet another term. "I haven't really given any thought to it."

Levengood said the most fulfilling part of the job has been to see students come in and then go on to become productive adults.

"There are tons of challenges and lots of frustrations in terms of things you want to accomplish," he said. "There are many barriers, obviously in recent years the funding issues have become very significant."

His advice to those interested in running: "Buck up and be prepared for some challenges, but still go in with a lot of enthusiasm and ideals."

"Fight for what you believe in," Levengood added.

Board member Diane Kilkenny declined to comment except to state in an e-mail, "I am still weighing my options and will get back to you as soon as a decision is reached."

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Chet Janik said he feels the current board is doing a wonderful job, but said new members are always welcome.

"There's not a specific quality we're looking for, but in a prefect world, obviously, we are looking for someone who has passion for kids and education and someone who has the time to make the commitment," he said. "The four major areas in which board members are involved, I personally think, are personnel, budget, hiring and long term planning."

He added, "the educational process, not just here, but all over the state of Michigan, is dealing with financial issues and those challenges that come with it. But, the key is we need to focus on the students first."

Interested parties must submit a nominating petition or a $100 fee to the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office.

For more information, call the superintendent's office at 547-3200 or the county clerk at 547-7200.

Filing deadline for candidates is 4 p.m. Feb. 13

For more information call the Superintendent's office, 547-7200

Photo courtesy from Petoskey News Review

Tony LaRosa, president of the Kiwanis Action Group (center), accepts an American Flag from Congressman Bart Stupak last week. Kim Brock, administrator of the Bergmann Center (left) was also present, and the flag will be flown at the Bergmann Center.

When the RANT hits the road!

Ben Gohs and Vic McCarty will broadcast live from the offices of the Charlevoix Courier on Thursday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event marks the kick-off to publishing Ben's locally famous civil liberties humor column, The Crying Towel, on a weekly basis.

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Area law enforcement gets training from Russia

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Moscow native and 30-year American citizen Lee Shaykhet instructs various law enforcement officials during self-defense classes at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office on Friday, Jan. 11. Here Shaykhet, inventor of the painZmethod of commonsense defense tactics demonstrates the safe, effective way to control and search a subject, played by Sheriff Deputy Ben Speigl.

Roundhouse kicks and karate chops may make good TV, but Lee Shaykhet, creator of the painZmethod of self-defense, said real dangers require real solutions.

Nearly three dozen law enforcement personnel across Charlevoix County attended training sessions in Shaykhet's Russian method of what he calls "quick closure" to learn those real solutions.

"These are simple, practical applications that I designed to help the officer control people who want to fight him without getting the officer hurt, without getting the subject damaged in any shape or form by giving them the capability of controlling them right away," Shaykhet said. "If the officers can control the situation, they don't have to stand there and fight because people get hurt from fighting."

Born in the former Soviet Union, the 52-year-old Shaykhet began his career as a self-defense instructor by teaching Russian military units to be more efficient fighters before he risked life and limb to move to the U.S. in 1979 during the height of the Cold War.

"The kinds of things I do are not based on muscle at all. You can have a small female deputy with a big guy who is out of control and just like that the situation is under control," Shaykhet said. "It works based on leverage, based on your positioning, it works with basic mechanical principles."

He added, "It looks professional and it also sends the message that we are not here to hurt, we are just doing our jobs."

To meet him on the street one might not think the trim, 5'8" tall Shaykhet of average physical stature to be a lethal human weapon.

Dressed in green army fatigues, the jovial gentleman walked officers through each move, asking them if they understood and commanding them to affirm.

"We try to talk to people and get them to comply, which is not always possible when we have people who are intoxicated, when we have people who are mental patients, when we have people who are high on drugs," he said. "This system allows the officer to control the subject immediately."

Through a rich Russian accent and concise English, the Moscow native continually stressed to the officers the idea that his method is about maintaining control, not escalating a bad situation.

While teaching how to properly handcuff and search a subject, Shaykhet held officer Ben Speigl, playing a rowdy suspect, to the wall and showed how to calmly and firmly stay in control of the situation.

Shaykhet instructed officers to use their elbows, not their fists, to drive an unruly perpetrator back into submission.

"Remember, one per customer," he said while swinging his elbow into the air to demonstrate the move. "We don't want to hurt them, just to maintain control."

Shaykhet said more and more police departments are moving toward this type of training because some traditional methods, such as martial arts, are insufficient or impractical.

"Martial arts are very good from many standpoints, but they require a lot of practice. They require a lot of involvement," he said. "They require somebody to go home and practice ... and people, as a matter of fact, are normally not capable of doing that."

He added, "Very complicated things fall apart in practical applications because you can't get the bad guy to stand still for a half an hour so you can do 20 perfect steps — I would call that wishful thinking."

According to Shaykhet, because so many criminals carry their own handcuff key at all times, and because prison is a place where criminals can hone their skills, it is important for officers to follow procedures which significantly reduce the chance for a mishap.

"The bad guy goes to prison and he's practicing so he knows how to grab the officer's weapon and kill him," he said. "Some people say people go to prison, they get rehabilitated and unfortunately you should think of prison as more like a gladiator school. These people have all day to themselves and they pump iron to get stronger and they practice how they are going to assault the officer and be a better criminal."

Shaykhet added, "It's scary, but it's true."

The 30-plus year veteran instructor said he was amazed how complicated and ineffective some American law enforcement tactics were when he emigrated from Russia.

"You remember the Rodney King story? The Rodney King

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County seeks input for Future Land Use Plan

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The six- to eight-month process of developing a new Future Land Use Plan for Charlevoix County would be pointless, County Planner Larry Sullivan said, without input from the public.

"If a plan doesn't have the backing and support of the public, it's just a report that will sit on a shelf somewhere and never get used," Sullivan said.

That is why the County Planning Commission has been and will continue taking steps to incorporate public input into their efforts to develop a new plan for the county, an effort that began nearly five years ago when the commission began developing a county Vision Statement. Sullivan said opportunity for input will continue throughout all stages of the process, which is intended to produce a succinct, useful plan that outlines the future of Charlevoix County in a meaningful way.

"We are truly hoping for a tremendous amount of public involvement. A plan written in a dark closet isn't going to be effective," he said.

A series of meetings, or "vision sessions," held in the fall of 2002, in addition to compilation of online, written and verbal input from the community, led to the development of an accepted county vision statement, which will form the foundation of the new plan. Because it has been some time since that statement was created, an online survey was offered to "ensure the statement is still valid," Sullivan said. Responses were gathered from mid-November to December, and the Planning Commission and Planning Department Staff will review the responses to determine if any changes are warranted.

"If we're not on the right path at that point, there is no sense in moving forward (without adjusting the statement.) We want everyone on the same page and in the same mindset before we continue," Sullivan said.

For further information or questions contact the Charlevoix County Planning Department at 547-7234 or via email at planning@charlevoixcounty.org.

"The process has and will be demanding for the commission, Sullivan added, but involving the public has been a priority for the board since efforts began. There are state requirements in terms of allowing public input before enacting such a land use plan, but the commission decided to incorporate public input much earlier than required, and more frequently, to ensure public support of decisions made.

Charlevoix County's old plan was more than 30 years old — "it was very dated," Sullivan said — so the group decided to develop an entirely new document, one Commission members hope will be user-friendly. Sullivan said short "snippet" sections will be included with demographics, population information and other county facts, and the entire document will "hopefully" be only 20 to 40 pages long.

"We want this to be something people will pick up, read and use. You can't drop a 50 or 100 page document on someone and expect them to read it," he said.

The commission will hold a special meeting Jan. 22 to discuss the findings from the survey, which brought in a "substantial" amount of input, Sullivan said. The group is also working to develop goals, objectives and policies for the plan to "guide our efforts." Some policies and goals will "morph" old language and ideas with new, and once they are created they will be made available to the public for input.

"We'll have that up online and do a mailing to neighboring governmental agencies, bodies within the county, and organizations and service clubs to get input," Sullivan said.

By the end of February, Sullivan expects to have a complete rough draft of the plan, which will also be made available to the public for review. Following input, the commission will incorporate changes as necessary, and send another draft to appropriate governmental bodies. A public hearing will be the next step, again inviting community involvement, and further changes will be incorporated if necessary. Then the plan will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval. Sullivan said he expects that to take place approximately eight months from now.

"We want to work with the community as much as possible and pose the question to them, 'Do you think the county is doing what it should be doing?' We think it is good to incorporate those opinions as one of our tools (in the process,)" he said.

Minor injuries in snomobile area accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a Personal Injury Accident on the Chandler Hill Snowmobile Trail on Dec. 29, 2007. The accident occurred on Harmon Road, near Springbrook Road in Melrose Township.

Kimberly Ann Livingston, 26, of Commerce, Mich. was riding her snowmobile up a hill when she went head on with another snowmobile. Adam J. Wannamacher of Cloverdale, Ohio, drove the other snowmobile. Allied EMS Service transported Livingston to Northern Michigan Hospital where she was treated for her wrist injury. The Melrose Township First Responders assisted the Sheriff's Office.

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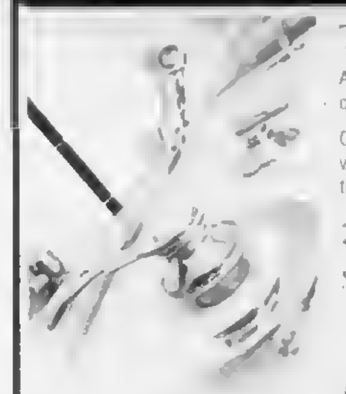

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Representatives of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter have announced Winter/Spring class schedules for their specially-designed exercise programs, with new class offerings beginning this month. Classes include:

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Defense training from Russia

DEFENSE

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story is a classical example of how things should not be done," Shaykhet said. "It shows the inability to control the subject. It also shows a lack of training because that is what they train them to do. They said, 'well, if the [illegible] guy is not cooperating then we're going to [illegible] here and [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] Shaykhet to demonstrate his painZmethod.

"I think the sheriff's office is always looking for cutting edge procedures for any kind of crisis we have to deal with," he said. "I think all police officers would prefer, if they get into a situation where they have to take somebody in to custody, that no one is in harm's way and this seems to be a great approach to that."

Lasater added, "I've talked to several officers and one thing they all indicated that was appealing to them was it is easy to remember what to do in a crisis situation with adrenaline flowing. It is an easy procedure to recall."

A Moscow University graduate, Shaykhet has taught thousands of officers from states, including Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida and countries including Canada and teaches civilian classes to both adults and children and has even partnered with a security group to implement a training program for children to protect themselves from pedophiles, bullies and other would-be assailants.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

BAKER COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Nicole Sladek, daughter of Jerry and Lisa Sladek and Pete and Marjorie Tamminga of Charlevoix earned a 4.0 grade point average and was recently named to the dean's list at Baker College in Muskegon.

Sally Beemon of Walker, MI, was recently named to the Grand Valley State University Dean's List for the 2007 Fall Semester. She is majoring in mathematics and maintained a 3.931 grade point average.

ALBION COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester.

Melissa Bailey is a junior majoring in English with creative writing. She is the daughter of Michael and Jayne Bailey of Beaver Island and a graduate of Beaver Island Comm. High School.

Lindi Edger is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Todd and Mary Edger of Charlevoix and a graduate of Charlevoix High School.

U.S. AIR FORCE

SMSgt. Troy M. Swegles, son of Paula Tinsley and Ronald Swegles, grandson of Madlyn Heise and James Swegles retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22+ years of dedicated service to his country. During his career he has seen 30 countries. Swegles is a 1985 and is now working for Lockheed Martin as a Senior Software Engineer in Huntsville, AL. He is married to the former Dawn Benoit and they have three children.

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Search for two new city employees narrows

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The search continues for two new City employees — an Airport Manager and a Human Resources Assistant — and City Manager Rob Straebel said the task of narrowing the field of candidates is underway.

Having decided earlier this fall to create the two part-time positions, Council first advised Straebel to begin advertising for an airport manager in November. The position was one that existed in the past but had been eliminated due to budget constraints and other issues, but Council decided the time had come to fill it again. A total of 68 applications were submitted for the part-time position, which offers a pay rate of $25 to $30 per hour based on qualifications and experience.

Straebel said he and other city employees narrowed the field of candidates to nine, and expect to begin interviews this week. He hopes to have a hiring decision made by the end of this week or early next week.

Advertising for the Human Resources Assistant came about two weeks later due to additional discussion by the council, and it was agreed in early December to seek a part-time assistant for a similar base pay — $25 to $30 per hour— with a yearly review. Council members, and City employees, agreed the position may not be necessary after the development of policies and job descriptions and other priority duties are handled; however it may continue to be necessary to handle other tasks. As of last week, Straebel had received 47 applications, and the deadline is Jan. 18.

In other news:

- Straebel said work on the 2008-2009 budget has begun internally, and, like many other municipalities in the state, Charlevoix will be facing a crunch in the upcoming year.

"Revenues are stagnating, so we'll have a hard time maintaining expenses as they are. We'll have to make some major cuts to all departments, and it will be a challenging process," he said.

- He expects a special meeting with Council to be held later in the month to begin discussing the budget in more detail.
- Council made necessary appointments to city boards, which were approved as follows:
- Ralph Duan to the Board of Review
- Council members Gabe Campbell and Greg Stevens to the Board of Review
- Gary Anderson, Patricia Miller, and Shirley Gibson to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- June Cross as Planning Commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Patricia Blanchard to the Downtown Development Authority
- Marie Niswander to the Housing Commission
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- Conrad "Bud" Klooster, Jr. to the Compensation Commission.

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Northern Michigan couple embraces adventure

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Many people with an itch to travel, a yearning for adventure, a desire to chase a dream, think about the places they'd like to go or risks they'd like to take. For many, those risks seem too great, and those dreams never become reality.

Not so for Dick and Gaila Mallery.

"People think we're bad influences on each other because we don't do things conventionally," Gaila said, sharing the story of the decision she and Dick made three years into their marriage to sell their belongings, pack up and travel the country for a year.

"That turned into seven and a half years. We've always had that wandering bug," she said.

The two have stories most only dream of, having spent nearly eight years cruising the country, getting short-term jobs when they ran out of money, and, once their traveling slowed, settling in Northern Michigan and starting a business that appealed to their interests in outdoors: The Dick E. Bird News, a bi-monthly newspaper that explores "nature in your backyard and beyond" with information on topics such as birdfeednig, squirrel self-defense, hiking, travel, humor and more. Dick's interest in outdoors has also led to the publication of two books, and a third self-published book written with Gaila. The two work side-by-side to publish the newspaper, published in Northern Michigan for more than 20 years, and enjoy the freedom self employment offers.

And what have they done with that freedom? Continued to make others think they are crazy.

In 1997, while on a family vacation, Dick and Gaila, along with then nine-year-old daughter Maggie, were near the Continental Divide and began talking about how, years before, Dick's father had been in the same spot, and how "if you were to be traveling along the Divide, you'd cross the road right here," he said.

That, Gaila said, "got the ball rolling."

"Dick had been talking about hiking the Continental Divide for a lot of years, and I really pushed him to do it," Gaila said, adding Dick would stop and ask, "Am I being realistic? Am I being irresponsible?"

She said she told him to go for it, because "life is too short."

Dick said he had in fact been thinking about making the trek for more than 30 years, having gotten interested in the travels of another hiker, a man named Eric Ryback, who made the trip shortly after Dick joined the service.

With some savings from the publication of his two published books, the ability to take their business on the road, and some serious planning, Dick got his chance, partnering with Gaila and Maggie, and started his journey in April 1999. The trio took a family picture at Mile Marker 0 in Annalope Wells, New Mexico, the starting point of the trip, and set off, Dick on foot through the "back country," and Gaila and Maggie in a recreational vehicle, pulling a car behind, on the road planning to meet Dick at checkpoints to refuel him with food, water, and other necessities along the way. It turned out, they said, to be quite an adventure for all of them.

"We both experienced what I like to call 'trail magic,' meeting some really wonderful people along the way that really helped to make it all happen," he said.

A flat tire, a lack of water, a run-in with bears, late mail ... the trip included a number of rough spots, but the Mallerys enjoyed the experience, they said.

"It was just so incredible," Gaila said, noting one of the most important parts, for her, was the bonding experience between family.

Courtesy photo

Dick Mallery stops for a pose during his 3,200 mile trek along the Continental Divide.

"My parents started the trip with us (in an RV driving ahead of us) and were just going to stay a few weeks to make sure I knew what I was doing," she said. "They left once, then turned around made the whole trip with

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Travel talks begin at library

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

First, hiking 3,800 miles along the Continental Divide. Next, sharing the "spirit of Shackelton" while treking through Antartica. Then Mexico and Germany ...

These are the travels visitors to Charlevoix Public Library get to embark on during the Travel and Adventure series that started last week. Travelers visit the library at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights to talk about their experiences, show pictures and share tales.

Nearly 40 people attended the first talk of the series, given by Dick Mallery of Acme, Mich. who talked about his hike along the Continental Divide, a trip he made in 1999. His stories of equipment failure, help from other people and interesting situations brought soft sighs, large smiles, wide eyes and bouts of laughter from the audience.

"This guy with a ZZ Top beard told me to go back inside and tell the bartender my credit was good and order whatever food I wanted," he told the audience, sharing the story of one of his many stops on the journey, in a small town with one restaurant

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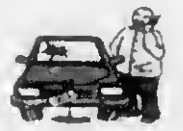

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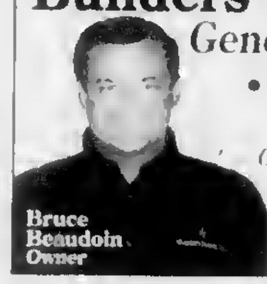

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders rebound from first loss, undefeated in league

BY ANDY SNEODON
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS EDITOR

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Charlevoix's Austin Wilhelm (25) works the ball up the court in the Rayders' 56-55 loss to Petoskey last week. Petoskey's Dustin Dibble follows Wilhelm.

Nobody likes to lose and, frankly, with the things have gone around the Charlevoix High School boys' basketball program for a decade, it's an unfamiliar feeling.

And in the long run, it's not what happens in early January that really matters, anyway.

The Rayders dropped their first game of the season Tuesday, a 56-55 non-conference heartbreaker to rival Petoskey in their home gym which ended Charlevoix's dreams of a perfect 20-0 regular season.

But any residual from that game was washed away Thursday when the Rayders rebounded for a 71-52 Lake Michigan Conference victory at Elk Rapids.

And with several players returning from injuries for the game against the Elks, coach Keith Haske and his team are clearly focused on what's ahead, not what's behind.

"We're back at full strength and that helps because it gives us all that depth that we started the year with," he said Thursday.

Nate LaBlance, held to seven points in the loss to Petoskey, scored a game-high 19 to lead the Rayders, as they remained perfect in the Lake Michigan at 5-0. They are 8-1 overall and were ranked No. 1 in the Class C state poll by the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News, and No. 5 by the Associated Press, entering the Petoskey game.

The Rayders play host to Elk Rapids on Wednesday and go to Harbor Springs on Friday. Both are league games. The Rayders hold a two-game lead in the league standings over East Jordan, Traverse City St. Francis and Kalkaska.

Justin Friske added 15 points and Weston Bryan had 10 against the Elks, while Thomas Parrish dished out five assist. Brock Yenglin had six rebounds and four blocks. Zac Dreffs scored 17 points to lead Elk Rapids, 3-5, 2-3.

The Rayders led, 34-32, at halftime, then outscored the Elks in the third quarter, 21-5.

"Defensively we really stepped it up," Haske said. "We probably played one of our better halves defensively."

Against Petoskey, the Rayders led, 48-41, with under five minutes remaining before the Northmen surged to take a 50-48 lead on a Steve Behan 3-pointer with 3 minutes, 24 seconds remaining.

LaBlance answered with a triple to put Charlevoix back in front, 51-48, and the see-saw race to the final buzzer was on.

Tim Bellmer scored on a short baseline jumper with 12.3 seconds left to put Petoskey up 56-55. Charlevoix had one final chance at a last shot, but guard Cliff Jones' jumper hit the rim and bounced away.

"You'd like to win all the close ones and the reality is you don't," Haske said after the game. "We talked about learning from the game and getting better. It's real tough to go undefeated. You start carrying that monkey on your back and the silver lining is it's OK, it wasn't a league game and you hate to lose to Petoskey . . . they found a way to win, so hats off to them."

Corey Gotshall scored 18 points, Friske had 10, and Jones added nine to lead the Rayders. Petoskey senior Dustin Dibble, who played as a freshman and a sophomore at Charlevoix before transferring, scored 20 points to lead Petoskey, while Behan finished with 14.

Charlevoix jumped to a 13-0 first-quarter lead before the Northmen chipped away and took their first lead, 21-19, with under two minutes left in the first half. The game remained relatively tight the rest of the way with the Northmen's largest lead, six points, 34-28, coming midway through the third quarter. The Rayders then pulled in front by seven, 48-41, on a Jones steal-and-layup with 4:53 to play.

Petoskey won the JV game, 71-40. Bill Ivan and Casy Helstrom scored eight points each for the Rayders. Clayton Mitchell scored 16 points to lead the Rayder JV to a 54-42 win over Elk Rapids. Alex Foster and Tyler Jones added eight points apiece.

Petoskey defeated the Rayders in the freshman game, 63-43. Boog Nitchman had nine points for Charlevoix.

Lady Rayder action

Back to work, and back to normal for the Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team.

The Rayders disposed of St. Ignace, 53-38, in a non-league game, and Elk Rapids, 56-39, in a Lake Michigan Conference contest last week to improve to 10-1 overall and 7-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. Charlevoix enters the week — it entertains East Jordan on Thursday, Jan. 17 — holding a two-game lead on the Red Devils, 8-3, 5-2, in the league.

Becca Madison scored 10

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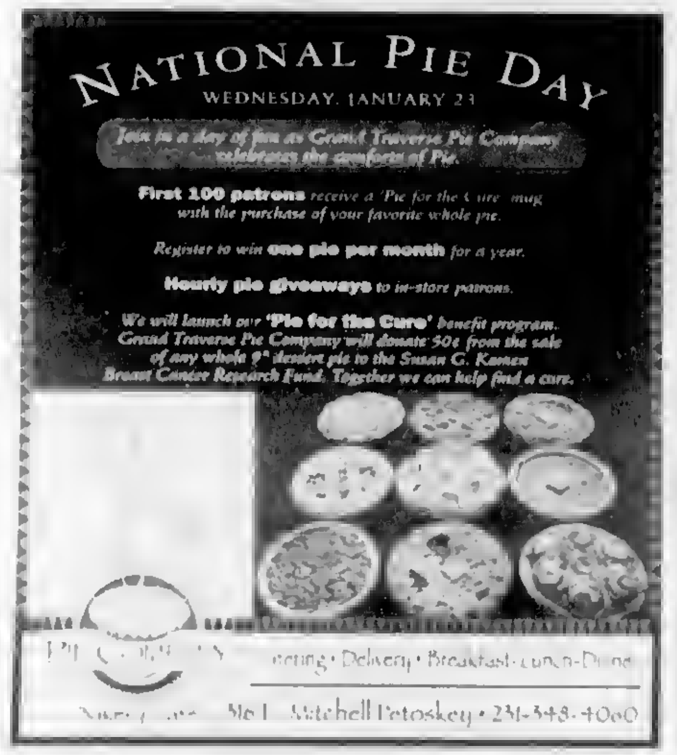

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- Motion passed approving the Recreation Director contract with Ike Boss
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- Motion passed approving an amendment to the fixed base operator's agreement with McPhillips Flying Service for parking
- Motion passed approving the grant agreement for a community forestry grant from the DNR
- The following appointments were made
  - Ralph Doa[illegible] the Board of Review
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  - [illegible] Patricia Miller and Shirley [illegible] Board of Appeals
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayders get back to work

GIRLS

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points and Tammy Potter and Murphy Gillespie added eight apiece Friday in Charlevoix's victory over Elk Rapids.

The Rayders built a 23-12 halftime lead, then pulled away by outscoring the Elks, 18-10, in the third quarter. It was Charlevoix's third straight win after it dropped its first game of the season, 52-46, on Jan. 4 at Petoskey.

"Pretty steady the whole game," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "Ten of our 13 girls who played scored. Solid team effort."

Olivia Morrison, Kacey Anderson and Katelynn Orschel scored eight points apiece for the Elks, 3-5, 3-3.

Madison scored 11 points and Desi Faust had 10 in the victory over St. Ignace.

The Rayders broke from a 22-22 halftime tie by outscoring the Saints, 15-4, in the third quarter.

KC McCary pulled down 13 rebounds for the Rayders, while Gillespie added eight points and seven rebounds, and Potter had eight boards.

The Rayder JV team downed the Saints, 56-37, as Sarah Potter scored 24 points and grabbed 25 rebounds. The Rayders also defeated Elk Rapids, 51-40, as Potter tossed in 15 points.

Success in the slopes

Charlevoix-East Jordan's Katherine Rowley and Boyne City's Kaleb McNamara each were double winners Thursday in a Lake Michigan Conference ski meet at Nub's Nob.

Charlevoix-East Jordan won the girls' portion of the meet with 61 points, while Harbor Springs was second, 81; followed by T.C. St. Francis, 85.5; Boyne, 114; Grayling, 139.5; and Elk Rapids, 193.

The Boyne City boys finished first with 47 points to win Thursday's six-team race, while Harbor Springs was second, 75, followed by Traverse City St. Francis, 98; Elk Rapids, 110; Grayling, 158, and Charlevoix-East Jordan, 166.

McNamara won the boys' giant slalom in 52.95 seconds, and the slalom in 57.90 seconds. Rowley claimed the girls' GS in 54.40, and the slalom in one minute, 1.65 seconds.

Other top 10 finishers from area schools: Boys' GS, 2-Drake Doherty, Harbor Springs; 3-Mike Cortwright, Boyne City; 4-Sam Davis, Harbor; 9-Joe Shear, Boyne, 10-Tom Hague, Boyne. Boys' slalom, 2-Ben Tolzdorf, Harbor; 3-Nick Simeri, Boyne; 5-Doherty; 7-Shear; 10-Davis. Girls' GS: 3-Andi Shepherd, Harbor; 4-Alli Mooradian, Harbor; 5-Cooper Dendel, Harbor; 6-Lizzy Hofweber, Charlevoix-East Jordan; 9-Kelsey Kruzel, Boyne, 10-Mary Gocha, Charlevoix-East Jordan. Girls slalom, 2-Cristina Roland, Boyne; 4-Shepherd, Harbor; 6-Elizabeth Hasselhl, Charlevoix-East Jordan; 7-Kruzel, 9-Kaitlyn Bohnet, Boyne.

Wrestling Rayders take fourth at Rogers City

The wrestling Rayders of Charlevoix placed well against Rogers City, Whittemore-Prescott, Alpena, Oscoda, Newberry, St. Ignace, and Onaway.

Charlevoix defeated Whittemore-Prescott 57-24 with pins by Zeke Damanover, Dillon LaGrow in 42 seconds, Tony Muskhmanun over Lucas Warner in 1:23 seconds, and Chris Levins over Brandon Hall in 1:57 seconds. Mat Golovich defeated Chance Ratte in a 9-4 decision. Other wins for the Rayders include Greg Bishaw, Ryan Penfold, Clinton Longley, Brandon Darrah, Tony Mulholland, and Nate Tripplehorn.

The Rayders lost to Oscoda 29-45. All wins were by pin: Greg Bishaw over Nolff 2:42 seconds, Zeke Daman over K. Myers 2:36 seconds, Mat Golovich over Rhonehouse 53 seconds, Tony Muskhmunan over S. Myers 41 seconds, and Chris Levins over Perkins in 15 seconds.

Charlevoix defeated Newberry 57-18 with pins by: Golovich over Cummings 1:36 seconds; Longley over Looby 1:04 seconds; and Levins over Transit in a 7-2 decision. Other wins: Bishaw, Penfold, Daman, Darrah, Chris Keie, Mulholland, and Trevor Cole.

Against Rogers City, Rayder wins came from Mat Golovich taking Vogler in a 15-0 tech-win, and Tony Mulholland taking Finch in a 4-2 decision.

The Wrestlers head to Kalkaska on Thursday Jan 17th, and are then hosting the Annual Charlevoix Takedown Tournament Saturday, Jan. 19.

Couple turns adventure into self-published book

MALLERYS

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us. They loved it."

There were some scary moments both on the trail and on the road for the Mallerys. Gaila said the first time Dick was late getting to a check point — two days late — she was distraught thinking of all the things that could have gone wrong.

"I was thinking about snake bites and the Texas Chainsaw massacre and all kinds of things. I was a mess," she said.

She eventually went to a Park Ranger Station to report him missing and initiate a search, but Dick arrived as she was providing the information. He had sent messages to her about being behind schedule but they hadn't come through. They improved on their system after that, and the next time he was late was not as bad.

Dick had his own troubles along the way, including a run-in with a long-horn steer on a ranch somewhere in Colorado while searching for water. He said he ended up giving water to a pig, some chickens and the steer before getting his own.

He experienced some physical challenges as well during the 3,200 mile hike to Glacier Northern Park in Canada. The blisters in the beginning were "awful," he said, and took about 600 miles to walk off. His toes turned black from the nerves becoming agitated from the walking and his toenails fell off. It didn't bother him enough to stop, however, and in 2001 he hiked another 600 miles along the Continental Divide, picking up where he left off in Glacier National Park and continuing on to Jasper, Alberta, Canada.

Dick hopes to make the 1,000-mile track to the Yukon.

Gaila was largely responsible for documenting the trip, sending emails to friends and family at home using her own information and typing Dick's stories from the trail, which he recorded by voice during his stops at check points. At the time, Gaila said, the idea was just to keep track of their adventure, but it turned into the couple's first self-published book, "Crossing the Divide: A family adventure along the Continental Divide." The book includes photographs from the trip as well as commentary from both Gaila and Dick about their experiences. It is available for purchase at Horizon Books in both Petoskey and Traverse City, as well as on the Mallerys' website, thenewspaperthatwalks.com. That site also serves as a connection to their newspaper, The Dick E. Bird News, which can be subscribed to through that site or by calling (800)255-5128.

Dick has been trying to convince Gaila to make the next hike with him, and the two are considering either a 800-mile trek across the Arizona Trail or walking the Pacific Crest Trail, which also goes from New Mexico to Canada but goes through the Sierra Mountains and a more western route.

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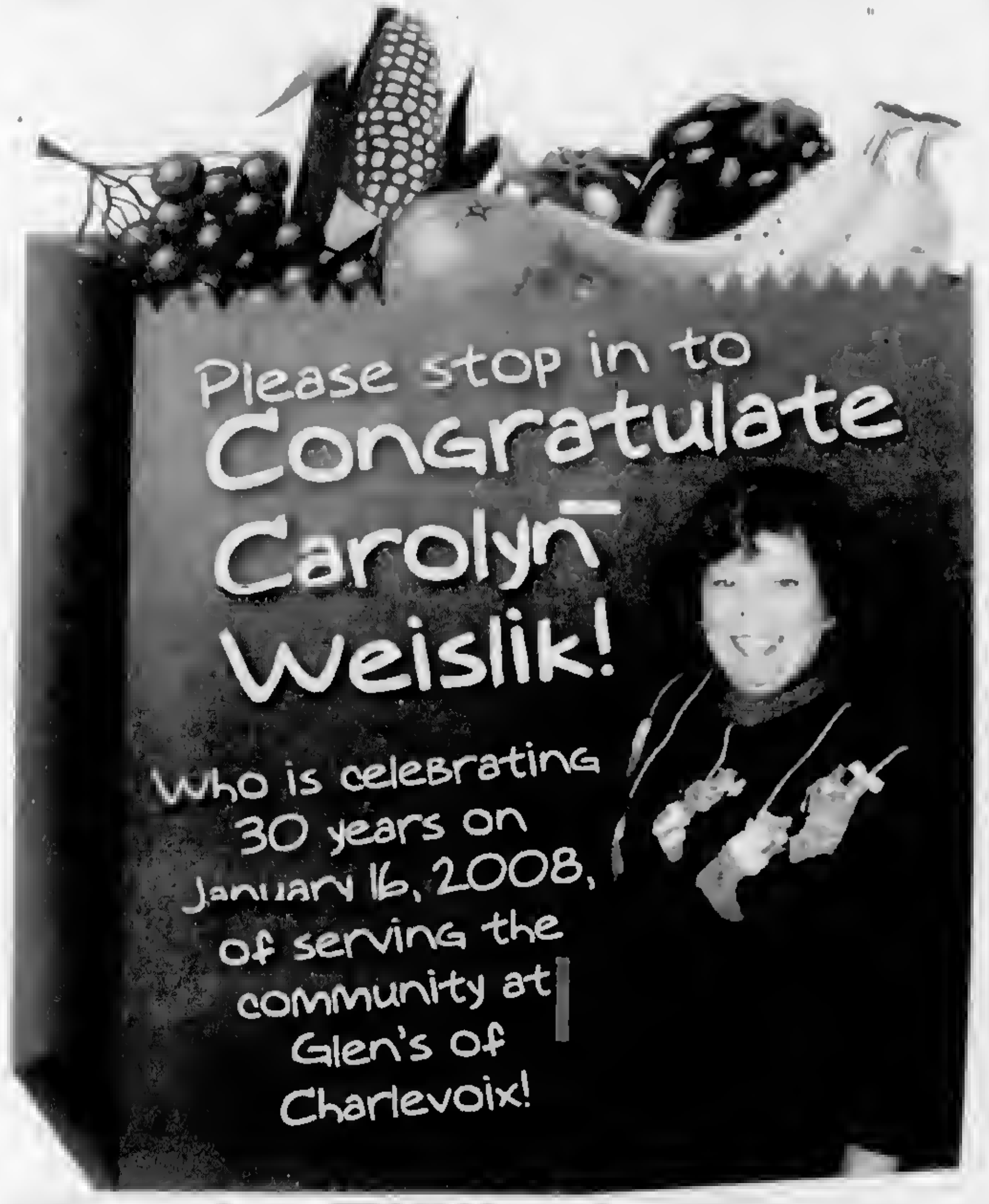

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FILE NO. 08-011177-NC

In the matter of Gavin Michiel Legg.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose. To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Crystal Legg requesting that the name of Gavin Michiel Legg be changed to Gavin Michiel Fennell.

Dated: January 6, 2008

Crystal Legg
519 S. Lake Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231)582-0908
(L-01/16)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jason Craig Hazel and Jodi Lee Hazel, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Capital Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2006 and recorded August 10, 2006 in Liber 761 Page 157 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($101,560.55) including interest 10 125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 1, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, of NICHOLL'S FOURTH ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof Commonly known as 606 Fifth Street, East Jordan MI 49727

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Dated: DECEMBER 27, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Barr, a married man, and Julie Barr, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated August 22 2003 recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County Michigan on August 26, 2003 in Liber 566, Page 514 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 5 2007 the sum of $91,732.90, including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Lobby of the County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County) on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Said premises are described as follows:

AN UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST IN UNIT 50, THE CABINS, BEING FRACTIONAL ID "D", ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 411, PAGE 939, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 419, PAGE 752, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 518, PAGE 575, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLAN NO 126. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Commonly known as: 01285 Powder Ridge Dr #50D, Boyne Falls, MI 49713

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Dated January 2, 2008

NANTZ, LITOWICH, SMITH, GIRARD & HAMILTON P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee

By: Sandra S. Hamilton
(P-41980)
Business Address &
Telephone:
2025 East
Beltline, S.E., Suite 600
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix State of Michigan and described as

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 122 Pages 893 through 950 Charlevoix County Records as amended and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No 132 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as descried in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

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Dated: January 25th, 2007

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Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and WILLIAM SHERMAN,

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NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit

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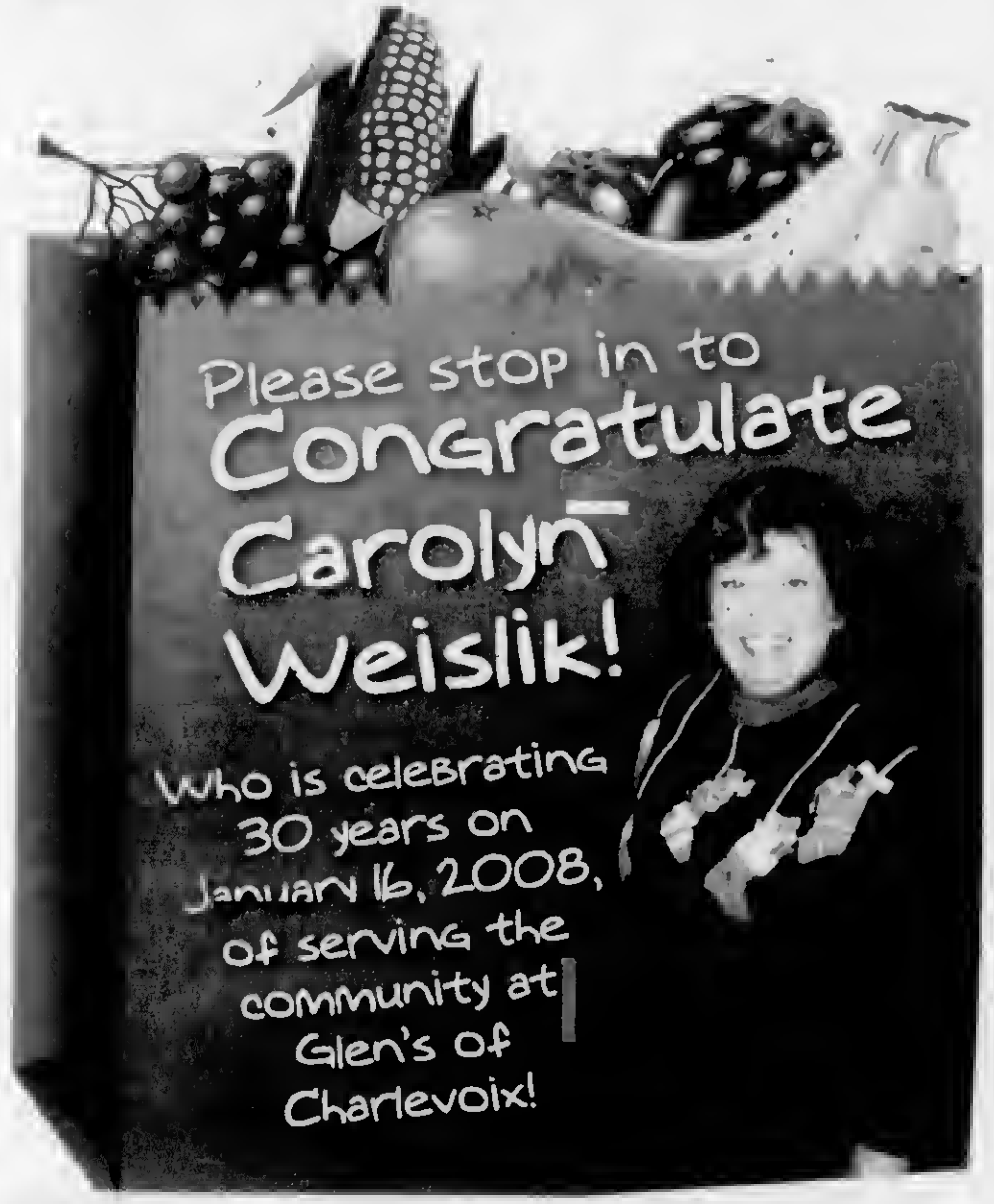
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In the matter of Gavin Michiel Legg.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Crystal Legg requesting that the name of Gavin Michiel Legg be changed to Gavin Michiel Fennell.

Dated: January 6, 2008

Crystal Legg
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(L-01/16)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jason Craig Hazel and Jodi Lee Hazel, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Capital Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2006 and recorded August 10, 2006 in Liber 761 Page 157 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($101,560.55) including interest 10.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 1, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, of NICHOLL'S FOURTH ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as 606 Fifth Street, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated. DECEMBER 27, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Barr, a married man, and Julie Barr, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee dated August 22, 2003, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan on August 26, 2003 in Liber 566, Page 514, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 5, 2007 the sum of $91,732.90, including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Lobby of the County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County) on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Said premises are described as follows:

AN UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST IN UNIT 50, THE CABINS, BEING FRACTIONAL ID "D", ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 411, PAGE 939, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 419, PAGE 752, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 518, PAGE 575, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLAN NO 126 TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Commonly known as: 01285 Powder Ridge Dr #50D, Boyne Falls, MI 49713

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

NANTZ, LITOWICH, SMITH, GIRARD & HAMILTON, P.C
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Shermen Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 122, Pages 893 through 950 Charlevoix County Records as amended and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as descried in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,

Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN, a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and WILLIAM SHERMAN

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE. In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M Hayden and Derby A Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001 in Liber 442 Page(s) 423 et seq. on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $[illegible] which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M Hayden and Derby A Hayden III wife and husband to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST, THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89

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which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home. Serial Number VP9744BAIN.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated. December 20, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John H. Moore and Josephine M. Moore, husband and wife, of 4939 Woodbin Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795 and AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, formally of 3643-A 28th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512, dated November 25, 1996 and recorded on March 6, 1997 in Liber 312, Page 996 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 by virtue of a Corporation Assignment of Real Estate Mortgage dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on April 21, 1997 in Liber 314, Page 707 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents ($34,068.60), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 18.63% and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on February 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan and which are described as follows:

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which has an address of 4939 Woodin Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 20, 2007

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, S.E.
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Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated October 1, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 7, 2004, in Liber 641, Page(s) 388, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $49,056.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, together with interest at 9.94 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit.

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BOYNE VALLEY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

UNIT 32, PINE VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED AS RECORDED IN LIBER 634, PAGES 615 THROUGH 668, INCLUSIVE, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 146. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 17, 2007

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Support available for autoimmune conditions

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Group to meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Family of Faith Church, 203 E Upright

Michelle Traverse knows most people don't even know what fibromyalgia is. She also knows those who do need some support while they try to cope with it.

"It is hard. It's hard on you, it's hard on your family, and sometimes you just need to say, 'hey, I don't feel good today,' and have someone understand," she said.

Traverse suffers from the chronic systemic disease, a condition that encompasses a vast amount of bodily functions and a long list of troubling symptoms, the worst of which being chronic pain and fatigue, and she knows of other individuals who share her frustrations with the condition. That, she said, is why she decided to get involved with developing a support group for fibromyalgia patients and other individuals battling autoimmune diseases.

"It is comforting to acknowledge the fact you're not alone, and to have someone there to say, 'I know how you feel,'" she said.

The group's first meeting is planned for 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Family of Faith Church, 203 E. Upright, in Charlevoix. (For more information call 547-0580.) Traverse said she hopes the group will meet the last Saturday of every month, inviting speakers and offering a network of communication for anyone suffering from an autoimmune disease.

"You need to have a good support system, someone that knows what you're going through, can talk about what works for them and what doesn't, talk about medications, and just dealing with it all," she said.

One of the many symptoms of fibromyalgia, and most other immune system conditions, is depression, a symptom Traverse said people she's talked to have trouble with and need help for.

"I know so many women that have this depression, and it's a big thing, it's a big deal," Traverse said. "You're so tired and in pain, and you just want to close the door and stay inside."

Not only is the disease painful, tiring and stressful on the body, it is also stressful on the mind due to dealing with it, realizarion it is chronic and therefore will not go away, and trying to deal with the difficulties others often have with understanding the condition.

"A lot of times people just don't know or understand there is anything wrong with you. You look normal, you don't look sick."

The National Fibromyalgia Foundation describes the disease as a chronic pain illness characterized by widespread musculoskeletal aches, pain and stiffness, soft tissue tenderness, general fatigue, and sleep disturbances. The most common sites of pain include the neck, back, shoulders, pelvic girdle, and hands, but any body part can be affected. Despite looking "normal," as Traverse said, fibromyalgia patients experience a range of symptoms of varying intensities that wax and wane over time, making it hard for them to prepare for or deal with the condition.

Hoping to provide support for others as well as create a networking group for herself, Traverse said she hopes to maintain the group, and the regular monthly meeting schedule.

Parking problem solved

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

An agreement reached between the City of Charlevoix and the two commuter air services in the city — Island Airways and Fresh Air Aviation — solves two key issues, parking and revenue, and benefits all three entities, City Manager Rob Straebel said.

City Council members agreed the plan was a win for all, unanimously approving a contract last week that allows Fresh Air Aviation to offer parking permits to its customers to park in the municipal airport parking lot across the street from its Marion Center - US 31 location. The contract requires Fresh Air Aviation to sell parking permits to customers using the same fee structure established for its neighbor, Island Airways, with revenue going to all three entities: Fresh Air will retain 10 percent of revenue, 40 percent will go to the City of Charlevoix, and 50 percent will go to Island Airways.

Straebel said that amount "is agreeable" because, as the municipal airport's contracted Fixed Based Operator (FBO) which essentially means it is the acting manager responsible for maintenance, repair, snow removal and other tasks at the airport, Island Airways is entitled to 50 percent of the permit revenue.

"This creates more revenue for all three entities, and it really came together well," Straebel said. "We are always looking for ways to create a self-sustaining airport, and having parking fees is one step toward that goal."

Another problem solved by the agreement is parking for Fresh Air Aviation customers. Straebel said city zoning regulations for parking are developed by a formula based upon the square footage of the building in question. According to a memorandum from city Zoning Administrator Dianne Martore, business and professional offices are allowed 1 parking space for each 200 square feet of floor space. Therefore, Fresh Air Aviation's 1,200 square foot building only allows for 6 parking spaces, which is not enough to adequately serve its customers.

The newly approved contract, which will go into effect as soon as all necessary signatures are obtained — Straebel estimates early as the end of this week — requires Fresh Air Aviation to provide customers with parking permits on a daily, weekly, monthly or annual basis, submitting a detailed report each month to the city regarding the number and types of permits sold. The contract will expire April 1, 2011, the same time Island Airway's FBO contract expires.

Straebel said he is happy with the agreement.

"I hate to use such a cliche phrase, but this really is a win-win-win for all involved," he said.

Straebel also told Council the agreement was reviewed by City Attorney Jim Young as well as Fresh Air Aviation and Island Airways representatives, and approved by all. To pass the agreement, Council also had to amend the Fixed Based Operators Agreement with Island Airways, attaching to it terms of the new contract with Fresh Air. That amendment was also reviewed and approved by necessary legal entities.

The fee structure established by the City is subject for review each budget year, and is scheduled on calendar years. Fees set for 2008 are:

- One day: $2
- Overnight: $3
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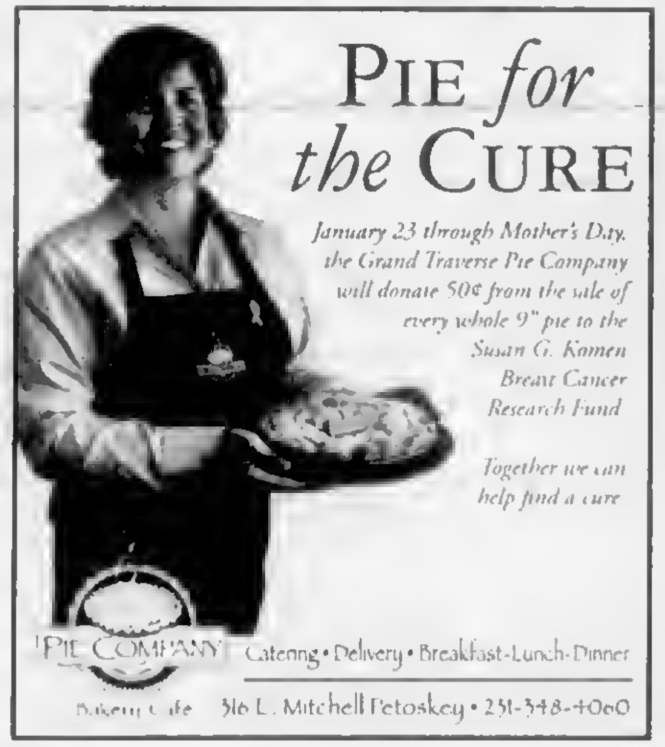

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The Friends of the Library invite everyone to their annual meeting at 7 p.m., in which the new slate of officers will be elected, the Charlevoix Oral Traditions video project will be highlighted, and Gary Morrison will perform a special dramatization of Ernie Pyle, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist during World War II, at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

JAN. 16
COMPUTER TIDBIT: PRICE YOUR ANTIQUES

Learn how to use the new library database, Price It! to learn current prices for your antiques and collectibles. Optional: Bring a list of antiques to begin your search. Free. Walk-ins welcome. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, call 237-7340 for more information.

JAN. 16
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

Join Kathy Briggs and other fiber art enthusiasts at 1 p.m. for discussion and instruction at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

JAN. 17
DDR – DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION

3:30 p.m. (Middle School)
6 p.m. (High School)

Come dance and play with DDR on the big screen in the Library's Community Room.

Charlevoix Public Library, call 237-7340 for more information.

JAN. 19
CHRISTIAN MUSIC REVIVAL

Local church members are invited to express ther beliefs musically from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Emmet County Comunity Center Building, located at the Petoskey Fairgrounds. Anyone intersted in singing can call (231)668-3360. Also Pastor Pete Kroll of Liberty Baptist Church can be contacted for more information at (231)548-5836.

JAN. 19
FAMILY FUN DAY

Join the youth department staff at the Charlevoix Public Library for a day of family fun, Hawaii style, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

JAN. 22
SHACKLETON'S VOYAGE OF ENDURANCE

Rand Shackleton will show a film about his relative, Sir Ernest Shackleton and his fateful journey to Antarctica in 1914, beginning at 7 p.m. He will also show his own film, Spirit of Shackleton, tracing the Endurance story. A discussion and questions will follow presentation. Rand Shackleton is a filmmaker living in Cross Village, Michigan. Charlevoix Public Library, call 237-7340 for more information

JAN. 23
INFORMATIONAL FILM

An informational film about fibromyalgia and rhuematoid arthritis will be shown from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Bible Baptist Church, 5855 M-66 N. Marion Township in Charlevoix. For more information call the church at 547-4300.

JAN. 25
NWA DINNER, MOVIE

Northwest Academy will hold a Chili Supper from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the American Legion as a fundraiser for the Senior and Freshmen Classes of Northwest Academy. Included in the dinner is cornbread, dessert, and beverage. Cost is a donation.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., there will be a family movie night at Northwest Academy in the Commons Building. If anyone would like to enter a pot of chili to win the "2008 Chili Cookoff Ladle," to please sign up by calling Northwest Academy, 547-9000.

JAN. 26
FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP

The first meetng of this support group designed for all sufferers of autoimmune diseases will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Family Faith Church, 203 E. Upright, in Charlevoix. For more information call Michelle at 547-0580.

JAN. 29
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Littl Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the film "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Travel and adventure series at library

TRAVEL

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that didn't take credit cards.

With no money and no food, Mallery was in need of help, and he found some with the bearded man, eventually making friends with everyone in the establishment.

"I think every cowboy in the region bought me a beer that night," he said.

Mallery told the audience why he made the trip — it was something he wanted to do for the past 30 years, having read about another hiker who made the trip in 1968 — and had been an avid hiker for many years. He's hiked across Ireland and made other journeys, but this trip — first he hiked 3,200 miles from New Mexico to Canada, then two years later picked up where he left off in Glacier North Park and hiked 600 miles to Jasper, Alberta, Canada — was by far his longest.

Mallery's wife, Carla, and their daughter Maggie, made the trip as well, driving in "the front country" in a recreational vehicle and meeting Dick at checkpoints along the way offering food, water and other necessities. Both Dick and Carla have some incredible stories to tell about the experience.

"The people we met along the way were wonderful," Dick said, [illegible] few examples of what he calls "trail magic," which is what happens when strangers take the time to help out a traveler in need.

One story involved a couple of Native American Indians who met Dick on a reservation in Wyoming, noticed he was quite cold, possibly sick and out of food, and felt bad for him. They couldn't give him a ride off the reservation because their truck didn't have a license plate, but they offered to drive him around the reservation until he could warm up.

"After about an hour they liked me pretty well, and invited me in for dinner," he said. "They did warm me though it wouldn't be very good because the girl's father made it and he was blind."

Carrying a 26-pound pack and using hiking poles, and wearing cheap light hiking boots with sole inserts, Dick made the hike, walking through blisters, heat stroke, dehydration and all kinds of weather. Getting supplies on such a long hike, he said, requires use of post offices along the way and someone reliable to send supplies to the offices along the route. Most post offices have a log hikers can sign into, and he found he was not alone on the trail that summer. Two girls from California were making the hike as well, along with a man named Andy from Florida.

"I ended up walking about 400 miles with Andy," he said.

Dick told of food poisoning in New Mexico, dehydration in other areas and [illegible]. He walked through desert, snow, rain and everything in between and [illegible] to try it again, hoping to embark on the next leg of his journey, the next 1,000 miles of the Continental Divide from Jasper to the Yukon, at some point.

The next installment of the Travel and Adventure series will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 22, when Rand Shackleton, decendent of reknowned explorer Sir Earnest Shackleton, describes his trip through Antartica. The events are free and open to the public. For more information call 237-7340.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – January 9, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present

Minutes of the January 2, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

- Motion approved Resolution #08-001 Veteran's Service Organizations
- Motion approved Resolution #08-002, Court Appointed Attorney Contract Amendment
- Motion approved payment of the December bills
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Board Meeting Schedule
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008

January 17, 2008 - 4:30pm
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February 21, 2008 - 4:30pm
205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire

March 20, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr., 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

April 17, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr., 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

May 15, 2008 - 4:30pm
205 E. Cayuga St. Commissioners Room, Bellaire

June 19, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr. 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

July 17, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr. 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

August 21, 2009 - 4:30pm
205 E. Cayuga St. Commissioners Room, Bellaire

September 18, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr. 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

October 16, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr. 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

November 20, 2008 - 4:30pm
205 E. Cayuga St. Commissioners Room, Bellaire

December 18, 2008 - 4:30pm
One MacDonald Dr. 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

TEEN SCENE

High school athletes adjust to new sports seasons

BY AUBREY WAY
TEEN SCENE WRITER

With winter sports in full swing, athletes and students are finally able to adjust to the winter season changes, but they aren't as easy to get used to as they'd hoped.

With basketball games four days a week, the fan base has changed because it is hard to go to every game during the week. Many have to choose between the girls and boys team and which games they want to attend.

Another new item is the boys' teams aren't playing on Friday nights until the days swap for the boys and girls programs. The game schedule now has girls playing Wednesday and Friday, leaving the boys to play on Tuesday and Thursday, and starting Jan. 16 the days will switch for the two programs..

Another new change is that ball games are being played on Wednesdays, a day that used to serve as a break from games and a chance for teams to just practice. Now with gym time conflicts the conference needs to play on Wednesday nights.

"I don't like that we have to play on Wednesday nights," said senior Kandis Way. "It's hard for me to get to youth group because we have games, but if we don't have a game we usually have practice that night."

Not only are the athletes adjusting to the different seasons and changes, but the fans have to adjust as well.

"I don't like that both girls and boys basketball seasons are the same. Having so many basketball games a week is too much and people don't want to go to them all," said senior Justin Klooster. "I don't think it's fair to the girls because most people would rather go to the boys' basketball game which makes smaller crowds for the girls' games."

The boys seem to be drawing more fans right now, but as the girls continue to succeed their fan base should return. Some of the biggest reasons fans choose which ball games they'll attend are financial reasons. The gas they use when they travel throughout the conference is a factor, as well as the entry fee to each ball game.

Despite the changes the athletes are facing, both basketball programs are performing well. The Lady Rayders remain undefeated in conference.

"With the seasons changed our games have a different atmosphere to them," said senior Desi Faust. "We don't have as many fans and it's harder and not as fun to play without the support of our fans."

The male Rayders are also undefeated, and aren't impacted as much as the girls.

"We don't let the little things affect us," said junior Weston Bryan. "The gym times are tighter, and other than the games days, we haven't had that much change."

Everyone is beginning to adjust to the changes and some like the changes while others are upset about everything. The Charlevoix Rayders are playing hard and not letting the changes get under their skin.

> "With the seasons changed our games have a different atmosphere to them."
>
> **Desi Faust**
> GIRLS' BASKETBALL PLAYER

Wrapping up the holidays

New Years Resolutions:

Senior – Trevor Cole "I want to finish the school year with a 3.3 or higher. I am going to study harder, and do all my homework assignments."

Junior – Mike Kras "I plan to pass all my classes. I am going to do all my work, and go to all my classes."

Sophomore – Sarah Potter "I am going to have better eating habits this year, and I'm not going to eat as much junk foods!"

Freshman – Dylan Putman "This year I will try not to play as many video games. I will use more of my time to take care of my dog rather than playing video."

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Ducks in a row

While not actually shopping, this bunch spent some time downtown last week, enjoying the calm before blustery winter weather returned at the end of the week. These ducks basked in the snow near East Park last Wednesday.

Norwood: We are not tainted

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Hopes of healing in Norwood Township were recently dashed in light of the harshest accusations to date — claims of impropriety — against planners Tom Mielke and Denny Way.

Karen Ferguson, the attorney for the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety — a group opposed the former supervisor's limestone mine — submitted a letter to the township board detailing her allegations.

"The Court voided the Planning Commission's grant of the Special Use Permit and reversed the decision because of the Supervisor's conflicts of interest, abuse of office beyond what court cases allow, and the appearance of impropriety on the part of Planning Commission members," Ferguson stated. "The taint of the planning commission remains. Until all commission members are replaced by unbiased members who were not appointed by former supervisor Wynkoop, the planning commission is conflicted from deciding the Wynkoop Special Use Permit."

WAY

"These things the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety have said about me and other members of the board are nothing new," said planning commission chair Tom Mielke. "Judge (Thomas) Power said he didn't believe anybody on the planning commission did anything wrong, yet here you have their lawyer rehashing the same old stuff."

Ferguson also accused Mielke of acting as an agent for Wynkoop.

"I have never prejudged this case and I have never worked for him (Wynkoop)," Mielke said.

Ferguson accused Way of acting as Wynkoop's agent and his

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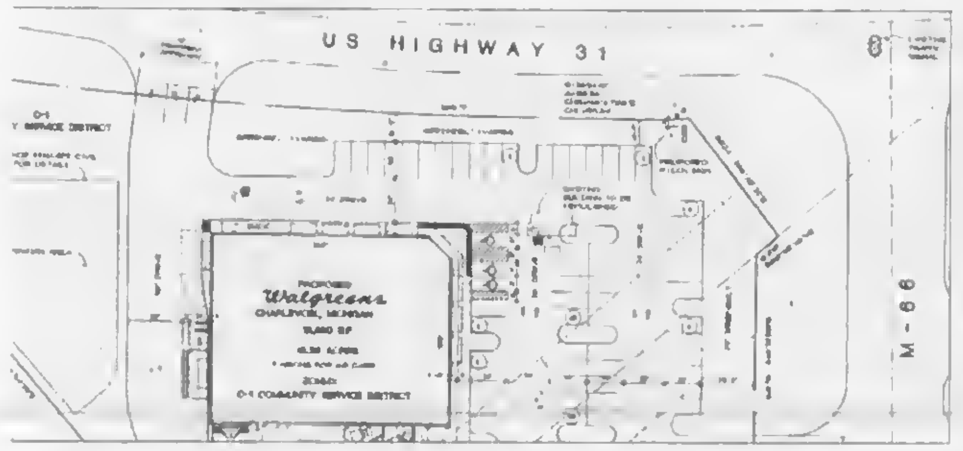

Courtesy graphic

The above image is part of the site plan recently approved for a new Walgreens facility, to be located on the corner of M-66 and US 131 in Charlevoix.

City gives Walgreens OK

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The Charlevoix City Planning Commission is prepared to welcome Walgreens to the city, having approved site plans presented last week, provided a few conditions are met.

Noting they are ready to have the "blight" of the old gas station on the corner of M-66 and U.S. 31 removed and replaced with a new, attractive addition to the city, Planning Commission members offered their support for plans discussed by architect Mark Drane of Rogvoy Architects and Todd Wyett, owner of the property and Chief Executive Officer of Nextgen Energy, LLC.

"I think it is hugely important to develop that piece of property. It's a blight and has been for more than 10 years now, and it's time we got it cleaned up," Commissioner D.J. Way said.

Commissioners present shared concern over traffic issues at the M-66/US 31 corner location, which "gets really busy and hectic" during the summer months, Commissioner June Cross noted. Others agreed, requesting Walgreens and contracted firm Rogvoy Architects look into potential ways to correct the problem.

"I don't think Walgreens will have a problem with that at all," Drane said of Way's suggestion to put a third drive on the property leading to Stover Road.

Currently a dead end, Stover Road offers a potential connection to the proposed parking lot, and Drane and Wyett agreed checking into the possibility of adding either an

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 18, Charlevoix. Two counts of minor in possession of alcohol: Subsequent or third offense. Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to serve one year on probation; to attain GED, $300 in fines and costs.

Raymond Allen Bradford II, 21, East Jordan. Disorderly/drunk. Credit for 14 days in jail; to serve 76 days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Jessey Paul Rosamilia, 21, Charlevoix. Aiding a prisoner escape. Credit for 14 days in jail; to serve six days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Joshua Edward McCleese Jr., 41, Boyne Falls. Aggravated assault. Credit for 11 days; to serve 354 days in jail.

Philip Edward Sizemore, 19, Mancelona. Domestic violence. Credit for 14 days in jail; to serve 79 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Jasper J. Hanna, 35, Charlevoix. Failure to report an accident. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Thomas Edward Ellis Jr., 19, Gaylord. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 12 days in jail; serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 65 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,435 in fines and costs.

Kelly Michael Bales, 41, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 67 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; $1,035 in fines and costs.

Colleen Renee Muska, 21, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Lynnette Marie Mohr, 44, Elmira. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Michael David Grutsch, 34, East Jordan. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle passenger. Credit for one day in jail; 89 days held in abeyance; to serve nine months on probation; Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $650 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Christopher Mark Stauffer, 49, Boyne City. Stolen property: Concealing and receiving, less than $200. Totaling $450 in fines and costs.

Michael John Dionne, 34, East Jordan. Failure to pay child support—probation violation. Sentence to 365 days in jail with credit for 327 days; to serve 365 days in jail.

Jacob John Maltby, 25, Boyne City. OUIL, third offense. Sentenced to 30 days; credit for one day in jail, to serve one day in jail.

Leo Benedict Kleiber, 34, Charlevoix. Controlled substance: delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve one day in jail; to serve 18 months on probation; $570 in fines and costs.

David Paul Farmer, 44, Charlevoix. Controlled substance: Maintaining a drug house; Controlled substance: Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve one day in jail; to serve 18 months on probation; $610 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Leist Farm & Livestock, 05675 Church Road, Boyne City, by Wade A. Leist

Brian Dixon Painting, 11600 Shaw Road, Charlevoix, by Brian Dixon

M.J. Building, 3610 Reycraft Road, Boyne City, by Matthew Johnecheck

Cardinal Construction, 311 West Antrim St., Charlevoix, by Brad Louiselle

Nanny's Motel, Restaurant & Lounge, 219 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix, by Jovi Inc.

Lighthouse Wedding Video, 700 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, by John Anthony

The Manchester Family Partnership, 3549 Springdale Drive, Kettering, Ohio, by M. Christina, Michael L., Meredith M., Michael T. and Sarah W. Manchester

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joshua Richard Miller, 29 and Suzanne Marie Vrondran, 27, both of East Jordan

Patrick James Mousseau, 40 and Robin Lee Buckingham, 52, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Rebecca Woiteshek vs. Kerry Woiteshek

Gail Bryant vs. Christopher Bryant

Nicholas Himebauch vs. Kelly Himebauch

BIRTHS

Olivia Grace Benjamin weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces was born January 13, 2008 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tricia Marie Benjamin of South Bend, Ind. Her grandparents are Ted and Kathy Kehrer of Charlevoix. Her great grandparent is Rita "Meme" Benjamin of South Bend, Ind.

CORRECTION

A photograph published in last week's Courier included inaccurate information in the cutline. The photo showed Tony LaRosa, president of the Kiwanis Aktion Club, accepting an American Flag from Congressman Bart Stupak. Also pictured in the photo is Kim Brock, who was identified as administrator of the Bergmann Center. She is actually the Aktion Club Coordinator, and accepted the flag along with LaRosa in order to present it to the Charlevoix Public Library for use in it's public meeting room.

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Township officials deny lawyer's accusations

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inability to act without prejudice because the two have a business relationship.

"Way's company (was) the recipient of a Dust Control Contract for over $4,480 that Mr. Wynkoop voted to approve," Ferguson stated. "Mr. Way stated in a township board meeting that he had a personal account with the Township Attorney, who will most likely be retained to advise the Commission on the next special use permit proceedings."

Way said his working relationship with Wynkoop is no secret and that it does not prevent him from functioning as a competent commissioner.

"On at least two occasions while a Board member, and once while a Commissioner, Mr. Way went to the County Road Commission, essentially acting as the Wynkoop Defendants' agent seeking a commitment relative to the Wynkoop gravel pit and funding improvements or maintenance of Norwood Road to county standards," Ferguson further stated. "Denny Way's father is chairman of the Road Commission."

Way said at best Ferguson twists the truth and at worst is an outright liar.

"I have been doing dust control at Wayne Wynkoop's facility for 15 years. He's a paying customer like the other 200 customers in northern Michigan and Northern Michigan Dust Control has been doing dust control for Norwood Township for approximately eight years because we have the best product and we give them a very good price," Way said. "To say that in some way Mr. Wynkoop was awarding me or my company the contract to get a favorable ruling is absolutely false. And as far as his body shop: We have 45 semis and the Wynkoop body shop was next door to our business. When we needed something repaired, he was the most convenient and usually the best priced place."

He added, "She (Ferguson) assumes I have no character, no morals and that, quite honestly, I can be bought. She doesn't know me very well. As far as Mr. Turner, I have had no account with Mr. Turner, never. I have no idea where that came from."

As to the accusations of meeting with road commission members as an agent of Wynkoop, Way said the meeting in question was no different than the meetings in years past.

"The road commission meets every year with all the townships to address their upcoming needs," Way said. "And yes, my father is the chairman of the road commission, no doubt about that. I'm not really sure what her point is on that. I'm very upset when she writes in here saying I was essentially an agent of Wynkoop. It is a blatant lie."

He added, "It should be very clear that I voted 'No' on Mr. Wynkoop's application (for a Special Land Use Permit.) So, if I was in fact clearly his agent or clearly if he had somehow swayed me, I shouldn't have voted no on his proposal."

Way also addressed Ferguson's accusations that the planning commission somehow engaged in impropriety.

"Mrs. Ferguson knows they're not true and it's just an attempt to scare and threaten members of this board into resignation; and I will not be intimidated. They would like to see the entire board removed so they could put their own people in and get a favorable ruling."

He added, "The judge said in court that he thought the planning commission members did a good job of deliberating on it. He saw no conflict of interest problems and the only thing may have been an appearance on Mr. Wynkoop's part (of impropriety)."

Ferguson's letter also claimed Wynkoop's operation "greatly harmed the value of neighboring property owners' use and enjoyment of their property and their property values."

Wynkoop said the NTCHS had the opportunity to present evidence of actual damages in court and failed to do so.

"To this day there has been no documentation that supports any one of those claims," Wynkoop said. "They claim damage to wetlands and impact on their property—where is the evidence? Where are the videos? Where are the DEQ reports?"

The most recent complaint filed with the DEQ on Wynkoop's property yielded an on-site visit on Jan. 10 by an official from Gaylord wherein no violations were discovered.

> "I have never prejudged this case."
>
> **Tom Mielke**
> NORWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

"And as far as the appointments she complains about, it should be known that only once in all my years on the board did we ever have more than one interested party apply for a position on the board," Wynkoop said. "It's kind of hard to appoint people who never applied for the positions."

Ferguson's letter accused board member Marilyn Maynard of bias due to a $25,000 settlement which she received and that was proposed by Wynkoop in an unrelated matter.

What Ferguson failed to include was that the township's insurance company advised the township to settle the matter or face a lawsuit which could have cost Norwood as much or more than $100,000.

"Karen was our attorney at the time and she advised us. She told us this is how we need to do it," Maynard said. "I can remain objective. I don't owe Mr. Wynkoop anything from that settlement; in fact, most of those fees went to Karen and her former firm. She keeps bringing it up like I went on vacation or something."

She added, "I was really disappointed, as much time and money as we spent with her, to have a former attorney slamming you. I guess I thought it was incredible."

Wynkoop said at the time of the Maynard settlement, Ferguson applied for the position of Norwood Township's attorney.

"We said, 'This woman is threatening to sue us; We can't hire her,'" Wynkoop said. "I think she's a little bitter."

Ferguson's letter closed by stating no planning commissioner has interest or ability to protect Norwood's historic value or natural beauty.

"That is absolutely false," Way said. "In our master plan we have taken great steps to protect those valuable resources."

He added, "I currently have 60 acres of property that I am going to donate to the Little Traverse Conservancy for a conservation easement. Don't sit there and say there are no commissioners that have any interest in protecting any of our natural resources. Again, it's a flat out lie and I'm sick of it."

Norwood Township Supervisor Tim Boyko said he has no plans to remove or call for the removal of any planning commission members.

"They have to examine their own conscience; I do not examine people's conscience for them," he said.

During the Monday, Jan. 13 meeting, David Strawbridge was appointed to the planning commission to replace the seat vacated by Gerry Straub and Maynard and Way were reappointed.

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Benjamin Gohs

"I love my job, I love my job, I love my job." It was my mantra through more than a dozen crummy careers.

Now, I should preface the following by pointing out that I am not a cheery fellow to begin with. Oh sure, there was a time when I was, dare I say ("Dare, dare" Cleavon Little whispers) a happy-go-lucky individual, but then I turned 7 and have been in one sort of funk or another ever since. The shrink blames my fatalistic father, while I prefer to think it's because life is all a big accidental nothing playing out on a dying rock hurling through space, but that's a paranoid delusion for another time.

Mix my maligned mental state with a smear of craptastic careers and I'm surprised I haven't climbed a clock tower by now—(SEE ALSO Joke material to avoid: Mental illness, assassinations and hating one's job et al.)

And for those of you thinking it's this line of work, this news business, which has made me such a miserable SOB, who asked you?

Don't get me wrong, I don't fantasize about pulling the heads off kittens or pushing the wheelchair-bound down steep hills (the IRS does not appreciate competition) but I have had my fair share of angst and increased stressors recently.

Last week began as usual. Five calls and a half-dozen e-mails reminding me that I am a poor writer, I'm not as clever as I thought I was and at any given time I am one or more of the following: Racist, bigot, anti-Semitic, conservative, liberal, gay, homophobic, capitalist swine, socialist pig, and I even got an e-mail from one Dr. Jasper Bruner who, peddling herbal supplements, wrote, "Your click does not admire to do it with you for reason of your male device size. Don't miss this good possibility to solve the problem."

I had had enough. Not only was Dr. Bruner accusing me of having a less-than-admirable device, it was going to be up to eight weeks before the pills arrived.

I stared at my 1912 Royal typewriter, pre-loaded with the piece of paper upon which I may someday write my resignation letter, it stared back, daring me to make the first move.

I began to brainstorm, by which I mean the six-and-a-half cells not affected by Krylon paint fumes or Anheuser-Busch (SEE ALSO: dumb teenager) began doing gray matter squat thrusts which caused intense pain and a mild nosebleed.

I had to whip up a scenario the wife would believe: "You see honey, I had to quit because the office is full of communists."

She'd never buy it. She knows I have a soft spot for Gorbachev.

"But dear, I'm being sexually harrassed by my boss."

Who was I kidding, the last time anyone but my wife gave me so much as an amorous glance was 1992 when Homer, the family St. Bernard, was in heat.

It was no use. She would see right through my schemes, and let's face it, I had grown accustomed to a certain lifestyle afforded me by the liberal media; I wasn't about to go back to living like a peasant in flyover country.

Then I got this e-mail with "DO YOU HATE YOUR JOB?" in the subject line. It read: "Purchase a rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed. Take out the literature from the box and read it carefully. 'Every rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized.'"

The glee I felt in knowing that somewhere, some poor schmuck was getting the cold glass shaft 40 hours a week dissolved when, after curiosity overcame, I sneaked down the health and beauty aisle at the local supermarket.

It seems the device (Johnson & Johnson's, not mine) is not personally tested, but the point was taken: There are jobs out there that are a true pain in the ... well you get the idea.

I'm sure I could be doing much worse things like cleaning kennels again, working the gut table at a slaughterhouse or being Hillary Clinton's head cosmetologist—how many coats of primer do you lay on that mug before you get the grapes to tell her it ain't gettin' any better?

And I get the shivers just thinking of the poor bugger who translates Bush's speeches into rebus format before W. gets hold of them.

All I can say is, I love my job. I love my job. I love my job.

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A Look at Life remembers the wisdom of 'Buscia'

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

The aroma of pickled beets permeated the air coming from this small Michigan basement. I opened the clean, well worn, door, peered into the depths below and took a deep breath before venturing down. I was fearful the basement monster would touch my leg as I passed over every space between each step. Safely arriving near the bottom of the steps my attention was drawn to the large aperture that was simultaneously crackling and hissing. There she was, big and black and sitting as stately as her highness. She once served a purpose for heating water but her current career was meant for canning fruits and vegetables by my Buscia (pronounced Boosha). The site of this large cast iron stove will remain etched in my memory forever. Even though its brightly lined flame could be seen from the crevices in the metal door it remained remarkably cool where I stood. The fieldstone walls gave relief from the heat emanating from the stove. The temperature was just right for boiling the glass jars rattling in a porcelain kettle that rocked back and forth as if trying to avoid its own heat. Beets picked earlier from the garden had been scraped and sliced and placed into bowls and then covered in a vinegar mixture. On a bench nearby, kitchen utensils lay carefully in a neat row creating a look more like a surgeon's table. By the time my foot finished the last step and landed onto the cement floor I could see Buscia in her flower print apron whirling around to grasp another jar. She would fill it with the deep, purple colored vegetable displaying the ease of an artist who knew which stroke was needed for the finishing touch. Those warm beets would cool in their glass containers while sitting stacked on old pine shelves waiting their turn to be enjoyed at a future meal.

My first memory of helping cultivate fruit was in the summer of 1955. Sorting grapes and cherries into quart and pint containers and helping Buscia pick plums for her jams and jellies was a job my parents felt I could handle and it would teach me to appreciate hard work. This was not my favorite task? I loved to saunter into the herb garden and take in the smells of savory spices. When I was sent to look for dill to finish making pickles I would quickly run to the garden and find no excuse to stay a little longer, lingering in the fragrances set before me. Busica had a flower garden as well which became part of my horticultural education. I was fascinated by the appearance as well as the names of the plants she grew, in particular; bleeding hearts and money plants. Both created such an interest in this young child as I really thought the one flower bled and the other I could use to buy candy with at the store. Buscia would give a hearty laugh when I would share those thoughts.

I knew Buscia accepted me no matter what trouble I may have gotten into at home or school. The feeling of love and acceptance nourished me in ways I hope to pass on in my own grand parenting. A grandparent has the ability to quickly forgive and forget and the time and patience to listen. But what I appreciated most about my grandmother was her knowledge of cooking and gardening which she gladly shared. I consider myself fortunate to have additional values and another language that comes from living in an ethnic home. Growing up in a Polish Catholic family there was the tradition of having a water font filled with blessed water at every bedroom doorway. Vigil candles always remained lit in every bedroom next to a photograph of the Madonna. Even though the future singer by the same name grew up in a neighborhood nearby there was no confusion as to who was in this photo.

During my childhood relatives lived in close proximity to one another. I was able to spend more time getting to know my grandmother and when she came to visit at our home I would introduce her to my games as well. My favorite was the dropping of our dolls down the clothes chute. What a magnificent invention this was. Originally designed to assist the housewife with her laundry by opening a small door and placing dirty laundry into it with hopes the clothes landed somewhere near the washing machine. I thought clothes chutes were a great way of communicating with friends in the basement and our imagination never ceased with ideas of what to put down them. The clothes chute never caught on at Buscia's house but she did eventually get herself a milk chute.

Buscia is a Polish slang word for grandma. As a child it was easy for me to confuse babushka and Buscia since they sounded similar. When I was asked to get mom's scarf sometimes I'd bring grandma over instead. It's not surprising I made that mistake, they are more alike than just the vernacular. They both keep you warm and wrap themselves around you. So for all the grandma's out there, continue to create memories for the patchwork quilt of children's minds, we will always remember you as I remember Buscia.

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East Park will have fountain and trout stream

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

What: Fundraising efforts continue for an interactive water fountain in east Park

How much: approximately 80% of the $100,000 in private donations has been raised, and $55,000 worth of grant applications have been submitted; DDA wil contribute $200,000 and the city will contribute $80,000

When: The park project, with fountain and trout stream, is expected to be complete in June

All plans are a go for an interactive water fountain and a trout stream ecosystem in the new East Park, city officials say, and things are on schedule to bring all summer events displaced during last year's construction home to the park in 2008.

"We are going to be in great shape to accommodate those events that had to be held off site last summer. The city and the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) are very pleased with where things are at right now," said Keith Carey, DDA director. "We are on track to have things done in June."

One element Carey and others are excited about is the "overwhelming" support and outpouring from the community, a response that he said cleared up any doubts about whether plans for an interactive water fountain in the park was something the community wanted.

"If there were any questions as to whether the community was behind this project, I think they have been answered," Carey said, referencing the "outstanding" progress the community fundraising team, the Fountain of Youth Committee, has made since kicking off its campaign in late November.

John Winn, chair of the Fountain of Youth Committee, said approximately 80 percent of the $100,000 goal had been raised as of last week, and more is anticipated.

"There were a number of people who pledged to make donations after the first of the year, so I am anticipating more coming in," he said.

Donations have come in a form both Winn and Carey said they wanted: a large number of "smaller" donations from a cross-section of the community rather than a few large donations from a small segment of the community.

"We now know the support runs the gamet. We've gotten checks of all sizes from people from all walks in the community," Carey said, and Winn echoed his statement, noting the "large number of people getting involved in this."

While Winn and his committee continue their efforts to raise the privately donated portion of the $380,000 necessary to construct the fountain, Carey is working on raising grant funding to reduce the amount of private funds necessary. So far, the DDA has applied for four $5,000 grants, from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Frey Foundation, the Dow Chemical Foundation and the Great Lakes Energy People's Fund.

Carey said he is hopeful about each of the requests, as well as a larger request — one of $35,000 — made to the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa and Chippewa Indians. That funding would come from the two percent Revenue Sharing program that requires the group to contribute money from casino revenues to area communities. Carey said Charlevoix projects have been supported in the past by the tribe, so he is optimistic about this request.

"They (the tribe) actually contributed $29,000 to the purchase of the former Wharfside building on the foot of Mason Street. That purchase allowed us to open up the area there in the middle of the park, so they've already contributed to the project," Carey said. "We are hopeful they'll continue that support."

The various grant programs have varied deadlines, and Carey hopes to hear as early as this month or next from the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa and Chippewa Indians, next month from the Great Lakes Energy People's Fund and the Frey Foundation, and before March from the local Community Foundation.

Despite the optimism in regard to the grants, Carey said the Fountain of Youth Committee will continue seeking private donations "with the anticipation that we don't receive a dime."

"We can't afford to anticipate that money. It is important to assume private donations will be the sole funding source for that $100,000 difference," he said, adding "any money we receive will be appreciated but we're not counting our chickens before they hatch."

Carey said Winn has "been a champion for this private fundraising effort," having "harnessed that community spirit and transformed that spirit into tangible financial support."

Carey also noted the trout stream, while not included in the private fundraising efforts or the grant applications submitted to date, will definitely be included in the park, as it continues to be noted as a priority in the scope of the project.

"That trout stream is absolutely going in and remains a critical part of that project and the Harbor Master building. The DDA is committed to that and the city is committed to it," he said.

Carey said DDA will be contributing $200,000 to the cost of the fountain project, and the city will contribute $80,000. Winn said his committee has already presented funds for the project, and progress has begun.

"A contractor has been signed, we've had an engineer do some material ordering, things are on track," he said.

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> **Keith Carey**
> DDA DIRECTOR

Crooked Tree Arts Center presents a Gallery Talk series

Gail Hosner, the Visual Arts/Education Director at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, will be giving a series of gallery talks beginning Jan. 3. Community groups or individuals are welcome to join Gail in a walk of the galleries as she discusses the current exhibitions at CTAC. This will be an informal, unscripted view of the exhibitions including the back-story behind the exhibits at CTAC.

Hosner is responsible for much of the currating at CTAC. She holds a BA degree in the History of Art from the University of Michigan with concentrations in both photography and ceramics, and an MS degree in Textile Design, Marketing and Management from North Carolina State University. She was once the preparator for the exhibitions at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and a framing and exhibition designer in Phillips Gallery in Salt Lake City working in connection with the University of Utah Museum of Art.

"I have been asked by groups in the community to speak on the process of currating and installing exhibitions. The questions have ranged from the content of the exhibition at hand to how I select wall colors and install the art. The talks have gone so well that it was suggested to me that I run a series discussing exhibitions currently on display at CTAC," Hosner stated. "It is one of the things I love to do most of all, that is sharing with interested people all of the exciting work I am privileged to do at the Crooked Tree Arts Center."

Gallery Talks with Gail Hosner are free and open to the public. If you are a larger group it is recommended that you contact Gail in advance at the Crooked Tree Arts Center (231) 347-4337.

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Gail Hosner, the Visual Arts/Education Director, will host a series of "Gallery Talks" at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Talks are free and open to the public.

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Also on Saturday, Jan. 26, St. Mary School will host a spaghetti dinner from 6 - 8 p.m. to kick off and celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The school children will invite a special person to lunch on Wed. Jan. 30 and visit the Book Fair afterwards. On Sunday Feb. 2, all are welcome to enjoy a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and a last chance to visit the Book Fair.

The book fair will open Sat. Jan 26 from 6 - 8 p.m. and will be open after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday through Feb. 2. During Catholic Schools week, the book fair will also be open Monday through Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. at St. Mary School, located at 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix.

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Block-Frost

Peter and Jodi Lyons of Charlevoix and Gordy Block of Yuma, Arizona announce the engagement of their daughter Brooke Danielle Block to Corey Edward Frost, son of John and Donna Frost of Fishers, Indiana. Brooke is a 2003 graduate of DePauw University and is an orthodontist technician for Associated Orthodontists of Indiana, Inc. Corey is a 1999 graduate of Purdue University and is the Vice President of Residential Operations for Garage Doors of Indianapolis, Inc. They will be married August 23, 2008 in Carmel, Indiana.

Sparapani-Moore

Daniel and Gloria Sparapani of Marquette, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Sue Sparapani, to Thomas (Bo) Moore, son of Thomas and Rita Moore of Charlevoix. Mindy graduated from Marquette Senior High School with honors and attended Northern Michigan University. Mindy is an Equine Veterinary Assistant at Jensen's Animal Hospital in Petoskey. Bo is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2005 graduate of Kalamazoo Valley Community College where he received dual degrees in HVAC and Business. Bo is employed at Haggard's of Charlevoix. An April, 2009 wedding is planned.

MOPS GROUP MEETING

CALL (231) 622-3839 FOR INFORMATION

Mothers of Preschoolers group started at Zion Lutheran Church on Jan. 11. Open to all mothers with child(ren) in Kindergarten or younger. The meeting is from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Childcare and registration are free. Zion is next to N.M. Hospital in Petoskey. For further information contact Susan at (231) 622-3839

ZONTA CLUB FIGHTS AGAINST HEART DISEASE

Join Zonta and the Charlevoix Area hospital for an informative program on Women's heart health to be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Library Community room. Guest speakers will cover women's signs and symptoms; risks; healthy diet and exercise. The event is part of the Charlevoix Zonta Club Advocacy for Women series. Light refreshments will be provided. Remember February is heart month, wear red in support.

CTAC to talk quilts with special exhibit

The Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, Michigan will host the international exhibition of art quilts lasting through March 8, 2008. The Studio Art Quilt Associates' *Transformations 2007: Reverberations* premiered at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, England and then traveled to the Quilt Indulgence Festival in New South Wales, Australia. SAQA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development and documentation.

On Jan. 24 and 25 and again on Feb.16 and 17 Desiree Vaughn and Kathie Briggs (also a member of SAQA) will be teaching two separate workshops entitled: *From Artful Fabric to Artful Quilts*: These two-day workshops are designed to get you started in making your own art quilts. Start with a full day of hands-on fabric painting and mark making with Desiree Vaughn. The second day with Kathie Briggs is filled with exploring design and texture techniques using your hand painted fabric to make your own Artful Quilts.

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McMurdo's Camp, a soon-to-be-official Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars, is now being organized in Charlevoix. It is dedicated solely to the study of, and socialization involving, the 4 novels and 56 short stories of The Canon, plus related subjects and activities.

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An organizational meeting will be held in the Trustee's room at the Charlevoix Library, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4. If you are interested in joining, please call Matilda at 547-4971. Leave a message with your name, number, or e-mail address, and, optionally, the information required to become a charter member, or e-mail wbbriggs@voyager.net.

NEW VISITORS BUREAU B.O.D. MEMBERS

Charlevoix Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is proud to welcome new Board Members, Elizabeth Rich, Villa Moderne Motel, and Randi Hunter, Amerihost Lodge & Suites.

Congratulations to our 2008 officers: President Chris Kowal, Edgewater Inn & Suites; Vice President Tom Pfeifle, Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites; and Secretary Treasurer Elizabeth Rich, Villa Moderne Motel.

We also welcome returning Director Judy Winer, Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals.

As our new Board is getting to work, we also say a fond farewell and a very heartfelt thank you for a job well done to our departing members: John McKown, who served as Secretary Treasurer, The Bridge Street Inn; and Michael Barton, Inn at Grey Gables. We also want to thank Nancy De Hollander, Windy Hill Bed & Breakfast for stepping in as interim Board Member after Michael Barton's early departure.

CTAC announces winners of 27th annual Juried Photography Exhibit

Crooked Tree Arts Center opened its 27th Annual Juried Photography exhibition on Jan. 12. The juror for the 2008 exhibition was Tom Halsted from Birmingham, Mich., owner of the former Halsted Gallery. The awards given at the opening were as follows: First Place Award went to Lara Jean Cromwell of Boyne City for her work entitled David II. Second Place Award went to Kim Aikens of Petoskey for her work entitled Winter Window, and the Third Place Award went to Gregory D. Seman of Traverse City for his work entitled Setting Moon, Manistee, Michigan.

Honorable Mention Awards were as follows: Roger Craton of Harbor Springs for his work entitled Peeking Pelican; Gretchen Dorian of Brutus for her work entitled Mission Point, Mackinac Island; Dennis Early of Gaylord for his work entitled Eye of the Tiger, Reflection Series; Lance Havelka of Detroit for his work entitled Baby Bottle; Ameen Howrani of Detroit for his work entitled Jake; Kim Ellen Kauffman of Lansing for her work entitled Mandela; Peggy C. Muzzall of Petoskey for her work entitled Cocktails at Dusk; Robert Swanson of Bingham for his work entitled Spanish Steps, and Hal Willens of Petoskey for his work entitled Breitenbush River.

The juried photography exhibition will be on display at the Crooked Tree Arts Center until March 1. For more information please contact Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Mich. 49770, call at (231) 347-4337, or go on-line at www.crookedtree.org. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Triford Foundation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Greg Czarnecki view Lara Jean Cromwell's First Place Award Photograph David II.

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Valentine Paper Art Workshop
Thursday, January 24, 6:00 pm
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Thursday Night Open Mic
Thursday, January 24, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Looking for a safe and fun environment to explore your performance abilities? The library is now offering a venue with an open mic where the public is welcome to perform original works or an interpretation of a classic song, poem, short scripted piece, dance, etc. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Audience members are also needed, so if you prefer to observe, come enjoy!

French Conversation Circle
Tuesday, January 29, noon
[illegible]

Teen Advisory Group Meeting
Tuesday, January 29, 4:00 pm
[illegible]

Spanish Conversation Circle
Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 pm
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OBITUARIES

SARAH LYNN HIGDON

Sarah Lynn Higdon entered the arms of her Savior on Monday, January 14, 2008. She was born to Deborah L. Higdon and Robert F. Johnson in Petoskey, January 4, 1993. Sarah was a freshman at East Jordan High School, where she excelled academically and socially. She will be sorely missed by all whose lives she touched.

Sarah had an independent spirit; she had confidence and wisdom beyond her years. She was an avid reader, and especially liked the Aragon series. She played both soccer and softball. She enjoyed tubing and visiting Mackinac Island with her friends. Sarah loved all animals, but horses were her favorite. She spent countless hours caring for and riding her horses Lightning and Chevelle. Sarah enjoyed her job at the Grey Gables and liked the people she worked with.

Sarah loved her family and spending time with them. She was a daughter, and both a big and a little sister. She is survived by her parents, Debbie L. Higdon and Gary Drew of East Jordan, and Robert Johnson of Petoskey; sisters, Samantha Lee Higdon, Savanah Lann Drew, and Sydney Avalon Drew; brother, Austin Gary Drew; maternal grandmother, Mary Joyce Higdon of East Jordan; maternal grandfather, Danny Higdon of North Carolina and formerly of Beaver Island; paternal grandmother, Lorraine Patricia Johnson of Carp Lake; many aunts, uncles and cousins. The funeral was held Sunday, January 20, at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School. The Reverend James L. Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarah Higdon Memorial Scholarship, c/o Charlevoix County Community Foundation, P.O. 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

BEVERLY A. MCCLANAGHAN

Beverly A. McClanaghan, 68, of Charlevoix, died Friday, January 11, 2008, at the Kent County Community Hospital in Grand Rapids. Memorial service was held Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Ironton Congregational Church, the Reverend Harold Kruse officiated. Interment took place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Beverly was born May 18, 1939, in Detroit, the daughter of Samuel and Vera (Campbell) Kelly. On March 17, 1990, she married William V. McClanaghan, and he preceded her in death on December 16, 1994. Beverly was a devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Michael E. (Betsy J.) Bennett of Newberry, Thomas L. (Amy Cutler) Bennett of Ironton, Brian K. Bennett of Charlevoix, Teresa A. (Brian D.) Thomas of East Jordan; grandchildren, Daniel and David Thomas of East Jordan, Kelly Thomas stationed in Iraq, US Marine Corps, Thomas Bennett of Charlevoix, Chantel Bennett of Newberry; sister, Gail (Gary D.) Smith of Charlevoix; brothers, Don Kelley, Delbert Maryann Kelly of Charlevoix, Paul Kelly of Arizona.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

JAMES BROCK

James Brock, 97, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at Boulder Park Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 2 p.m., Saturday, January 26, at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend James Green officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

James was born in Charlevoix on April 11, 1910, to Frank and Libby (Potter) Brock. He married Rosetta M. Gillis on June 1, 1935, in Charlevoix. James, worked as a Master welder at the Ford Motor Company Rouge River Plant for thirty-five years, retiring in 1971. After retirement, he and Rosetta returned to Charlevoix, and they made their home in Ironton. Rosetta preceded him in death on September 23, 2005. James attended the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. He is survived by his daughters, Esther (James) Goebel, Beverly (Jim) McClanathan all of Charlevoix; Linda Tunison of Dallas, Ga.; grandchildren, Amy (J.T.) Lofgren and John (Jennifer) Tunison; sisters, Jenny VanPolen of McBain. James' sisters, Lizzie Farrell, Lucy Hoffman, and Alice McClanathan, and brothers, Mike, Hiram, John, Jake, Harry and Aaron preceded him in death. Visitation will be 2-3 p.m., and 5-7 p.m., Friday, January 25, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

MARY IDEMA PEW

Mary Idema Pew passed away peacefully at Hospice in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on December 22. She was 85 years old. A native to Grand Rapids, Michigan Mary and her husband Bob celebrated their 60th anniversary this past summer with family and friends. Together they had 3 children, Rob (Susan), John (Stephanie) and Kate (Richard) Wolters and 5 grandsons Cary, Chris, John, Travis and Dylan. Mary was a philanthropist and co-founder of the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. She had been involved in helping others in all of the communities in which she lived but especially in Grand Rapids, Charlevoix and Palm Beach County. Mary served two and a half years in the U.S. Navy as a Wave where she was a Line Trainer Instructor. Mary had a love of the outdoors whether it be golfing, boating, tennis, skiing or just enjoying the views of Lake Charlevoix or Lake Worth. She was a devoted wife and mother and proud grandmother. Friends are asked to remember Mary in their own way as it was her wish that there would be no memorial service. Donations can be made to the charity of one's choice or to the Chicago Club Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, 507 Water Street, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

JO WALKER

Jo Walker, 64, of Charlevoix died Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment was held in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County, MI.

Jo was born on April 19, 1943 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the daughter of James Thomas and Sudie B. (Clark) Stewart. She graduated from Pershing High School in 1961. On January 27, 1962 in Detroit, she married Ned Walker.

Jo had worked 27 years at Hoskins in Charlevoix. She also had an at-home sewing business for many years. She enjoyed sewing and flower gardening.

She is survived by her husband, Ned Walker of Charlevoix; two children, Dave (Becky) Walker of Charlevoix and Kim (Mitch) Olstrom of East Jordan; two grandchildren, Tanner and Destinne Olstrom of East Jordan; her mother, Sudie Stewart of East Jordan; three sisters, Peg (Marianne Hinkle) Ireland of Boston, Linda Czarnecki of Houston, Texas and Betty (Larry) Nietupski of Central Lake; as well as several nieces and nephews. Jo was preceded in death by her father, James T. Stewart in 1991; one granddaughter, Savannah Olstrom in 1996; and her beloved grandmother, Maude Clark.

Memorials may be directed to the Walker Family.

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Pastor Ryp Hankins ... 547-6430

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Church School ... [illegible]
Sunday Worship ... 10:[illegible] a.m.
Pastor Michael Maurer ... 536-2161

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8011 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship ... [illegible]
Pastor Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
Sunday School [illegible] ... [illegible]
Sunday Worship Serv. ... [illegible]
Rev. Michael I. Teuscher ... 547-9446

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11853 M-66
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Morning Worship ... 11 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6 p.m.
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Wed. Young Men/Women ... 7:00 p.m.
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
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Sunday School ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore ... 547-5711

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Sunday Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
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Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen ... 547-3899

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Pastor: Michael C. Smith ... 547-3008
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Sunday Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
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1404 Howard Street
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Adventist Community Services ... Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Fill ... 231-347-6651

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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Services ... 6:30 p.m.
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Charlevoix Elks meeting a success

On Thursday January 10, Chris Jones called the informational meeting of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to order.

The meeting was held at the American Legion post on East Garfield in hopes of organizing a Lodge for Charlevoix. Lynn Cook, special representative from the Elks Grand Lodge, was present to educate the crowd of approximately 50 potential Elks on the mission of the Elks, as well as to answer any questions the attendees had.

The mission of the Elks is as follows:

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- To quicken the spirit of American patriotism;
- To cultivate good fellowship.
- To perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

All in attendance unanimously agreed that Charlevoix wants and needs an Elks Lodge, but that requires the commitment of 125 men and women who are interested in serving the needs of the Charlevoix area through membership in the Elks.

After hearing the overwhelming support for the Elks, Chris Jones challenged the audience to bring at least one friend to the next meeting.

The next step to forming the Lodge is for interested potential members to attend the meeting planned for Saturday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post. Attendants are asked to bring a friend who would be interested as well.

Applications for membership will be available at that time, and a $50 membership application fee is required. Should there not be 125 charter members, your fee will be refunded to you in full.

The Elks will contribute to the Charlevoix area with assistance to needy children, veterans and through its scholarship program. For information on the web, please go to the Elks web site www.elks.org. If you have further questions, or are unable to attend the meeting on Feb. 2, please contact Chris Jones at (231)675-6440 or chxelks@yahoo.com.

10 things you never knew about Kristie McCoy

Bringing you closer to your neighbors.

This month's "10 Things" caught up with 29-year-old head waitress and mother of two Kristie McCoy of East Jordan. McCoy has served thousands of customers during her 15 years at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant in Charlevoix.

Q 1. What is your favorite food?

A. I'd have to say the vegetable fiesta at the Red Mesa Grille

Q 2. What are your hobbies?

A. I like taking my children sledding and reading to them and going to the school to each lunch. My kids are my passion.

Q 3. What is the toughest part about waitressing?

A: The toughest part would be knowing what kind of mood someone is in, feeling somebody out. If they are having the worst day, I want to make them happy. If they just want to be left alone, I want to take their order and leave.

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A. If everyone could do something little it would make a difference. I use cloth bags and I was at Wal-Mart grocery shopping not too long ago and this lady behind me didn't know they had them and now she does. I made a difference and that makes me feel good.

Q 5. If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A. My grandpa. I never met him.

Q 6. What is something nobody knows about you?

A. I love football. I talk football with my regulars and they take me seriously.

Q 7. What's the best part about your job?

A. I love serving people. I like getting to know my customers and I take pride in my job.

Q 8. What is your big dream?

A. I really like to travel --no place in particular, just to experience different cultures.

Q 9. What really makes you mad?

A: People who talk down to me. People walk in and think they're better than you because you wait tables. I like respect.

10. Where do you see yourself in five years?

A. I want to be living in Wisconsin---gotta go where the jobs are.

Open mic night

The Charlevoix Public Library invites teens through adults to share their love of the performing arts in a community setting. Thursday Night Mic will provide a safe and fun environment for people to explore their performance abilities. These open mic nights will be offered once per month in the library's community meeting room, 7 – 9 p.m., on Thursdays Jan. 24, Feb 28, April 24 and May 29. The public is welcome to perform original works or an interpretation of a classic song, poem, short scripted piece, dance, etc. An audience is also requested so, for those people who prefer observing, this is your opportunity to listen and enjoy. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 W. Clinton St. For more information about this or other library events, call the information services desk at 237-7340.

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Mike Carey and Amy Cook, members of Acoustic Stew, are just some of the local talent that will be showcased at the new venue, "Thursday Night Mic" at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Meeting hoped to spark 'smart growth' in area

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Any community can grow, but not every community can grow with smarts.

The greater Charlevoix community is taking steps to ensure its growth, which Land Information Access Association Executive Director Joe VanderMeulen said "is inevitable," is smart, and occurs in a way that preserves the community's resources.

"We want to take care of those values and aspects of the community that we hold dear to our hearts, like water preservation, transportation issues, preserving farm land and green space," said Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel.

Embracing that idea, the City of Charlevoix is partnering with other local municipalities — Eveline, Marion, Hayes, Norwood and Charlevoix townships guided by the Partnerships for Change Program, to build a cooperative planning effort to ensure growth of the community is "smart." Said to foster "smart growth land use policies across the Charlevoix community," collaborative efforts will begin with an organizational meeting Jan 30. VanderMeulen, whose company will act as a liaison for the project working with the local municipalities and Partnerships for Change organization, said the meeting will serve as an opportunity to begin necessary discussions "to find a way for each of these different governments to make change together" in their planning efforts.

"We want to create a basis for discussion for the future," he said.

The meeting is not, however, the first step these municipalities have taken to that goal. It is "picking up" from efforts that began two years ago when a committee with representation from each local entity got together to "look at the larger community and ask ' What do we want to become and how do we want to grow?'" VanderMeulen said. That group, led in part by then Charlevoix City Planner Gary Harsch, applied for a grant from the People and Land Program funded through the Kellogg Foundation. That funding was used to gather data about the municipal entities to decipher the "types of development that were preferable" for the area. That community-wide planning exercise became known as the Charlevoix Area Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Smart Growth Land Use Initiative. VanderMeulen said the report that was produced was "a good working plan, and a lot of work went into it," and the new Smart Growth Initiative will put that plan into action.

"The plan suggests ways to develop more efficiently. For example, no one wants to build a new water and sewer system if you don't have to," he said, noting the potential for saving tax dollars if good planning is utilized.

Collaborative work is also vital, he added, and the new effort will help guide cooperative, efficient planning.

"Each municipality has its own Planning and Zoning Authority, so we want to help sort out how those groups might collaborate and make a good individual plan," VanderMeulen said.

A grant from the Partnerships for Change has already been awarded, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has contributed a matching grant of $5,000, to be awarded at the Jan. 30 meeting.

Straebel noted the benefit of corroboration among government entities, adding by working together area municipalities can "focus our efforts more efficiently and effectively to identify issues in the city, county and townships." He said input from the community at large is also welcome, noting this and all future meetings of the group will be open to the public.

Assisting with the efforts is the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), a nonprofit formed 15 years ago to help citizens and public officials work together to create sustainable communities. It is the head of the Partnerships for Change program, which offers services to municipalities that wish to work together in planning efforts. To move forward with the plan, each municipality has been asked to contribute a portion of the funding required ($500) and begin work on many of the plan's key topics, including managing development of 'big box' stores, shoreline and stream corridor preservation, lighting and dark sky issues, managing road corridor development, controlling blight and unsightly situations, and farmland and open space preservation.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Community Room B of the Charlevoix Public Library

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A public meeting will 'spark discussion' for use of a Smart Growth Land Use Initiative - 6 p.m. Jan 30 at the Charlevoix Public Library

The City of Charlevoix will partner with Eveline, Marion, Hayes, Norwood and Charlevoix townships in planning efforts

Initial planning is funded by a grant from the Partnerships for Change program, matched locally by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation

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>
> **Rob Straebel**
> CHARLEVOIX CITY MANAGER

Straebel

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SMSgt. Troy M. Swegles, son of Paula Tinsley and Ronald Swegles, grandson of Madlyn Heise and James Swegles retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22+ years of dedicated service to his country. During his career he has seen 30 countries. Swegles is a 1985 graduate of Charlevoix High School and is now working for Lockheed Martin as a Senior Software Engineer in Huntsville, Al. He is married to the former Dawn Benoit and they have three children

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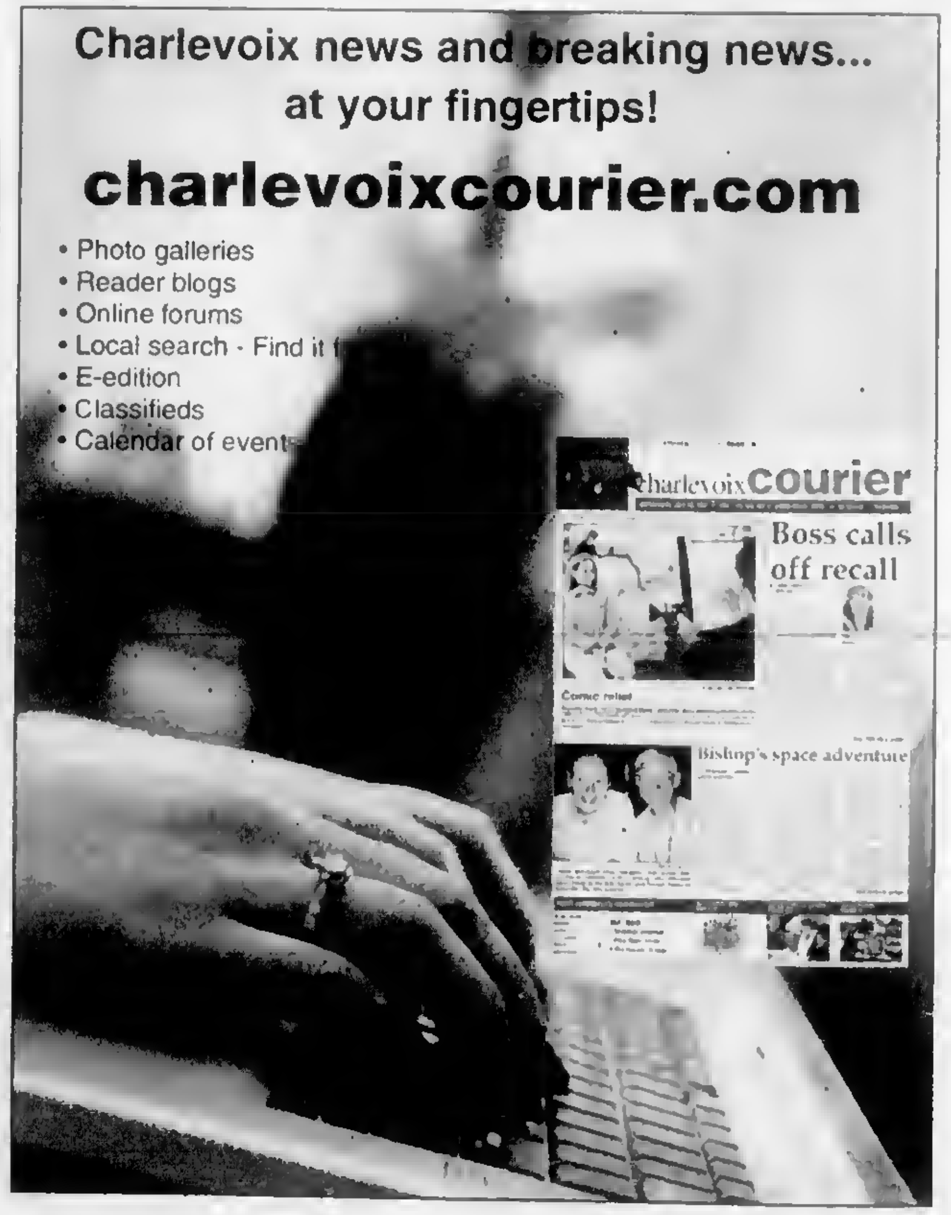
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New groomed cross country ski trails to open in Charlevoix

There is a new Little Traverse Conservancy that opened this year on Boyne City Road between Burgess and Maple Grove Roads, just south of Lake Charlevoix Farms and across from Camp Seagull. Periodically, the trails there will be groomed for cross country skiing this winter. There will be tracks set for classic xc skiing, and, depending on conditions, there may be some grooming for skate skiing.

The area was formerly known as Lake Charlevoix Farms. It has been renamed the Nathan Barry Driggers Memorial Nature Preserve. Winter parking is along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. There is a Little Traverse Conservancy sign at the trailhead. The Conservancy's website is www.landtrust.org

Annual cherry recipe contest at Friske's

One of northern Michigan's most important agricultural crops, cherries, is the main ingredient in Friske's Fifth Annual Cherry recipe contest, planned for Saturday, Feb. 23. This year's categories will be chutney and compotes, and cobblers, crisps, and puddings. Anyone 18 and older, except professional chefs and Friske employees and their immediate families, are invited to participate. Registration packets are available for pick up at Friske's Market on U.S. 31 in Atwood, or by calling (231)599-2604. Information is also available at www.friske.com

Contestants may submit recipes in both categories, but only one entry per person may qualify as a finalist. Six finalists will be selected from each category. The only requirements are that each entrant submit an official entry form with recipe(s) by Monday, Feb. 11 and if chosen as a finalist, brings his/her prepared dish to Friske's Farm Market Feb. 23 by 10 a.m. Contestants must be on hand at the time of judging to be eligible for prizes. Judging criteria includes visual appeal, taste, originality, best use of cherries and ease of preparation.

Great prize packages have been donated by Friske Orchards, Smeltzer Orchard Company, Leelanau Fruit Company, Leeland Cherry Company, Swanson's Juice Mill, Black Star Farms, House on the Hill, Jordan Inn, Inn at Grey Gables, Indo China Garden Restaurant, and Water Street Cafe. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in both recipe categories.

Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23. Local chef Poto Peterson of Tapawingo, Traverse Magazine food editor Emily Tyra, radio personality Jon Jolly and Petoskey News-Review food editor Babette Stenius will serve as judges. The public is invited to view the presentation of the prepared dishes, watch the judging and sample the best of Michigan's cherry chutney and compotes, and cobblers, crisps and puddings. Join northern Michigan's celebration of National Cherry Month at Friske's Farm Market, 10 miles south of Charlevoix, right on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

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United Way nearing goal

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Nearly there.

Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of the Char-Em United Way, said the organization is creeping up on its $230,000 goal for this year's annual fundraising campaign, and is hoping to wrap things up within the next month or month and a half. Still waiting on a few corporate pledges, Lancaster does not yet have a final number — there are also a few local campaigns that are wrapping up — but she is happy with the outcome.

"Giving has gone up across the board this year," she said.

The United Way Board of Directors set the 2007 campaign goal at $230,000 — 15 percent above last year's goal — because "we knew the needs in the community have increased due to the tough economy," Lancaster said. The group also knew, however, a reasonable goal was necessary, one that took into consideration the hardship of giving during such economic troubles.

"This (goal) was really a compromise between those ideas. We wanted to be realistic about people's ability to give," she said.

A number of area businesses offered continued strong support, including St. Mary's Cement and Harbor Industries, who Lancaster said "continues to be our best business supporter." She also noted an increase in school giving this year, as well as undeveloped giving from individuals and businesses of $500 or more. Lancaster also reminded gifts large and small are welcome.

"Every little bit counts. This is a campaign that can be very affordable," she

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Doug Hall and Shawn Hall, United Way Campaign Co-Chairs celebrate reaching the 95% in the Campaign.

Courier file photo

Riders participate in the 2007 Community Ride-In.

Public welcome to Ride-In

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Come one, come all, rain, snow, sleet or shine, say members of the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club as they plan the eighth annual Community Ride In.

Riders, watchers, supporters and community members who just need something fun to do outdoors are invited to the Jan. 26 event, to be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ferry Beach, which includes free food and hot chocolate, prizes, and networking opportunities for area riders. Club member Leah Olson said this is the largest public snowmobile event of the year, and one that is fun for the whole family.

"This is really great for everyone. You can ride in or drive, walk, run, however you can get here, and we'll have something for everyone," she said.

Thanks to support from a number of area businesses, the club will have a number of prizes to award at the event, including snowmobile jackets, dinner gift certificates, oil, hotel overnight stays, and much more. And, she said, there will be heat for those visitors not-so-fond of numb limbs and runny noses.

"We will definitely have heaters down there," Olson said. "This will be a great way to get out of the house and do something fun."

Wife to the current club Vice President, Olson said she has only been with the club for three years and was not a rider before that. She "married into it," she said, adding the club and the opportunity to ride is something anyone can get into, and it is easier with a little help, such as from the Snowmobile Club.

"We have some really experienced area riders and some of them take an annual trip to the U.P. so they know that area. It is a lot easier and safer when you are riding with someone who knows the area and trails," she said.

If the burgers, brats, chili and hot chocolate don't grab enough attention, Olson said the wide array of sleds on display are sure to catch some eyes. The display "runs the gamut" of sleds, she said, including "some really classic old sleds," brand new, top of the line machines, and everything in between.

There will also be information available for anyone interested in joining the club, which currently boasts nearly 30 members. Why join? Olson offered a few perks to club membership, including:

- Helping support the sport of snowmobiling in Charlevoix County
- Involvement in social events, group rides and interaction with fellow riders
- An opportunity to do community volunteer work that directly benefits your sport
- Discount on Charlevoix Snowmobile Club clothing

For more information on riding in general and the club visit the website, www.chxsnowmobile.com.

When the RANT hits the road!

Ben Gohs and Vic McCarty will broadcast live from the offices of the Charlevoix Courier on Thursday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event marks the kick-off to publishing Ben's locally famous civil liberties humor column, The Crying Towel, on a weekly basis.

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'Unconstitutional' Patriot Act movie discussed by citizens

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom hosted the documentary "Unconstitutional" at the Charlevoix Public Library as part of the group's Film and Speaker Series.

At least 14 people attended the viewing and the 45-minute discussion on the necessity and constitutionality of the USA PATRIOT ACT, a bill passed in the weeks following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Centers, which the government deemed as a necessary step to keeping America safe from terrorism.

"The law was proposed, it was passed in the senate, the house and the president signed it within one week, within three or four days," said Ellis Boal, the Charlevoix area resident who introduced the movie and initiated the discussion. "That is an astonishing record for a piece of legislation to go through so quickly and so soon after Sept. 11. And it's a very dense piece of prose. It's not something you could internalize quickly."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The movie 'Unconstitutional,' which questions elements of the Patriot Act federal legislation passed after Sept. 11, 2001, was shown at the Charlevoix Public Library last week.

He added, "it's not like reading a novel, it's quite complex. It covers several different things but they're not all related to each other: Surveillance procedures, money laundering, then border security is thrown in, terrorism investigation and victims and families of terrorism."

Boal said he tried to find an exact definition for what the American government says terrorism is, but was unsuccessful.

"I couldn't find exactly what is the definition of terrorism and that is something which has made me think a lot," he said. "It's a political judgment, in my opinion."

The 90-minute film highlights the lowlights of the Patriot Act including the detention of hundreds of people in America after Sept. 11, 2001, some of whom had been tortured and deported, according to the movie.

David Cole, Law Professor at Georgetown University, was interviewed for the film.

"He swept broadly, he swept blindly until the number was over 1,000 and people started asking questions and they said how many of these 1,000 people have been charged with crimes of Sept. 11 and the answer was zero," he said.

In the movie, Rep. Peter DeFazio is seen telling his fellow members of the house that the Patriot Act was printed in the middle of the night and no one was given time to read it before a vote was called.

"These are critical issues. This is what we're fighting for. These are our civil liberties," DeFazio said.

Following the movie, Boal opened the discussion with a few thoughts, including that he felt the movie inferred that simply following the constitution was the answer to preserving freedom.

"The people who wrote the constitution were slave holders and within a few years of enacting the constitution, the Alien and Sedition Act(s) (of 1798) was passed," Boal said. "I don't think it's good to romanticize the people who wrote those words and hold them up as paragons of virtue."

He added, "The constitution could use a good deal of improvement."

Instead of being a single law, the Patriot Act alters portions of more than a dozen preexisting laws which allow the government to do everything from holding, for as long as it sees fit, anyone—citizen or not— people named enemy combatants; view your library, financial and medical records whether you have committed a crime or not, and search your home without a warrant so long as the government claims the search is necessary to an ongoing investigation.

"How could they have gotten something so complex and so dense into one piece of paper within weeks of Sept. 11?" Boal said. "The answer is they didn't; they had it prepared and ready to go and used Sept. 11 as an opportunistic, as a way to get something through that they'd been planning for some time."

Audience member and local filmmaker Rebecca Glotfelty said she is amazed how naive she is concerning the government's actions.

"You hear about all the people who have been detained. I have the feeling of what does that mean? How many people were detained? And then you see these cases where they were detained for 10 months, a year, still in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I guess what shocks me ... I haven't seen any interviews with family members or people who have been detained," she said. "I think more people would be outraged if we heard more about it. If these people were Christian or Jewish there would be outrage — as there should be."

The consensus among those who spoke was that media outlets are either afraid or too apathetic to pick up the stories of the alleged civil rights abuses explored in the movie.

"Lord only knows, where are we headed as a nation?" said Charlevoix resident David Nedwick. "There are a lot of questions and ... it's just scary."

Ellis asked the crowd what concerned citizens can do to combat the apparent encroachment on civil liberty.

"The 10 steps to establishing a fascist state," said attendee Tim Boyko, were, "you have the enemy without and the enemy within, you control borders, you set up a series of private nondisclosure prisons."

He added, "Stalin did it. Hitler did it. All the other fascists states did it. It's an established M.O. — it's insidious."

Dave Wassenaar said he has friends who still remark on the air of paranoia during World War II.

"There is quite a bit here that reminds me of nazism and communism," he said. "As a clinician, I'm aware of the classics of paranoia. It can be in government officials, it can also be in the government, all the way down to the citizens."

He added, "That's a sad commentary for any country that we're going in that direction."

The peace league's next film presentation is "Outfoxed" and is scheduled for Jan. 29 in the community room at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Law enforcement geared up for cyber crimes

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

If desperate times require desperate measures, then surely digital times require digital solutions.

Charlevoix may be off the big city beaten path, but that does not mean it is behind the times as seen by the Charlevoix County Sheriff Office's creation of a computer forensics department.

"I think it's going to be a very good asset to our area," said 23-year veteran of the Charlevoix County Sheriff Office Lt. Patrick Avery. "If you send an e-mail to someone threatening them for money, we can seize the suspect's hard drive and find stuff because, even though it's deleted, it's not actually deleted."

Whether it is a matter of identity theft, child pornography or the aforementioned Internet extortion, Charlevoix County Undersheriff Don Schneider said Avery was the obvious choice from the beginning.

"He did excellent," Schneider said. "He's enthusiastic and the detectives are already giving him hard drives to examine in cases I can't speak to because they are open, but he is already supporting them with his education."

The six-week training course at Eastern Michigan University cost approximately $6,000.

"You can't put a price tag on fixing problems and gathering evidence to support a warrant for arrest," Schneider said. "In some cases you may get some resolution for people if it is about money or in the case of child pornography, it's just a matter of probing and having evidence that there is a person online dealing in child pornography."

He added, "The bottom line is, if we don't move swiftly when we know a predator is out there, that person can be out there abusing other children or in another case defrauding someone with their computer. Whatever the scenario, time is an important factor."

In the old days, Schneider said, it could take a minimum of a year for the Michigan State Police crime lab to examine a suspect hard drive and report the findings.

"Depending on how large a hard drive is, it could take a couple weeks to a couple months to investigate that hard drive, but it beats the 10 months to two years (wait) the State Police have right now," Avery said.

Schneider said the State Police are overwhelmed with work.

"Eventually we would like to have another forensic computer examiner, but again, it's a matter of funding," he said.

Believe it or not, Schneider said, computer-based crimes are on the rise everywhere.

"It seems like computers are the gun, as it may, of the day," he said. "Instead of going into a bank and going and holding someone up (for money) with a gun, instead they use computers to go into someone's credit account or checking account and take money."

According to the FBI's 2006 Internet Crime Report (Read the full report at http://www.fbi.gov/page2/march07/ic3031607.htm), 207,492 fraud and theft complaints for a total cost of $198.4 million were filed in 2006.

"The 'average' complainant was a man between 30 and 40 living in California, Texas, Florida or New York. Individuals who reported losing money lost an average of $724; the highest losses involved Nigerian letter fraud, with a median loss of $5,100," the report stated. "Nearly 74 percent of the complaints said they were contacted through e-mail, and 36 percent complained of fraud through websites, highlighting the anonymous nature of the web."

The FBI details numerous types of scams designed to part you from your cash and how to protect yourself.

Some of the most popular include:

- Auction Fraud — Before you bid, contact the seller with any questions you have, review the seller's feedback, use caution when dealing foreign sellers, understand refund, return and warranty policies and do not pay in cash.
- Counterfeit Cashier's Check — Inspect the check, ensure the dollar amount matches in figures and words, check to see that

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Official Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #1 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008:

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund	RV Taxes	2,118,300	2,148,750	30,450
	RV State Grants	281,300	273,044	(8,256)
	RV Licenses & Permits	6,200	5,600	(600)
	RV Charges for Services	649,600	585,292	(64,308)
	RV Fines & Forfeits	28,300	19,425	(8,875)
	RV Interest & Rents	131,900	145,440	13,540
	RV Other	5,100	5,276	176
	RV Fund Transfers	82,300	82,300	0
	Total Change in Revenues - General Fund	3,303,000	3,265,127	(37,873)
General Fund	EX Public Works	197,100	229,358	32,258
	EX Public Safety	1,201,600	1,169,342	(32,258)
	Total Change in Expenses - General Fund			0
Major Street	RV Total	624,500	242,815	(381,685)
Major Street	EX Total	604,500	217,776	(386,724)
Airport Fund	RV Total	1,112,100	1,057,756	(54,344)
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total	835,100	1,139,100	304,000
PI#2 Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	RV Total	54,000	35,000	(19,000)
PI#5 Sewer Capital Fund NSS	RV Total	32,700	22,500	(10,200)
PI#5 Sewer Capital Fund NSS	EX Total	155,900	0	(155,900)
PI#9 Industrial Park Fund	RV Total	9,800	5,000	(4,800)
PI#12 Mt McSauba Recreation	RV Total	14,100	13,300	(800)
PI#16 Downtown Parking Fund	RV Total	5,800	5,000	(800)
Sewer Fund	RV Total	1,207,000	1,121,294	(85,706)
Water Fund	RV Total	998,900	799,121	(199,779)
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Marina Fund	EX Total	5,258,593	8,751,223	3,492,630
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total	1,725,500	1,584,976	(140,524)
Motor Pool	RV Total	641,809	618,333	(23,476)

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments and are welcomed

Richard Brandi
City Treasurer

Charlevoix County volunteers attend training for COA

21 committed volunteers of Charlevoix County attended the Volunteer Training Class held at Boyne Area Senior Center Tuesday, Jan. 8. Keeping the volunteers informed on CCCOA programs and services is one the goals of the training.

Sue Bergmann, Charlevoix County COA Director kept the volunteers up to date on the most current senior programs and services in the County. Sue Keiser, Adult Day Center Coordinator furnished the participants specific insights of the COA Adult Day Center Program. RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) Project Director of Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, Sally Pickering explained how this volunteer program benefits not only the person who is volunteering but also the community.

Terri Powers of Boyne Area and Lois Brewer of East Jordan, both Senior Center Coordinators and Sue Cook, Countywide Activity Coordinator brainstormed the volunteers on how to market programs better to the community. The discussed creating a very welcoming environment for seniors or older adults in Charlevoix County, its barriers and scenarios during the training.

Volunteers are always needed. Please call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 237-0103 or Toll Free Number 1-866-426-5185. We ask you to visit our Adult Day Center located in East Jordan or one of three Senior Centers in Charlevoix County.

Courtesy photo

Twenty one individuals attended a volunteer training event Jan. 8.

Charlevoix administration building 'up by summer'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously last week to hire Integrity Construction to build the district's new home.

Wasting no time to get the Charlevoix Public Schools Administrative offices out of the basement and into a new facility, the Gaylord firm owned by Glen Catt is expected to break ground this spring.

"We had 10 bids from Saginaw and Midland and all the way up in the Upper Peninsula," said Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Chet Janik. "The targeted completion date is in July, so the building should be up by summer."

The winning bid to construct the 3,000 square-foot structure came in at $409,000.

"We were pleased with that (cost) because it is below what we anticipated," Janik said. "We're pleased that the bid was so competitive and I'm pleased the firm has ties with northern Michigan."

He added, "We're on budget and on goal for the projects approved from the 2003 sinking funds."

The school's next project to be put out for bid is the new bus barn/maintenance garage.

"That will pretty much complete the projects committed from those 2003 funds and we do have the resources for both of these projects," Janik said. "And, I think it's important to note that those funds cannot be used for operations, those are for building and improvement projects only."

The dilapidated two-story house which once housed the Charlevoix Schools administration offices is currently on the market for sale.

"There have been some inquiries, but we have not had a formal offer," Janik added.

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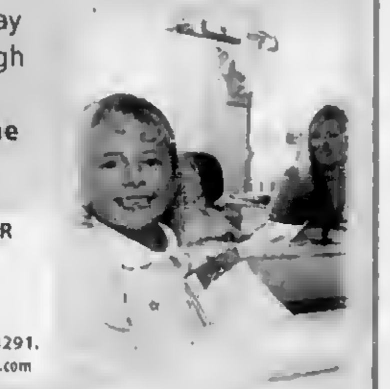

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It's syrup time for Friends of the Wagbo Sugar Bush

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The FWSB is always looking for new Friends. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone with an interest in maple syrup, making and/ or eating who likes to be outdoors in winter (and/ or in front of a roaring fire!), enjoy working with others toward a common goal and can spare some time between now and April. Training is provided and regardless of prior experience, there is a way to help out and support this historic, cultural, agricultural, and economic venture at the farm. Activities may include but are not limited to: tubing system maintenance and firewood collection; boiling sap and bottling syrup; education and special events; record-keeping and marketing. FWSB is also looking for someone with experience running an evaporator. Families are welcome. Day and evening hours plus the chance to earn syrup through a greater time commitment are available.

Surviving in the wild: training courses offered by Northern Cairn

Northern Cairn will be holding a Wilderness Survival course for outdoor recreationalists on March 15 at Camp Daggett, south of Petoskey. It will cover land navigation/orienteering with map, compass & GPS, in addition to water procurement, fire and shelter building, for that "unexpected night out". Lunch will be provided. Registration is $75, and can be made at (231) 347-9742 ext 118. The instructors will be Josh Martin & Tim Webb.

Northern Cairn will be holding a Wilderness First Aid course for outdoor recreationalists on March 1 and 2 at Camp Daggett, south of Petoskey. The 16 hour class is certified by Wilderness Medical Associates. Materials & lunch will be provided. Registration is $235, and can be made at (231) 347-9742, ext. 118. The instructors will be Josh Martin & Tim Webb. Classes are fast paced, with an emphasis on practical skills. Mornings are devoted to lectures, while afternoons are spent outside conducting simulations.

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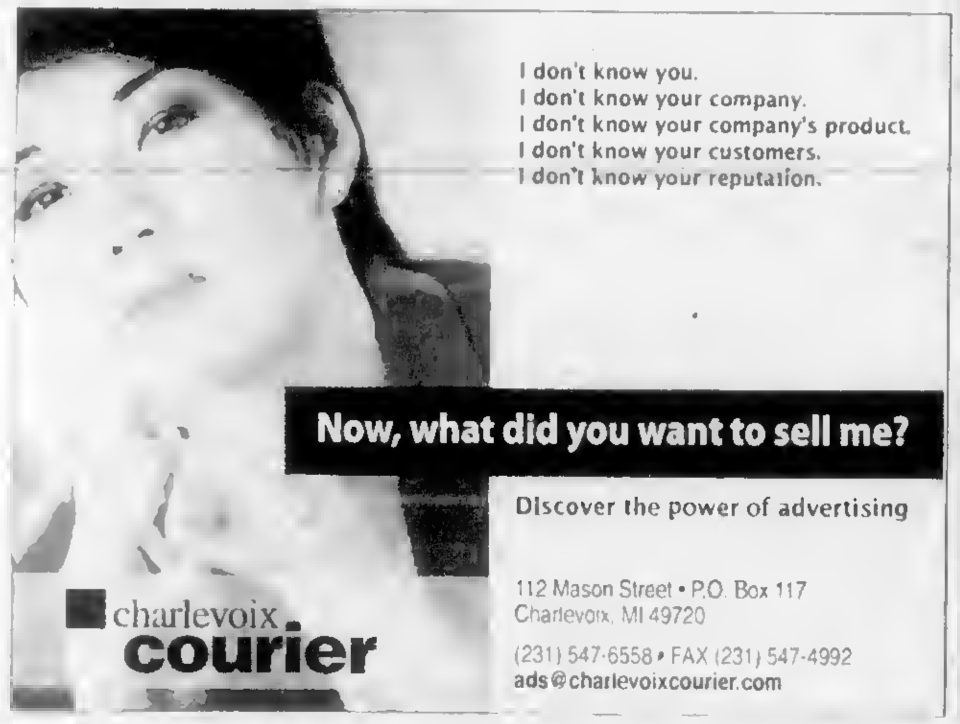

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The Charlevoix Chamber is Celebrating Their 50th Anniversary, Congratulations!

Erin Bemis, Director

In March 1958, the articles of incorporation were signed to form the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce with the first office location at 210 State Street. The founders and the first Board of Directors were Norman Ance, Frank Boss, Dick Edwards, Richard Fochtman, Walter Hoffmann, Max Hosmer, Bob Lieberman, Bob Miles, Lee Moerland, Bob Neff, Fred Willis and Earl Young. Serving as the Chamber's first Chairman was Norman Ance. Norman served as chair in 1958 and 1959.

In March 2007 the Chamber moved its offices from the East Park location to 109 Mason Street. The 2008 Board of Directors are Chairman Tom Conlan, Belvedere Golf Club; Vice Chairman Patricia Blanchard, Shop of the Gulls; Treasurer Jay Bingham, Bingham Insurance Services; Steve Bennett, MacDougall House Bed & Breakfast; Linda Bradley, Charlevoix Manufacturing Company; Chris Turkelson, Law Firm of Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.; Mike Hinkle, Charlevoix State Bank; David Kurchinski, Michigan Officeways and Elizabeth Rich, Harbor View Café and Villa Moderne Motel.

With the dawn of ,2008 the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new Executive Director, Erin Bemis. Erin is a Charlevoix native earning a Bachelor's Degree at Hillsdale College with her studies including business administration, marketing and French. Bemis said she is committed to the Charlevoix community and civic invalvement. Erin currently serves as President of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and is a member of the Belvedere Club Community Relations Committee.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its accomplishments at the Annual Meeting and Dinner on January, 24, 2008 at Castle Farms. The evening will start with a reception at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm catered and served by Grey Gables followed by the presentation of the Chamber's Annual Awards-Ambassador Award, Outstanding Citizen Award and the Chairman's Award. Sponsors for the Annual Meeting and Dinner are Belvedere Golf Club, Citizen's Bank, Charlevoix State Bank, Odawa Casino Resort, Dry Harbour Marine, Northwestern Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, St. Mary Cement Company and Huntington Bank.

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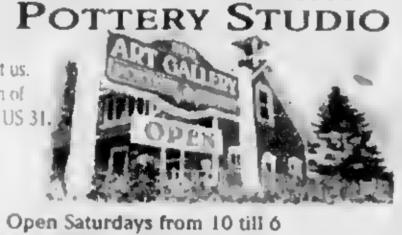

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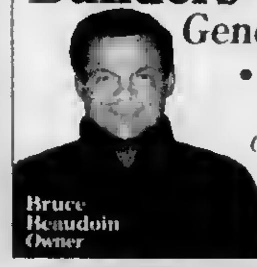

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Still undefeated: Rayders fight back to beat Harbor Springs 88-69

LaBlance

HARBOR SPRINGS — The Rayders overcame some "inspired" ball from Harbor Springs early in last week's match up, overcoming Harbor Springs' 20-13 lead after a quarter, and pulling away to remain undefeated in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"(Nate) LaBlance got hot," Harbor Springs coach Phil Hoffman said. "He had four threes in the third quarter, then when we concentrated on him, (Cliff) Jones hit a three."

LaBlance led Charlevoix with 28 points to go along with six assists and four steals. Austin Wilhelm had 14 points and eight rebounds and Corey Gotshall 11 points, six assists. Justin Friske added 10 points for the Rayders, 10-1, 7-0.

For Harbor, 2-8, 1-6, Joey Foster scored 20 points, Josh Boekman had 16, and Sean McCarthy added 12.

Rayders take 3rd at tournament

Zeke Damon

The wrestlers of Charlevoix hosted the annual "Takedown Tournament" on Saturday, Jan. 19. Teams from Charlevoix, Mancelona, Gaylord (B), Manton, Frankfort, and St. Ignace (B) competed scoring only takedown techniques.

The Manton team placed 1st overall, with their 160lb wrestler David Jackson taking most valuable wrestler of the day.

1st place winners from Charlevoix include:

Zeke Daman at 119lbs. defeating Nelson (St. Ignace), Shagena (Manton), Lemcool and Fox (both from Gaylord).

Clint Longley at 130lbs. defeating Frasier (St. Ignace), O'Dell (Mancelona), Jacobs and Mee (both from Gaylord).

Mat Golovich at 135lbs. defeating Litzner (St. Ignace), Baron (Manton), Hunt and Gapinski (both from Gaylord).

Other winners include:

Tony Cepeda-Mulholland at 160lbs with wins over Pearce (Frankfort), and Seaburg (Manton).

Jacob Roach at 215lbs with wins over Slaugh (Gaylord), and Rice (Frankfort)

Trevor Cole at HWT defeating Davis (Manton), and Foster (St. Ignace).

Greg Bishaw at 103lbs defeating Pechta (St. Ignace).

The Wrestling Rayders travel to Boyne City on Thursday, Jan. 24, then on to Gaylord on Saturday, Jan. 26 for the Northern Michigan Championships

Lady Rayders take down Elk Rapids

ELK RAPIDS — Becca Madison scored 10 points and Tammy Potter and Murphy Gillespie added eight apiece last Friday as the Rayders remained unbeaten and atop the Lake Michigan Conference at 7-0, 10-1.

The Rayders built a 23-12 halftime lead, then pulled away by outscoring the Elks, 18-10, in the third quarter.

"Pretty steady the whole game," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "Ten of our 13 girls who played scored. Solid team effort.

Olivia Morrison, Kacey Anderson and Katelynn Orschel scored eight points apiece for the Elks, 3-5, 3-3.

Charlesiox won the JV game, 51-40, as Sarah Potter scored 15 points.

Courtesy photo

Knights of Columbus free-throw champs

Six boys and girls from the Charlevoix area were named local champions of the 2008 Knights of Columbus free-throw championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. The winners pictured above are (front from left) Austin Putman, 9, Jackson Buday, 12, Noah Jeakle, 10, Maggie Hamilton, 11; (back from left) Luke Wisniewski, 13, Charles Strehl, 11, and Andrew Plude, 14. Not pictured is Emily Zabawa, 9.

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An Outdoor Sportmen's Banquet, with the top prize of a Benelli Nova 12-ga. will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp. This event will be a lot of fun for anyone who loves hunting or fishing. Tickets are available to anyone in the community and are reasonably priced at $30 a person. They are going fast and there is a limit to the first 100. The event which is put together by the Sportmen's Committee of Eastport Baptist Church will feature a catered roast beef dinner, an enjoyable speaker and 20 drawings. For tickets or more information log onto the church website at www.eastportbaptistchurch.org or you can call the church office at 599-2122

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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Results of Sunday, Jan 20, Northern Michigan Ski Academy racing at Boyne Mountain. 84 racers took part in the race.

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8-9, 1 - Kylee Chojnacki, Charlevoix; 2 - Ireland Adgate, Boyne Falls; 3 - Alysse Whittet, Boyne City

10-11, 1 - Mia Ciccoretti, Boyne Falls; 2 - Alexa Wespiser, Harbor Springs, 3 - Brigitte Bonter, Harbor Springs

12-13, 1 - Dana Reynolds, Charlevoix; 2 - Lexi Harding, Boyne City, 3 - Lacey Hofweber, East Jordan

14+, 1 - Ganae' Zettle, West Branch

Boys

7&up, 1 - Ethan Siegwart, Charlevoix; 2 - Riley Norton, Petoskey, 3 - Keon Taylor, Charlevoix

8-9, 1 - Brad Klinger, Charlevoix; 2 - Matt Good, Charlevoix; 3 - Griffin Powers, Boyne City

10-11, 1 - Garret Lundteigen, Charlevoix; 2 - Patrick Sheperd, Petoskey; 3 - Shea Fuhrman, Harbor Springs

12-13, 1 - Ben Loomis, Petoskey; 2 - Bradley Fouchia, East Jordan; 3 - Brian Erhart, Petoskey

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Oakland University head baseball coach John Musachio and OU pitching coach Aaron Hines will run the Northern Michigan Baseball Camp at Charlevoix High School Saturday, Feb. 9.

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Cost of the camp is $30 for one session; $55 for both at the door. Registrations received on or before Feb. 1 will receive a $5 discount ($25 per session if only attending one, $50 if attending both.)

Coach Musachio is in his first season as head coach of Oakland's Division 1 program. He previously served two years as the Grizzlies' top assistant and recruiting coordinator. Prior to his time at Oakland, he was an assistant coach at Michigan State University. He played his college ball at Bradley University where he was a two-time All-Conference selection and was voted team MVP his senior season.

Coach Hines is in his second season as an assistant at Oakland. He pitched for the Grizzlies in the 2005 and 2006 seasons as a member of their starting rotation. Prior to that he pitched for Parkland College in Illinois where he earned honorable mention all-conference honors.

For further information or registration forms, contact Charlevoix baseball coach Allen Telgenhof at atelgenhof@chartermi.net or 547-7388

Stingray success in Grand Rapids meet

Two area swimmers from the Charlevoix Area Community Pool swim team competed on Jan 12th and 13th in Grand Rapids at the Tropical Challenge swim meet. This meet hosted over 600 swimmers. Swimming preliminaries were held both Saturday and Sunday mornings, with the top 16 swimmers in each event competing in the finals each night. The preliminaries were held at Jenison High School and Forest Hills High School with the finals both nights at Jenison.

Chrystal Schemanski of Petoskey took home a 11th place in the 100 yd backstroke and a 14th place in the 50 freestyle. Alex Gooch of Charlevoix placed 6th in the 50 and 100 breaststroke, 8th in the 200 breaststroke, 11th in the 100 yd freestyle and 14th in the 50 yd freestyle. Schemanski set a personal best in the backstroke was a 1:09.86. Gooch dropped 13 seconds in the 200 breaststroke to finish with a 2:46.35.

Gooch will be competing on Jan 19th and 20th at Dondero High School near Auburn Hills. Schemanski and 22 other Stingrays are competing in a duel meet with the Traverse City Breakers in TC on the 20th.

For more information about the Charlevoix Stingrays, please call the pool at 231-547-0982.

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Chrystal Schemanski left, Alex Gooch right sit with Midland Swimmer Riley Hillbrandt between events at the Tropical Challenge.

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North Country CMH relocating office

The Charlevoix Office of North Country Community Mental Health, currently located at 218 Garfield, is moving to a new facility at 6250 M-66 North. The office will be closed for the move on Friday, Feb. 1, and Monday, Feb. 4, and will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

There will be a disruption in phone service during this time. For urgent calls during normal business hours, please call (231)347-6701. For emergencies after hours, please call Third Level Crisis Center at 800-442-7315.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego counties experiencing a severe emotional problem, serious mental illness or developmental disability. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org.

Courtesy photo

Benefit fund hoped to help diagnose condition

Lacey Richardson of Charlevoix has been faced with medical problems, and friends and family have established a fund raising effort to help afford a trip to Mayo Clinich in Rochester, Minn. in hopes of initiating recovery.

Richardson, 32, is faced with an undiagnosed physical condition that has left her unable to work or live comfortably, riddled with pain, bruises and seizures, family members said One trip to Mayo has already been made, but afforded no diagnosis. Now Richardson requires an expensive procedure to help. A benefit fund has been set up at Charlevoix State Bank to assist with payment of another trip to the Mayo Clinic. Family and friends said anyone willing and able to help can make a donation in Richardson's name, and they thank any one who has or will help.

Fighting cyber crimes

CRIMES

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the account number is not shiny in appearance, inspect the check for additions, deletions or other alterations, contact the financial institution on which the check was drawn to ensure legitimacy and obtain the bank's telephone number from a source other than the check, make sure the drawer's signature is not traced.

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"This is still fairly new for departments to have this capability, but the victims of these crimes need to have the issue resolved as soon as possible," Schneider said. "Therefore we felt it important to have our own internal forensic examiner certified to search those hard drives and extrapolate the information needed, the evidence needed to convict that crime."

Lt. Avery will work not only with the sheriff's office, but with the police departments of Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan and Boyne Falls when necessary.

Call your local police agency if you feel you have been the victim of a cybercrime.

Official Notice

City of Charlevoix
PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 Annual City Budget at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 18, 2008 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform citizens of local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budget making process.

The proposed property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this public hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at City Hall or the Charlevoix Public Library for public inspection.

	GENERAL FUND	MAJOR STREET	LOCAL STREET	AIRPORT	ELECTRIC	SEWER	WATER	MARINA	DDA	CEMETERY TRUST	TOTAL	2007-08
REVENUES												
Taxes	[illegible]								$404 [illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Licenses & Permits	[illegible]										[illegible]	[illegible]
State & Federal Grants	[illegible]	[illegible]	68 300	[illegible] 500				[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]
Charges for Services	[illegible]			48 400	[illegible]	989 700	[illegible]	291 [illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fines & Forfeits	[illegible]				32 400	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest & Rents	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	92 200	88 000	41 200	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other	1 400			[illegible]	8 100	20 100	[illegible]	85 000			[illegible]	[illegible]
Fund Transfers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	279 500		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
Appropriation-Surplus	139 400			[illegible]	434 700	378 600	187 000	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]
TOTAL REVENUES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
EXPENDITURES												
Legislative	$53 500										[illegible]	$53 400
General Government	[illegible]										[illegible]	[illegible]
Public Safety	1 180 300										[illegible]	1 201 800
Public Works	248 600	[illegible]	[illegible]	118 800				163 300	[illegible]		[illegible]	1 185 000
Health & Welfare	243 400										[illegible]	[illegible]
Recreation & Culture	[illegible]										[illegible]	940 300
Capital Outlay		[illegible]	4 000	330 000	569 400	243 900	[illegible]	2 204 600			[illegible]	[illegible]
Debt Service				30 400	1 400	1 400	1 400		654 500		[illegible]	[illegible]
Electric					[illegible]						[illegible]	[illegible]
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Fund Transfers	85 000				118 300	104 100	29 100	80 000			413 500	[illegible]
Other	104 000			300					30 000		134 300	138 300
TOTAL EXPENSES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	$6 788 300	$1 643 600	$1 214 000	$2 637 900	[illegible]	$0	[illegible]	[illegible]

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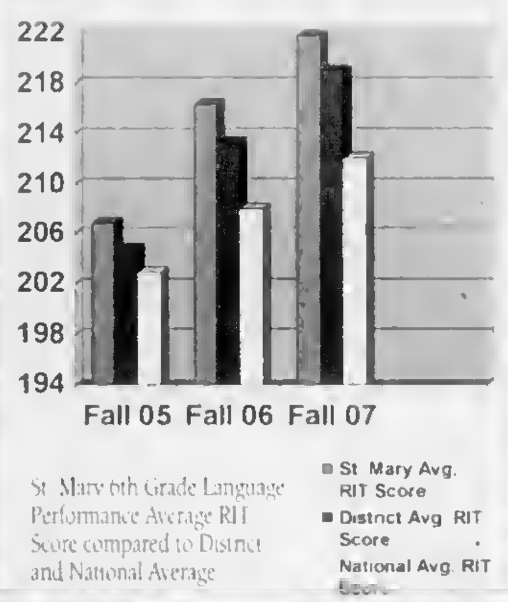

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Catholic Schools Week Activities ~ January 26 - February 3 ~ Theme: Light the Way

Saturday - 1/26
- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Kickoff Catholic Schools Week 5:30-7:30pm in Parish Center
- Sponsored by: St. Mary School Advisory Committee
- Cost: Donation

Monday - 1/28 *"Light the Way to Reading"*
- Pajama Day - Reading Party Kids wear pajamas and may bring a stuffed animal/blanket.

Tuesday - 1/29 *"Everyone is Unique in God's eyes"*
- Tacky Tuesday - kids dress in mis-matched clothing
- Spelling Bee (5th & 6th grade) 2:30pm in gym

Wednesday - 1/30 *"Enjoying the Day with Others*
- Mass with Fr. Denny at 9:00am
- Special Person's Day Lunch, 11:30am Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus
- Bingo 1:00pm. Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus

Thursday - 1/31 *"Happy and Balanced"*
- Mt. McSauba Field Trip at 9:50am

Friday - 2/1 *"How we will Light the Way"*
- Career Day
- Ice Cream Social 3:00pm

Sunday - 2/3 *"Celebrating Catholic Schools"*
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(231)547-5838

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-11112-DE

Estate of KEVIN RUSSELL SWADLING.
Date of Birth: 07/16/1967.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KEVIN RUSSELL SWADLING, who lived at 09227 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720 died on July 4, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to RENEE SWADLING, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: January 15, 2008.

Bryan C. Klawuhn (P81090)
4289 Sophias Way
Petoskey, MI 49770

Renee L. Swadling,
09227 Burgess Road
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(L-01/23)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jason Craig Hazel and Jodi Lea Hazel, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Capital Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2006 and recorded August 10, 2006 in Liber 761 Page 157 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents ($101,560.55) including interest 10.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 1, 2008.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, of NICHOLL'S FOURTH ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof Commonly known as 606 Fifth Street, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: DECEMBER 27, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-ASAP5, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
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Our File No: 07-84684
ASAP# 961620
(L-01/02/2008, 01/09/2008, 01/16/2008, 01/23/2008)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Monette R Bennington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems; Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents ($553,758.98) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 22, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 971.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 17, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, Assignee of Mortgagee

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Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-85876
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(L-01/23/2008, 01/30/2008, 02/06/2008, 02/13/2008)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Barr, a married man, and Julie Barr, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2003, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on August 26, 2003 in Liber 566, Page 514, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 5, 2007 the sum of $91,732.90, including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Lobby of the County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County) on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Said premises are described as follows:

AN UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST IN UNIT 50, THE CABINS, BEING FRACTIONAL ID "D", ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 411, PAGE 939, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 419, PAGE 752, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 518, PAGE 575, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLAN NO 126. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Commonly known as: 01285 Powder Ridge Dr #50D, Boyne Falls, MI 49713

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 29, 2005, by Caryn S. Jensen, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 177, Charlevoix County Records, which mortgage was assigned to The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC, by an assignment of mortgage dated June 29, 2005, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 194, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $261,479.77; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 20, MOUNTAIN GRAND LODGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 6.50% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: January 16, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof

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the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 422, Pages 893 through 950, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as descried in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,

Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN, a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and WILLIAM SHERMAN,

Mortgagees.

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $76,200.34, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number VP9744BAIN.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 20, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

By:
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PUBLIC HEARING
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

210 State Street- City Hall, City Council Chambers,
2nd Floor, Charlevoix, MI.
Monday, February 11, 2008 7:00 P.M.

Reference: , Request for a Special Use Permit to allow for professional offices in an R1 Zone.

Applicant:
Sam and Cindy Supernaw
P.O. Box 362
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

The City Planning Commission of the City of Charlevoix will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a special use permit. The applicant is requesting approval to have professional offices in the R-1 Single Family Residential District. Surrounding land uses are single family residential.

The property is generally located on the southwest corner of Petoskey Ave and Nettleton Street. The address is 206 Potoskey Ave.

The legal description is as follows:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 5, Dixon's Addition to the City of Charlevoix.

The proposed plan may be viewed at the City Planning office at City Hall during office hours. Oral and written comments from the general public are welcome.

Mike Spencer, City Planner/Zoning Administrator
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WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John H. Moore and Josephine M. Moore, husband and wife, of 4939 Woodbin Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795 and AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, formally of 3643-A 28th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512, dated November 25, 1996 and recorded on March 6, 1997 in Liber 312, Page 996 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 by virtue of a Corporation Assignment of Real Estate Mortgage dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on April 21, 1997 in Liber 314, Page 707 of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents ($34,068.60), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 18.63% and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on February 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell In the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan and which are described as follows:

Commencing at a point 208 feet North of the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 4 West; thence West 208 feet; thence North 208 feet; thence East 208 feet; thence South 208 feet to the place of beginning.

which has an address of 4939 Woodin Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 20, 2007

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Drafted By:
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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 17th day of April, 2003, by Alan S. Massey and Amy L. Massey, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on April 25, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 535, page 001, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY AND 50/100 DOLLARS ($131,290.50) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 29, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL A: A parcel of land on part of the NE 1/4 of Sec 18, T32N, R4W, being further described as: Commencing at the NE corner of said Sec 18; thence N 89°27'00" W 246.13' along the N line of said Sec 18 to the POB; thence S 00°15'18" E 648.22'; thence N 89°29'25" W 163.57'; thence S 00°10'46" E 648.33' to the N 1/8 line of Sec 18; thence N 89°31'50" W 245.99' along said 1/8 line; thence N 00°11'09" W 1297.01' to the N line of said Sec 18; thence S 89°27'00" E 408.85' along said N line to POB. Township of Hudson Charlevoix County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: January 11, 2008

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

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Written approval obtained from MDOT
Possibility of third driveway examined
Support from Soil Erosion and Sediment obtained
All requirements from city zones/regulations are met

entrance/egress or at least an egress there is feasible. The move will require approval from Walgreens and possibly the Michigan Department of Transportation, which has already approved the suggested site plan with two driveways. Cross' concern on the issue was supported by others, including chairman John Hess.

"That is a bugger of a corner. I've seen people almost die there trying to make left hand turns," he said, noting he would like to see "some kind of traffic analysis done there" to help with decisions of potential action on the issue.

"Now is the time to do it, not after (construction)," he added.

The Commission's final resolution approved the site plans presented, with the condition of checking into the traffic concerns, receiving written approval from MDOT concerning plans, receiving formal approval from Soil Erosion and Sediment, and with the understanding all requirements and regulations from the Commission and City of Charlevoix are met.

Commissioners also expressed concern about foot traffic near the corner, worrying pedestrians crossing US 31 would be in danger. Adding a crosswalk on the corner would "only invite pedestrians and still be unsafe," Hess said, and others agreed, deciding not to pursue any type of crosswalk at the site. Commissioners did request, however, Drane and Wyett seek input from MDOT on the issue.

In other business, Commissioners elected officers at last week's meeting, voting Hess remain chairman of the group. Vice Chair will be Francis Flanders and secretary will be Dianne Manore. The meeting schedule for 2008 was also set, with meetings to be held the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. This is a change from last year's 6 p.m. meeting time.

Commissioners welcomed new City Planner Mike Spencer, who started the job last month replacing former planner Gary Harsch.

Commissioners set a public hearing to discuss site plans for a remodeling project at 206 Petoskey Ave. The hearing will be held at next month's meeting, scheduled for Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

United Way campaign nearing completion

CAMPAIGN

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said, noting the increase from a variety of employees throughout the two counties.

"We were happy to see Glen's Markets employee contributions went up. Folks in retail and service jobs can't give a lot but we are pleased to see they are giving what they can."

Shawn Hall, the Human Resources Director at St. Mary's Cement in Charlevoix and Co-Chair of this year's campaign, also noted her gratitude for the community's enthusiasm.

"Contributions to United Way from corporations, employees and individuals are all up this year," she stated. "It is good to see that everyone is rallying to support our neighbors who have hit a rough patch in the current economic downturn."

The next step in the process is to invite community volunteers and United Way Board of Directors together for the Community Involvement Allocation, to be held April 16. That is when area organizations, agencies and representatives of various programs will present information about the programs they believe will meet the needs within the Charlevoix Emmet community, and therefore are deserving of funds. Agencies are already submitting letters of intent to apply, and, after review, most of those agencies will be invited to present in April.

Last year, the process led to the distribution of $160,000 to 33 agencies which, in turn, provided services to over 20,000 local residents.

A press release from Char-Em United Way reminded the agency continues to accept tax-deductible contributions to the 2007-2008 campaign. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey, 49770. Gifts can be made online by going to: www.unitedway.org and entering the local zip code. For more information about United Way call (231)487-1006 or email: charemuw@sbcglobal.net

CTAC youth orchestra performance

Despite all the snow and cold weather, strings students involved in the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra program are just warming up for their Winter concert. Young musicians involved in the Concert Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Symphony Orchestra will be performing Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Ross Stoakes Theater in the Crooked Tree Arts Center (located in Petoskey) at 1 p.m.

Orchestra members come from more then 20 different area schools in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties to be involved in the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra program. These students have been hard at work since early September to prepare for this concert. The Concert Orchestra will be performing selections from Pirates of the Caribbean as well as a few more fun pieces involving dragons and even a spider! The Chamber Orchestra will perform the famous Autumn from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and the Symphony Orchestra will be featuring An American in Paris composed by George Gershwin.

For more information please contact Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347 4337 or visit us at www.crookedtree.org

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JAN. 23
INFORMATIONAL FILM

An informational film about fibromyalgia and rheumatoid arthritis will be shown from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Bible Baptist Church, 5855 M-66 N. Marion Township in Charlevoix. For more information call the church at 547-4300.

JAN. 24
STORY-TIME

All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. Beginning of 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350

JAN. 24
THURSDAY NIGHT OPEN MIC

Looking for a safe and fun environment to explore your performance abilities? The library is now offering a venue with an open mic where the public is welcome to perform original works or an interpretation of a classic song, poem, short scripted piece, dance, etc from 7 to 9 p.m. each Thursday. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Audience members are also needed, so if you prefer to observe, come enjoy! Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

JAN. 24
VALENTINE PAPER ART WORKSHOP

Join Elizabeth Allan at 6 p.m. for a paper workshop where you will take home lovely valentine crafts. Pre-registration required. ($5 material fee) Call 237-7340 to register. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

JAN. 24
CHAMBER AWARDS DINNER

The 50th Annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Meeting and Dinner will be held at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Cocktails begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6 p.m.

JAN. 25
CHILI SUPPER AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Northwest Academy will hold a Chili Supper from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the American Legion as a fundraiser for the Senior and Freshmen Classes of Northwest Academy. Included in the dinner is cornbread, dessert, and beverage. Cost is a donation.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., there will be a family movie night at Northwest Academy in the Commons Building. If anyone would like to enter a pot of chili to win the "2008 Chili Cookoff Ladle," to please sign up by calling Northwest Academy, 547-9000

JAN. 26
SNOWMOBILE COMMUNITY RIDE-IN

The annual Community Ride In, sponsored by the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ferry Beach. Free food and hot chocolate will be available.

JAN. 26
FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP

The first meetng of this support group designed for all sufferers of autoimmune diseases will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Family Faith Church, 203 E. Upright, in Charlevoix. For more information call Michelle at 237-0580.

JAN. 29
FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join other Francophiles at noon each week for an hour of lively chat in French. Newcomer's and beginners welcome! Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

JAN. 29
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JAN. 29
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

All teens welcome to join the TAG in selecting programming topics, brainstorming ideas for art workshops, and discussing teen 'zine. Snacks provided. Beginning at 4 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St, 237-7340

JAN. 29
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the film "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

JAN. 30
WRITER'S GROUP

Join this weekly 6 p.m. meeting to discuss and support other writer's in their writing endeavors. Newcomer's welcome! Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 16
ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES FOOD ORDERS

From 10 a.m. to noon individuals interested in ordering from the Angel Food Ministries food distribution program can visit the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene to place orders. Orders can also be made from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pine River Apartment complex. The next food distribution date is March 1 at 9:30 a.m. the Church of the Nazarene. For more information call 547-9346

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A free, non-denominational support group, open to everyone, will offer help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Organized through the Community Reformed Church DivorceCare program, the group starts Feb. 1 and lasts for 13 weeks. Call (231)675-1925 for more information.

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WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

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Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

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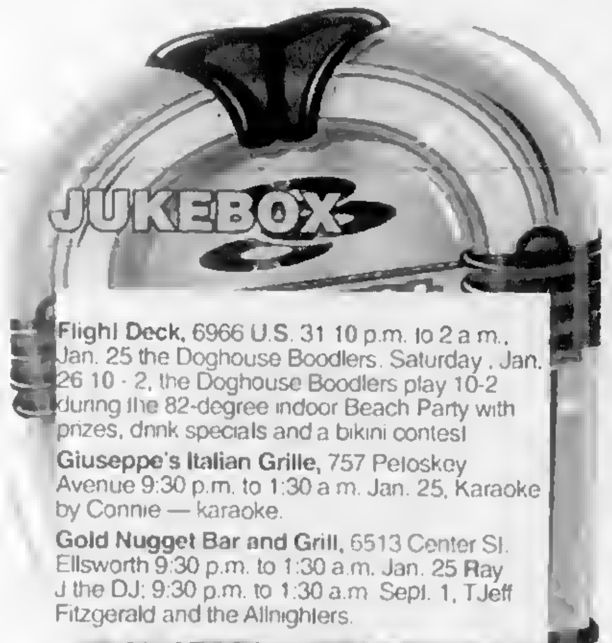
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Chamber ready for next half century

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Good-byes, welcomes, thanks and praises were offered at the 50th annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner and meeting last week as Chamber members and their Board of Director leaders prepared to enter "the next half century with optimism and high hopes."

"We've come to a cross roads, and as we celebrate our 50th year, we reflect, learn from the past, and step boldly into the next half century," Chamber Board President Tom Conlan stated during his State of the Chamber address.

While Conlan's speech was full of good news regarding the state of the Chamber and the ambitious endeavors awaiting the group in 2008 and coming years, it was not the highlight of the evening. The awards presentation, which honors outstanding citizens and Chamber members for their various commitments, was a large part of what brought attendants out to Castle Farms last Thursday evening for the event. Presentation of the annual awards — the Outstanding Citizen Award, the Ambassador Award and the Chairman's Award — are special moments every year, but at this 50th celebration the Chamber offered special recognition to its outgoing leader, Jacqueline Merta.

"Jacqueline Merta spent nearly 30 years as the Chief Execu-

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Photos by Erica Goff

Sleds, snow and smiles

The annual Community Ride-In, hosted by the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club, brought an impressive crowd out to Ferry Beach Saturday, Jan. 26, offering free food, prizes and a chance to show off some sleds. Top left, David Russell of Ellsworth prepares to take a ride, while (top right) young rider Michael Lucas, 2, warms up by the fire with his uncle, Ryan Lucas. (Bottom) Club members and head chefs for the day Darrell Futo (left) and Phil Milazzo pose while flipping burgers.

Charlevoix to hit big screen

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix is headed for the big screen, ready to serve as setting and a character of sorts in The Frontier Boys, the first full-length feature film produced by Charlevoix's own John Grooters.

"I moved here when I was a freshman in high school, and I completely embraced it," Grooters said when asked why he chose the city as a setting for his film.

Grooters said the beautiful, unique scenery of the city is not all that drew him to his conclusion of returning to the area to film. While his production company, Grooters Productions, has completed a variety of projects including books, screenplays, short films, commercials, training

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Thomas Gordon Thorp, 50, address unknown. Three counts of criminal sexual conduct. Second degree (with a person under 13). Sentenced to a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of 15 years to a Michigan correctional facility; $240 in fines and costs.

Douglas Robert Goodenow, 50, Boyne Falls. Police officer assaulting/resisting/obstructing. Sentenced to a minimum of 16 months to a maximum of 24 months in a Michigan correctional facility, $120 in fines and costs.

Joseph Edward McCleese Jr., 41, Boyne Falls. OUIL 3rd offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 60 months in a Michigan correctional facility; $370 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

DeCluner Bugs, 419 North East St., Boyne City, by Erica Coates

Jay's Towing, 3768 Loch Road, Charlevoix, by Jay and Angie Robarge

All Clean Services, 335 Collings St., Boyne City, by Melissa Chandler

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Eugene A Kaczmarczyk Jr., 40 and Cheri J Vallance 40, both of East Jordan

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Leeann M. Liesenberg vs. John E. Liesenberg

Kristi Suarez vs. Frank Suarez

Juanita M. Lemon vs. Michael Lemon

BIRTHS

Savannah Nicole Ruehle weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces, was born January 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Christina Ruehle of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Blake Ruehle. Her grandparents are Lori Harp and Tim Henson of Boyne Falls, Chris LaRosa of Carson City, Gary and Brenda Ruehle of Bay City and Bobbie and Gazza Powell of Brisbane, Australia.

Skylar Thomas Blecke weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce, was born January 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Laura and Scott Blecke of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Marlene and the late Joseph Maltese of Charlevoix and Charles and Joan Blecke of Green Bay, Wisc. His great grandparents are Violette Griffen; Gladys Ambrosius; Roy and Delores Maltese; Sam and Marcia Ward.

Minor injuries in snowmobile crash

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to Charlevoix Area Hospital at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 where Steven Scott Knapp (38) of East Jordan was being treated for sore ribs, back and neck pain he received while riding his snowmobile.

Knapp was riding northeast on Nicholls Road and east 7th St. in the City of East Jordan. Knapp had just come from home, and was following a car out of town. As the car in front of him turned off, Knapp accelerated. This acceleration caused Knapp to lose control on the snow covered road, and crashed into a snowbank. Upon impact, Knapp was ejected from the snowmobile where he sustained his injuries.

Knapp was treated and released for minor bruises.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's Courier named the appointed officers for the 2008 Charlevoix Planning Commission. The story stated Dianne Manore was voted secretary, when in fact the secretary has been and will remain Dianna Gully.

Free tax help available

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union recently announced that it is offering low- to moderate-income families free access to online resources needed to file for state and federal income tax credits and refunds. The computer program assists taxpayers in claiming their Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which can be as high as $4,716 in addition to several other state and federal refunds that are often overlooked.

Bay Winds is one of 140 credit unions participating in this program called "Just file it! We'll help: Free tax preparation resources for those who need it most." The program is available through a link on the Bay Winds Federal Credit Union web site, www.baywindsfcu.com.

"More than $200 million in federal tax refunds went unclaimed in Michigan for the 2006 tax year by the people who need it most—low-income families and individuals," said David Lensink, President/CEO of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union.

There are a variety of federal and state tax credits in addition to the EITC that can benefit low- to moderate-income individuals/households. Additional federal tax credits include the Child Tax Credit and the Federal Child and Dependent Care Credit. Michigan tax credits include the Home Heating Tax Credit, the Homestead Property Tax Credit, and the Child Deduction. These credits are available to those who file income tax returns and those who are exempt from filing requirements.

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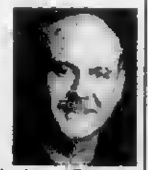

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CHAMBER

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tive Officer of the Charlevoix Chamber. She helped mold Charlevoix into what it is today," stated Linda Mason, Chamber member and proprietor of Mason Interiors.

Merta was recognized for her commitment to the city and the Chamber, including her work to promote area retail business, further the retention and expansion efforts of industries in the Charlevoix area, and the support of a strong downtown through marketing and advertising programs. Mason also noted Merta's work with many of Charlevoix's signature events — the Downtown Easter Egg Hunt, the Summer Solstice Art Show, Car Raffle Fundraiser, Downtown Farmers Market and the Apple Fest, to name a few — and her "dedication and support" for each.

"Her views were instrumental in many local projects, from downtown improvements such as street side trees to the creation of our Industrial Development Committee," Mason said.

Merta was unable to attend the meeting, and Eric Kammermann of Northwest Marine Yacht Club accepted the award on her behalf, stating he knew her to be "honored" by the gesture.

Merta was replaced by new director Erin Bemis, who took over director duties Jan. 2. In addition to welcoming the crowd and introducing herself as the new executive director, one of Bemis' duties was to present the Outstanding Citizen Award to a resident who "goes above and beyond," and has all the characteristics of an outstanding citizen: "Stimulating, exciting, encouraging, engaging, inviting, exceeding."

"All of these are applicable words to describe outstanding. Put all of these words together and you still cannot summarize this year's recipient," Bemis said.

While unable to summarize him, it did not take Bemis long to describe enough for the crowd to guess the recipient — a founder of Four Winn's Boat Co., active fund raiser for a number of events including the Venetian Festival, the Harbor and Park renovation and the Fountain of Youth Committee, a Board member for Challenge Mountain and the Charevoix County Community Foundation, and member of the Our Town citizens group — is John Winn.

"John is an exemplary model of community service. He is an advocate for all that Charlevoix is and what we can become," Bemis said.

Winn was also a driving force in the oraiganization of the first Taste of Charlevoix, now an annual event, Bemis noted, which raises funds for the Fireworks Victim's Fund. Winn also served on the State Waterways Commission from 1999 to 2005, and was chairman for part of that time.

"This is a man who has vision and follow his heart. He is not one to sit on the sidelines," Bemis said. "If he believes in something, he rolls up his sleeves, jumps in and takes charge."

Unable to attend, Winn was said to have been "honored and humbled" by the award, which was accepted on his behalf by his friend, Mark Greyerbiehl.

The Ambassador Award is another annual recognition given to an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix community through Chamber programs. Jeff Sprecksell, General Manager of Stafford's Weathervane and outgoing vice chair of the board, introduced the 2008 recipient, an individual who became involved in the community while serving as general manager of her family's retail business. She was "instrumental in developing and growing the Downtown Farmers Market," Sprecksell said, and served on the Farmers Market Committee. She was also active in the promotion of and attracting visitors to downtown, served on the Retail Committee and was an avid supporter of Apple Fest. By the time her name was announced — Judy Friske Kehr — the audience had caught on to the clues and began congratulating.

"Anyone who has worked with her will recognize her determination, her strong will, her selflessness, her positive attitude and her love of community and family," Sprecksell said.

Kehr's brother, Neil Friske, accepted the award on her behalf.

"Judy would like to thank you for this. She loves her involvement, she talks about it all the time, and she's thankful for the opportunity to be on the board," Friske said.

The culmination of the evening came when Conlan again took the stage to present the Chairman's Award, given to a person in recognition of their outstanding contribution in helping the Chamber accomplish its mission for the benefit and betterment of the greater Charlevoix area. As Chairman, it is Conlan's job to recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors, and he said there was no hesitation about recommending Jim Hater, President and General Manager of Charlevoix Manufacturing Company.

"He is hard working and dedicated and does not seek the limelight," Conlan said of Hater.

Conlan described Hater's various contributions to the area, including the establishment of his business in Charlevoix, his activity in the Chamber, the foundation of the Charlevoix Industrial Committee, service on the Chamber's Industrial Retention Committee, service on the Day of Caring Steering Committee, and service as Chairman of the Board for the Bergmann Center. Hater is also a long-time member, current director and past president of the Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, and is the current director and co-chair of the Northwest Michigan Industrial Association Workers Compensation Fund.

Hater's efforts were recognized on a state level last year, when he was a finalist for the Michigan Manufacturer of the Year.

"This award brought statewide recognition to Charlevoix and its business community," Conlan said.

Hater was present to accept his award, and was "honored by it, humbled by it, and thankful."

"I believe in Charlevoix, I love Charlevoix. It is my home and anything I can do to make it a better place, I will do," Hater said.

Photo by Erica Goff

Jim Hater, President and General Manager of Charlevoix Manufacturing Company, accepts the Chairman's Award from Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Tom Conlan at the 50th annual awards dinner last week. Also honored were outgoing director Jacqueline Merta and chamber members John Winn and Judy Friske Kehr, who were unable to attend the event.

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The ABC's of the corporate tax world

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

The federal government paid $92 billion in subsidies to private businesses in 2006, so why should you care that the 21st Century Jobs Fund, a spiffy name for a $2 billion chunk of your state tax money, continues to be doled via the latest welfare flushed incantation, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

It seems pretty straight forward: Politician "A" promises your money to Company "B" if "B" promises to build a factory in city "Q."

Here's where it gets tricky: State "Z" then offers "B" more tax money than did "A" and "B" drops its "XYZ and says "F" to "Y-O-U."

In the trickle-down idiocy of corporate welfare, they'll even finance your competition.

That is precisely what occurred when Michigan gave millions in economic incentive packages (i.e. tax breaks, infrastructure improvements) to both Boar's Head meats ($5.1 million incentive package) and Cabela's sportsman equipment company ($27.8 million), each of whom compete with Koegel's and Jay's Sporting Goods respectively.

And then there is Sensicore, the Ann Arbor manufacturer of water treatment sensors, which a few years ago "flirted" with New Jersey, wrote Mark Puls on Michigansmalltech.com, but was given 1.5 million tax funded reasons to stay.

"Flirt," "extort," why quibble over semantics?

Sensicore's shady tactics are routine and certainly nothing new, as Greg LeRoy explained in his booklet No More Candy Store: "The Township of Ypsilanti ... sued GM in 1992, alleging that 17 years of tax abatements worth $1.3 billion had included pledges by GM to keep operating its 4,500-worker plant in Willow Run."

Ypsilanti lost and the jobs went to Texas.

In 2006, Granholm said the MEDC, "promotes smart economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs and a high quality of life."

The current administration claims more than 200,000 jobs have been created by the MEDC, but according to Mackinac Center for Public Policy economist Michael LaFaive, too many factors make it possible to corroborate or deny the claims.

"Michigan, even in bad years, creates and destroys about a half million jobs a year," he said, and pointed to a 2004 claim by then Gov. John Engler that previous cash seam the Michigan Economic Growth Association (MEGA) created 74,000 jobs, despite a report which proved MEGA, at best, created 13,500 jobs.

Other pseudo success stories include Internet-based grocer webvan.com (now defunct), which was offered $23.4 million in incentives, and Waldenbooks, which in the mid-1990s was offered nearly $8 million—one of the requirements of the incentives being that the executives sign a form stating the subsidies were the reason they located in Michigan—only to later discover that executives had put deposits on homes before the subsidy was passed into law and an employee said Michigan had always been the preferred place to locate.

Meanwhile, cheek deep in the middle of a one-state recession, the MEDC, put five more tool and die operations on its list of similar companies exempt from most state and local taxes for up to 15 years according to the CEO of the MEDC on Jan. 11.

Speaking of 24 winners of $35 million of your tax money in 2006, Granholm said, "No state is doing more to diversify its economy than we are."

And yet, nary a state is doing worse than we are: coincidence?

Dying to know how much tax money goes to those who dole the corporate welfare, I repeatedly rang the MEDC for a detailed budget.

I finally got an e-mail stating, "The FY07 MSF budget was part of the omnibus budget appropriations bill -- HB 5796, PA 345 of 2006. The FY08 MSF budget is part of the General Government budget bill - SB 229, PA 127 of 2007."

(Maybe you'll have better luck than I did. Here's Bridget Beckman's e-mail: beckmanb1@michigan.org and phone (517) 241-9446.)

According to LaFaive, the MEDC took $244 million from taxpayers from 1999 to 2002.

For those of us worried the state might create monsters by falling on bended knee and prostrating ourselves on a rug made of your money every time a business threatens to build a plant in Indonesia: It's too late. We are in the thick of gnashing teeth and bloody tongues. The financial juggernauts are already off the silken leash.

C'mon, if anyone needs a $10 million tax credit and a $4.5 million tax abatement, it's Dow Chemical of Midland.

Back when I was a kid clad in ratty jeans and yard sale shoes, spending that monopoly-esque government script on generic macaroni and cheese (is there cheese in that DayGlo orange powder?) it was traumatic. Used to be, living on welfare was shameful. Little did I know I was actually participating in economic development.

Why, anyone rich or poor reading this should stop what they are doing, run down to the nearest FIA office and demand your subsidy: Plumbers, collect those food stamps; carpenters, demand cash to keep your business in town; restaurateurs, stomp your feet until you get the tax abatement you desire; and me, I'm gonna hold my breath until I'm exempted from

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Fishing 'lures' interest of Ear to the Ground

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Don't get me wrong. I love winter in Charlevoix, but it is a difficult time for me. If a person does not like being cold, doesn't want to ski anymore, shudders at the thought of an ice rink, and believes that snowshoes make wonderful wall decorations, winter can be an awkward few months. I don't understand boredom, so something to do during these short January days is important. Dreaming with the photos from a few seed catalogs can take a person only so far. Desperate times call for desperate measures. Last week I did a thorough inventory of my fishing tackle boxes (yes, Virginia, that is a plural.)

It was immediately apparent that I need a Fishing Tackle Box Management course, or possibly a more sound business plan for that piscatorial enterprise. I did not attempt an economic analysis, only a numerical count. The numbers surprised me, because I think of my collection as a modest one compared to those of some of the people I have observed or fished with. In this report we will focus only on what we called lures. My numerical analysis suggests that they are only incidentally lures for fish. I am forced to conclude that most of them are lures for fishermen. It turns out that the fish buy only a very few of them.

Lures fall into two general categories: what are commonly called spoons, and what are usually referred to as body baits, which are meant to resemble minnows in shape or action. My spoon collection consists of one hundred-twenty-nine items. The spoons are of several sizes and any imaginable color, pattern or texture, with names like monkey puke, raspberry and Michael Jackson. They don't all have names, but the names make it easier to talk about them on the marine radio bands. Some are very popular one year and then fall into disuse, while others, like "that one with the green and silver and the shiny stripe" are perennial favorites.

Most of the body baits also have names, some descriptive and some reflecting a manufacturer. Names like "Fire Tiger," which sounds like it would catch fish by itself if you only released it into the water, or "Blue Baby" are understandable, but "Ping-a-tee" doesn't provide many clues to appearance of function. Rapala, the manufacturer of the "original Finnish minnow" seems to make more body baits than almost anyone, and certainly the majority of my seventy-five minnow imitators come from there.

If I fished with the legal three downrigger lines, I would have to spend about 70 hours on the lake just to try each of the lures for an hour or less. I haven't done that. The majority of the lures have never been in the water.

My only defense for this collection is that I did not buy them all myself. Quite a few are actually gifts, and many more arrived when I bought a whole tackle box some years ago. Those 200 lures have in their past attracted at least a half-dozen fishermen, and an unknown number of fish.

Overall, my inventory of lures and all the accompanying paraphernalia has convinced me that the tackle boxes are much like small, portable Black Holes of the sort that astronomers study. Everything goes into them and nothing ever comes out. The attraction of lures is so powerful that none is ever discarded.

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LETTERS to the editor

SAY YES TO NUCLEAR POWER

Editor:

As someone who has been intimately involved in the generation and distribution of electricity in this country for more than 20 years, I would like to compliment Mr. Gohs for his editorial in the January 16th edition of the Courier. It is refreshing to find common sense being promoted in the media every once in a while.

Too often, the vocal minority stand in the way of real progress and, in this case, the necessary construction of vital infrastructure. We are straining the capability of our existing generating capacity every summer and the problem only gets worse. Most people do not know this country, the United States of American, the richest country in the world, has to import electricity from Canada. Embarrassing, but true.

We have all heard the horror stories which come out of California. And, in case you have not heard the latest from the Golden State, Big Brother is now planning to install remote-controlled thermostats in California homes in order to determine how much electric power individual households use during peak demand periods. Before you think this is harmless, consider what other appliances will be under government control if this is "successful."

Despite all this, there are people who remain opposed to the construction of new power plants. They apparently live a life of delusion, believing either the electricity will magically appear when the light switch is flipped or 300 million Americans will stop using it in this, the computer age. Nice thought, but it's just not going to happen.

Coal and nuclear are safe and clean. And, until we can all buy a Mr. Fusion Home Energy Reactor (recall Dr. Brown's time vehicle), they are the only viable solutions we have to the energy crisis facing this country. Building more power plants is necessary and delaying that construction is irresponsible at best.

David M. Bowman
East Moline, Ill

THANKS FROM RED CROSS

Editor:

One of the benefits of being a blood donor for the American Red Cross is getting a phone call from Dr. Phil. Even though it is a prerecorded message, it is still pretty impressive! Dr. Phil reminds us that every two seconds in the United States, someone needs a blood transfusion. He talks about the importance of scheduling an appointment to donate at a local blood drive.

Well, I am certainly proud of the response by Charlevoix donors and my Red Cross volunteers.

The Red Cross collected 104 pints from 116 donors at the Community Reformed Church on January 17. What an amazing turnout. I thank Pastor Sauer and his congregation for welcoming all of us to their church.

The Red Cross considers a three-day blood supply safe and adequate for meeting the needs of Michigan hospitals. Thank you so very much, Charlevoix, for doing your best to boost that supply! Can you imagine how grateful the patients and their families are? Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors throughout the community who give their time and resources for this most important life saving endeavor.

There will be a blood drive at Bethany Lutheran Church on March 13, noon until 5:45. Watch for information on the next drive at the Reformed Church in May.

My most sincere thanks.
Ellen Breining
Charlevoix Coordinator

B.A.S.E.S.

Editor:

Northwestern Michigan has a facility to be proud of! As you may know, statistics indicate that drug & alcohol abuse, is a growing and wide spread problem in northern Michigan and beyond. My daughter, Stephanie, became a statistic this past summer. Stephanie was an all-conference softball player with good grades, family and a foundation of faith.

Like many teens, her experimentation led to a full-fledged addiction. Her grades dropped significantly. Her softball skills diminished. She was very hurtful to herself and family, and her faith was not a priority. She was literally on a dead end path.

We were unsuccessful finding a local facility to address her many needs. I received information from a family member about the merits of your local B.A.S.E.S. (Bay Area Substance Education Services) Facility located in Charlevoix. We met with Scott and Celia Kelly, Co-founders of B.A.S.E.S. and while they gave us no guarantees, they gave us plenty of reason(s) for hope! To state it succinctly, they not only handled her addictions "head on" but also dished out "tough love" and guidance to improve her both mind, body and soul. There is a special place in heaven for people doing the work of Scott and Celia. There is also a very very special place right here on earth and it is located in Charlevoix, Michigan.

George Fattal
Goshen, Ind.

PLANNING FOR THE CITY

Editor:

While reading the article about the planning commission's approval of the new Walgreen's site plan, I was amazed at their discussion about the inclusion of sidewalks and pursuing a pedestrian crossing at M-66 and US-31. Especially with Chairman Hess' concerns as to sidewalks and a pedestrian crossing only encouraging people to cross at that dangerous intersection. What? This conclusion is hugely faulty and extremely dangerous for the planning commission to base any decision on. The lack of a crosswalk will not discourage a motivated adult or youngster from crossing a street, downtown proves that. The difference with this location is that the traffic will be moving 2 to 3 times faster, with at least twice the lanes of traffic and an increased, multi-directional, traffic volume for a walker or bike to navigate.

To start the first new development south of M-66 with a conscious goal (by design) of prohibiting pedestrian access, will have huge long term effects to any business that will follow Walgreen's arrival to the south. The short term effects, with the creation of this new retail destination, will be unregulated attempts by pedestrians and bicycles to cross two major trunk lines; not to mention the creation of a new City policy direction not to provide for anyone to walk or bike to this part of town.

I believe the City can require Walgreens to install a sidewalk on the site. I also know that MDOT will participate in discussions about a crosswalk, at what is basically their intersection. I would also think Harbor Industries would like a seat at the table.

I would strongly suggest that the City rethink its direction on this site plan. It will be difficult and expensive to make a correction in years to come if this goes as the Initial discussion suggests.

Dennis Halverson
Charlevoix

VOTE IN ELECTION

Editor:

To All Privileged American Citizens Who Are Free to Vote:

Take advantage of this gift and vote in all elections, but most importantly this year in the November 4, 2008 presidential election. Your vote is valued and necessary to help decide the future of our country, we well as your future.

There is still time to become a registered voter. For information, in the City of Charlevoix, call the city clerk at 547-3250. For names and phone numbers of your township clerk you can call the Charlevoix County clerk at 547-7200. Information regarding absentee ballots can be obtained there too.

Because of the new laws and the protection of everyone, you are required to show a current pictured identification when you arrive to vote. You can purchase personal ID at the local Secretary of State office on the corner of M-66 and Loch Road. Price for personal ID is $10 for ages 18-65. Persons over 65 can obtain a personal ID free. Lost driver's license replacements are $9. Lost chauffeur's license replacements are $18. Please allow 30 days for personal ID and 60 days for driver and chauffeur licenses.

Don't forget, we the voting people put these people in these positions to represent us. Our future is in our hands. We must do the research on each of these candidates so we can make intelligent decisions. If we do not do our part, we have no right to complain.

Do not wait. You must be registered 30 days prior to voting and October will be here before we know it!

Shirlee Koerber

NEW ANSWERS NEEDED FOR FUNDING WOES

Editor:

I generally agree with Roger Knutson's piece in the 16 January issue concerning roads.

I have no details on how the current system is structured for road building, maintenance, and snow removal, but clearly something is not working well.

I just want to comment on what I think is the logic about how it "should be."

It seems that all roads are toll roads. We pay the toll at the gas pump as gas tax, and we pay it in proportion to our use of the roads where we drive (our area, mostly.) The state gas tax should be high enough (when properly allocated) to cover all of the "road building, maintenance, and snow removal" in the State. It might also be proper to include support items for the roads such as highway patrol and a portion of municipal police costs that deal with the roads. Otherwise, none of the gas tax should be used on anything other than road related needs. That is how simple it should be; I doubt that that is the way it works right now!

If things were structured that way, the most difficult task would probably be how to properly allocate the funds. From my arm's-length point of view, the present problems appear to stem from the misallocation of funds (and possibly a poorly structured system).

Ron Willey
Charlevoix

LARGEST CHERRY PIE

Editor:

I have been meaning to write this letter for three years, so finally. Would whomever is in charge of the Largest Cherry Pie please cut back the cedars and clean up the brush so that the pie can be seen? Otherwise we may as well get rid of it.

Peg Ostrum
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Hometown talent at Open Mic Night

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Above, Dwein Martin and Acoustic Stew member Amy Cook perform a song from Martin's yet-to-be released CD Flying Dreams. Martin, who organized the open mic event, was pleased with the turnout and invites all ages to recite poetry, sing, play music, dance or recite a short scripted piece at the next open mic night from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28. To learn more about Martin, visit www.watersoblue.com. For more information on the open mic night, call 237-7340. Those who wish only to sit in the audience and be entertained are also urged to attend. Left, Jetty Rae plays guitar and sings one of her original tunes during the Charlevoix Public Library's first ever open mic night on Thursday, Jan. 24. For more info on Rae, visit www.jettyrae.com. There are planned open mic events on Feb. 28, April 24 and May 29.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix resident John Alberts recounts God's love of baseball and the parallels between the game and life in "The Old Ballgame." A retired teacher, Alberts has been writing poetry seriously for 20 years. He said the event had a hopeful beginning and he plans to ettend again in February.

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DARE-ing to share and learn

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Kourtney Putman, fifth-grader at St. Mary school won the annual DARE essay contest for thet school. Putman is seen here with Charlevoix City Police oficer Scott Hankins.

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"Stitches" Knitting Group
Monday, February 4, 6:00 pm
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Tax officials advise, be sure to claim your cash

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

IRS officials urge Michiganders, 82 percent of whom are eligible for a tax refund, to file well before the April 15 deadline.

With a slew of firms, do-it-yourself software and free government help, there is no excuse not to tackle your tax preparation soon, Michigan branch IRS spokesman Luis Garcia advised.

"It's frustrating when we see people not using the free software provided for them," Garcia said. "It's the same exact stuff you would pay $30 to $80 for whether you walk in a store or buy it online, but we are partnering with several major software providers and our FreeFile service is free to anyone making $54,000 or under."

He added, "You can do it online, in the privacy of your own home in a safe and secure environment. And, if you use direct deposit, you can get your money in 10 days or less—and it's totally free."

To use FreeFile: Gather all tax documents and banking information, go to www.irs.gov and click on the "Use Free File to Prepare Your Taxes" link at the top of the page. You will then be given options of companies from which to choose. Choose a company and file your taxes.

FreeFile is free for federal taxes, but the cost for filing your state tax return was only $13.50 at the #1 Discount Tax Service website and Garcia said the online tax preparation service is easy enough for anyone who knows how to use a computer. It also has a high rate of accuracy.

"It's very straightforward. They walk you through it and it asks you the same questions regular software or a tax preparer would ask," he said. "Using electronic software for taxes has a less than one percent chance for error. If you fill it out longhand and send it in the mail, you have a 20 percent chance for an error."

He added, "And nobody wants to have problems with their return."

Once you have completed your taxes using FreeFile, which is available 24 hours a day and even in Spanish, you will receive, within 48 hours, a confirmation e-mail.

Those whose adjusted gross income was more than $54,000 may file their tax returns online through the IRS's e-file program—costs vary.

Another major change people do not take advantage of, Garcia said, is a change to their own income.

"The biggest change affecting us in Michigan is the number of people who previously didn't qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit because they were working lots of overtime or had a much higher paying position and now they make enough to qualify, but are not taking advantage of it," he said. "If your adjusted gross income is $40,000 or less, you will probably qualify for this, and it's a big chunk of money we don't want people in Michigan to go miss out on."

Garcia said a family of four making less than $40,000 will usually get a refund of about $2,500, but if they apply for the EIC, they can get an additional $4,700.

"We need that money here in Michigan," Garcia said. "We're hearing from a lot of our community partners and other organizations that people are not aware that it is there for them."

He added, "That is tens of millions of dollars that people are leaving on the table."

Garcia said another big change in tax code is the Alternative Minimum Tax, a tax devised in 1969 to ensure higher income earners who avoided paying their share of taxes through certain loopholes and deductions would pay their fair share of tax.

"The alternative minimum tax patch passed by congress late last December will affect people who are filing certain forms for education credits, residential energy credits, child and dependent care expenses and mortgage interest credit, not to be confused with the mortgage interest deduction," Garcia said. "Those people who are filing those forms will have to wait until (Feb. 11) to file in Michigan. That's going to affect several thousand early filers and we want them to be aware if they send in those returns before the 11th, we will send them back or reject them."

Garcia said the change was made so late in the year that the IRS's computer systems are simply not yet ready for the workload.

The Alternative Minimum Tax applies to single filers who earned $44,350; married filers who earned $66,250; and married filers who file separately who earned $33,125.

Finally, Garcia said, do not fall victim to fallacious claims by some that you need not pay your taxes.

"If you follow the advice of scam promoters who say you don't have to pay taxes, you are ultimately going to get into trouble," he said. "If you make a mistake on your return we can pretty much figure out that it was an accident, but if you are doing something illegal on purpose, you are going to be stuck with a headache."

Garcia added, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

TAX TIPS FROM THE IRS:

- You may now split your refund and have it sent to up to three different accounts.
- Obtain a copy of your tax return, for a $39 fee, by calling (800) 829-1040 or visit www.irs.gov.
- Tax information is available in Spanish (Informacion tributaria en Espanol) — (800) 829-3676 or www.irs.gov/espanol
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer: Get references; choose someone who you can contact after the return is filed.
- Report suspected tax fraud and/or abusive tax preparers by downloading form 3949-A at www.irs.gov or by order via mail by calling (800) 829-3676
- Good record keeping will save time and prevent additional stress while filing taxes — save all bills, receipts, invoices, mileage logs and other documents which affect your tax returns.
- Beware of scammers claiming affiliation with the IRS — there is only one official website: www.irs.gov

Take advantage ...

Officials say free tax services — available from the IRS — are under-utilized. The free software, FreeFile, is available for anyone making $54,000 or less

Go to www.irs.gov, click "Use Free File to Prepare Your Taxes" and follow instructions

OBITUARY

HELEN ROSELLE BIER

Helen Roselle Bier, 85, of Charlevoix, passed away Friday, January 25 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born on September 17, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Goldie Augusta (Roszel) and Fred L. Mankel. She is survived by her brother, Kenneth Mankel, her sister, Barbara King, her daughters, JoAnne Beemon (Rick), Sally Bier (Sam Johnson), Sandra Bier Johnson (Russ), Karen Bradley (Gary), her sons, Ray Bier III (Tami), Glenn Bier (Mary), Kenneth Bier (Leslie), her loving companion Thomas Cuniffe and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Roselle was preceded in death by her parents, Goldie and Fred Mankel, her beloved daughter Patty, former spouse, Ray Bier, Jr., and her brothers LaVern and Richard Mankel.

Roselle taught English as a second language. She loved to travel and photograph nature. She was an avid naturalist and felt most at home in the woods enjoying the birds, wildflowers (especially the orchids) and eagles. She was always ready for a new adventure and loved sharing her excitement for life with others.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 3, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State St., in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Family Intervention Services (for families in need), P.O. Box 398, Gaylord, MI 49734 or the charity of your choice.

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Sunday School	9:10 a.m.
Worship	10:10 a.m.
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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klouster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BILLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8011 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05833 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James O. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday [illegible] a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	

Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room Wednesday	2:00-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:[illegible] a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins 388-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12021 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2873

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Sunday Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-9482

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9123 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Alman 388-7805

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 388-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:40 a.m.

Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US-31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12?05 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:[illegible] a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cowe Allen 347-3849

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-1008
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NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor Duane O'Fill 231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6281

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Local vet remembers day that ship wouldn't die

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Silence. Explosion. Men screaming, steel quaking and intense heat. The sailor, who had enlisted just 3 years prior at the age of 15, struggled to comprehend twisted steel and burning bodies.

Another explosion. The ship rocked under the force of the second 550-pound bomb to hit the U.S.S. Franklin—Big Ben, as the sailors called it.

"It was March the 19th of 1945. We lost hundreds of men off the crew and we lost probably about, I would say, between 65 and 70 percent of the air group," said Don Greyerbiehl, 18 at the time of the ship's worst attack. "We had 16 fighters in the air at that time and they were launching them."

Greyerbiehl was a boatswain working the catapult crew of the flight deck of the Franklin, which sailed to within 50 miles of Japan—closer to the mainland than any other carrier during the war.

But wait, volunteers for the military had to be at least 17 to enlist in the early 1940s, and only with signed approval from a parent or guardian.

To find out how the then-youngster found himself in the middle of one of the greatest losses of life aboard a ship during the second great war, one must go back to a school 66 years ago.

Greyerbiehl

Greyerbiehl was still an underclassman at St. Michael's in Flint when he heard the news.

"We got the word the Japanese had attacked the United States on a Sunday and right away everybody just wanted to go," he said. "I tried to go down and enlist, but they wouldn't take me because I was 14. I went home and told my dad, 'I gotta go, I gotta go. There's a war on.'"

Greyerbiehl's father talked his son out of the idea, but it wasn't long before the itch to shove off was again unbearable.

"The next year I was in the 10th-grade and the excitement (to enlist) was there again and my dad said, 'you can't go in the service, you're not old enough,'" he said. "So I just kind of settled down until November when the brother of a friend was in the navy and he was underage too at the time. He said, 'I can tell you what to do.'"

Greyerbiehl lied about his age by stating that he was 17 on a birth certificate and presented it to the recruiter.

"I figured they were going to need all the men they could get, but they said you're going to have to have your dad's signature on it," he said. "I took the paper home and he signed it for me, but he said, 'Now you know once you're in, you're in.'"

Courtesy photo

Local World War II Navy veteran Don Greyerbiehl was aboard the USS Franklin, a ship bombed by a Japanese plane March 19, 1945. The event killed 724 soldiers and wounded 265.

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We're Moving

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DC4K group meetings are offered each **Tuesday afternoon, from 3-5 p.m.** at the Ellsworth Elementary School starting February 5th for 13 weeks.

Please note that if school has 1/2 day, snow day or it's a holiday, there will be NO class.

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Third generation takes over Harbor Industries, Inc.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Harbor Industries, Inc. employees now have a new leader, but a familiar face, that will continue the company's embrace of core moral values.

"We are a family owned company. Our decision making process is different than most company structures because we are family oriented and we know the folks here and we'll continue that by all means," said newly appointed president of Harbor Industries Tim Parker.

Parker's move up from vice president, a position he held since 2000 when he helped guide construction of the new Harbor Industries facility in Charlevoix, became effective Jan. 1. He is now the third generation to head the family operation, which was founded by his grandfather, Henry T. Parker, Sr. The second generation president, Ted Parker, said it was "a natural transition" when he took over in 1971, having been a full time employee since 1960 and working his way up.

"I think the family business was in my blood," Ted Parker said.

The tradition continued, with Ted's children also working their way up the ladder. Tim started mowing the lawn at the original Grand Haven location when he was 14 years old, continuing maintenance work until his freshman year of college. That summer he moved into Inventory Control, where he continued work until he graduated from Michigan State University. He then became a full-time employee, serving as special project manager until he returned to school, this time to the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he earned a Masters of Business Administration. He again returned to Harbor Industries full time, climbing the ladder of command until taking the vice president of operations position in 2000, when he was involved with the construction of the new Charlevoix facility. Tim said he feels fortunate to have the team that he has under him.

History

Ted Parker's father, Henry T. Parker, Sr., founded Harbor Industries, Inc. with the first location in Grand Haven. Ted's friend, Tom Erber, invited him to Charlevoix for a visit in 1958 and he "fell in love with the area." In 1981 he purchaed the Freedman Artcraft Company from Norcross Greeting Cards and Harbor moved to the area.

A new facility was built in 2000-01, and Harbor Industries now employs approximately 220 people and is a leading industry in the area.

"We truly are very fortunate to have such a competent group of folks here. It sounds cliché when you say it's all about the people, but here it really is," he said.

In addition to Tim's advancement, his sister, Cindy Parker Euscher, who started in the family business in 1988, will advance from management in the Harbor Interactive Technologies Division to Executive Vice President of the company. Since earning her degree in business from Central Michigan University, Cindy has played a "vital role in a number of key areas including sales and marketing," a press release stated. Her father, Ted, said he feels confident about handing leadership down through the family.

"Both Tim and Cindy have had extensive training and have a combined total of 36 years in preparation for the transition. It is time for new ideas and approaches to compete in this fast changing world we find ourselves in," Ted said.

Tim said his time with the company thus far has prepared him for this step, something he and the Board of Directors have spent years preparing for, and he is proud to represent the third generation of family leadership.

"It is very humbling. Obviously, following my dad and my grandfather I've got big shoes to fill," he said, noting statistics show few family-owned businesses make it to the second generation, and fewer make it to the third.

"This is very rewarding," he said.

The transition will not cause much change for the environment or vision of the company, Tim said. Harbor Industries operates largely via its four core values, which he explained:

1. Make It Right - "We stand behind what we do," he said.

2. Do What is Right - "This is our moral compass. We believe the good guys do finish first."

3. Take Care of Our Own - "We have a role to play in the community, and we will offer involvement and assistance as much as possible," Tim said, describing some of the many community projects Harbor Industries is involved in, both at the Grand Haven location and here in Charlevoix, such as the Harbor People Helping People program and United Way involvement.

4. Solve Problems Through Creativity and Innovation - "We are always looking for better ways to do things, and we strive for continual improvements."

While Tim and his wife and two children continue to reside in Grand Haven through much of the year, they make frequent trips to Charlevoix, considering it somewhat of a second home, and will continue to play an integral part of the community.

Tim said it has been and will continue to be important to support the city of Charlevoix.

"We are fortunate to be here. We had been here for nearly 20 years before we built the new facility, and we couldn't walk away from this community. It is home (for Harbor Industries)," he said.

Tim said part of his vision and that of the company as a whole is to continue to grow and remain competitive in what he said is a "fragmented market." Competing against companies of similar size and larger as well as "garage shops" of a much smaller scale, Harbor Industries must remain competitive and continue to grow its client base. Striving for efficiency is another major goal.

"We continue to push to lead the market and remain cost competitive," Tim said.

Courtesy photo

Ted Parker, center, poses with his children, Tim Parker and Cindy Parker Euscher, who will take over leadership of family-owned Harbor Industries, Inc. Ted is the new president of the company, and Cindy will serve as executive vice president.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, January 21, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the develppment plan for Walgreens Pharmacy
- Council heard a presentation from Grooters Productions regarding their filming of a feature film in the Charlevoix area
- Motion passed directing staff to use internal City funds for cost overruns on the park rather than proceed with Act 99 funding from an outside source
- Motion passed accepting a $200 match grant from the DNR for the planting of street trees
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2007-08.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the proposed 2008-09 City Budget.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for public input on the existing trees in the East Park/Marina project area
- Resolution 2008-01-01 adopted, Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies
- Resolution 2008-01-02 adopted. Designation of Authorized Official to Apply for Parade Permits

Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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Citizens group searching for money for road repair

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW

Next meeting 9:30 a.m., Feb. 2 at the Boyne City library
For information visit www.fixbc-charrdnow.com

The group that hopes to reconstruct Charlevoix County roads, including the 17-mile Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, presented their case at a standing-room only meeting of the county board of commissioners.

"The fact is the Boyne City-Charlevoix road has outlived its usefulness, and needs to be re-built in its entirety," said Ken Allen, spokesman for the Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County.

Allen said urgent attention should be given to two-and-a-half miles "red zone," the most dangerous portion of the road, from Nelson to Sumner roads.

County Road Commission Manager Pat Harmon previously advised the group that under the best scenario, with a funding source identified, the engineering plans could be completed over the next year and a half, with construction beginning in the fall of 2009, well in advance of the four miles scheduled to be reconstructed in 2011/12.

Allen presented the commissioners a packet of information that included talking points on the project, supported by comments of Harmon and the road commissioners from 2004 to the present.

He presented a list of the group's recommendations for immediate action that include funding engineering for the "red zone," using county general or "rainy day" funds as needed, and grants for the reconstruction itself.

Allen also suggested the county consider a 10-year bond issue of up to $10 million, which would provide the balance of funding for the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and other high priority roads and infrastructure needs, as determined by the county commissioners and the voters.

The commissioners responded with a mixture of interest and skepticism, with some suggesting that voters might respond favorably to a proposal that included roads throughout the county. Others said voters were already overtaxed and should not take on further burdens.

Board chair Chris Christensen said he favored allowing county voters to decide for themselves whether such a proposal had merit. He said that to the extent possible he wanted to avoid allowing the state to shirk its responsibilities for funding road improvements by funding them locally.

The board has until April to adopt a resolution to put a county-wide millage proposal on the August primary ballot.

Melrose Township Supervisor Mike Webster, a member of the group, said that based on his experience with the township's bonding for a new township hall, he considered bonding a "reasonable solution" to the county's road problems.

But, he cautioned, "unless there is a county-wide effort, it will be dead in the water."

He said the group, and the county, needs to develop a three-prong approach, focusing on federal, state and local resources.

Group member Connie Saltonstall, a former county commissioner, said she was encouraged by Wednesday night's heavy turnout for the meeting, and the cooperation of the road commission and various segments of the public to the group's proposals.

"We need to plan to begin," she said.

Webster invited the commissioners and members of the public to a meeting of the local chapter of the Michigan Township Association at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, at the Boyne City City Hall, to further discuss the subject.

Norwood Township supervisor Tim Boyko said a successful funding drive would provide a major economic stimulus for the county for years.

The Concerned Citizens group met Saturday, Jan. 12, to review the previous week's public meetings with Congressman Bart Stupak and state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, and to organize their future efforts.

The group has scheduled a meeting for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Boyne City library. Organizer Jerry Malelski said minutes of the meetings will be posted at the group's Web site: www.fixbc-charrdnow.com.

Odds and ends from Charlevoix City Council

DNR Grant

Council passed a resolution to accept a grant agreement with the Department of Natural Resources, a $200 grant the city applied for in the summer of 2007. Street Superintendent Pat Elliot received confirmation from the DNR Jan. 14 announcing the city had been randomly chosen as a grant recipient. The $200 grant requires a local dollar-for-dollar match, and will be used for tree planting expenses downtown. Council's resolution officially received the monies.

Walgreens

City council reviewed information from the Planning Commission regarding its recommendation to go ahead with the proposed construction of a Walgreens facility on the corner of M-66 and US 31. Council accepted the recommendation, which included a request to examine the possibility of an additional drive at the location.

Budget

City Treasurer Rick Brandi presented a budget amendment for the 2007-08 budget ordinance to council, which summarized various adjustments made in spending and revenues throughout the year. Some changes include such things as a $30,450 boost in RV taxes, a $8,256 cut in state grant funding and others for a total revenue adjustment of -$37,873 in the General Fund. Other funds, such as the Major Street Fund, The Airport Fund, and the Downtown Development Authority also had amendments. A public hearing is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at City Hall to discuss the amendment before it is approved.

Brandi also introduced an ordinance for the 2008-09 budget which sets tax millage rates to support the budget. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at City Hall.

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Charlevoix County Commission

The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, Jan. 23 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners:

Item: Purchase of additional credited service

In brief: Resolution to sell three years and three months of credited service to Rex Stark-Behling for a total of $55,086

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: Purchase a document scanner

In brief: Resolution for the county clerk to purchase a document scanner to digitize county records for a total cost of $2,300

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: Lease agreement between the county and Hospice

In brief: Resolution to renew the one-year lease of property located at 411 East Division St. in Boyne City.

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: Sublease between the county and Boyne area seniors

In brief: Resolution to renew the one-year sublease between the Commission On Aging and The Boyne Area Seniors for property located at 411 East Division St. in Boyne City

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: Provision for unskilled nursing services

In brief: Resolution to approve unskilled nursing services to county residents 60 or older.

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: Appoint transportation coordinator

In brief: Resolution to appoint Eugene F. Beer as the transportation coordinator for county transit service

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: East Jordan Senior Center Renovation

In brief: Resolution to award the $83,639 renovation contract for air-conditioning, restroom, flooring and kitchenette of the East Jordan Senior Center to North Country Construction.

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: Amend the county's 911 plan

In brief: Resolution for the county to collect a surcharge from communications providers to help pay for 911 emergency service.

Board action: Approved unanimously, 6-0

Item: 911 surcharge on all communications devicas

In brief: Resolution to charge 61 cents per communications device per month from all county residents

Board action: Approved by a vote of 5-1 with District Five Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt the lone nay vote

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The board meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday and 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

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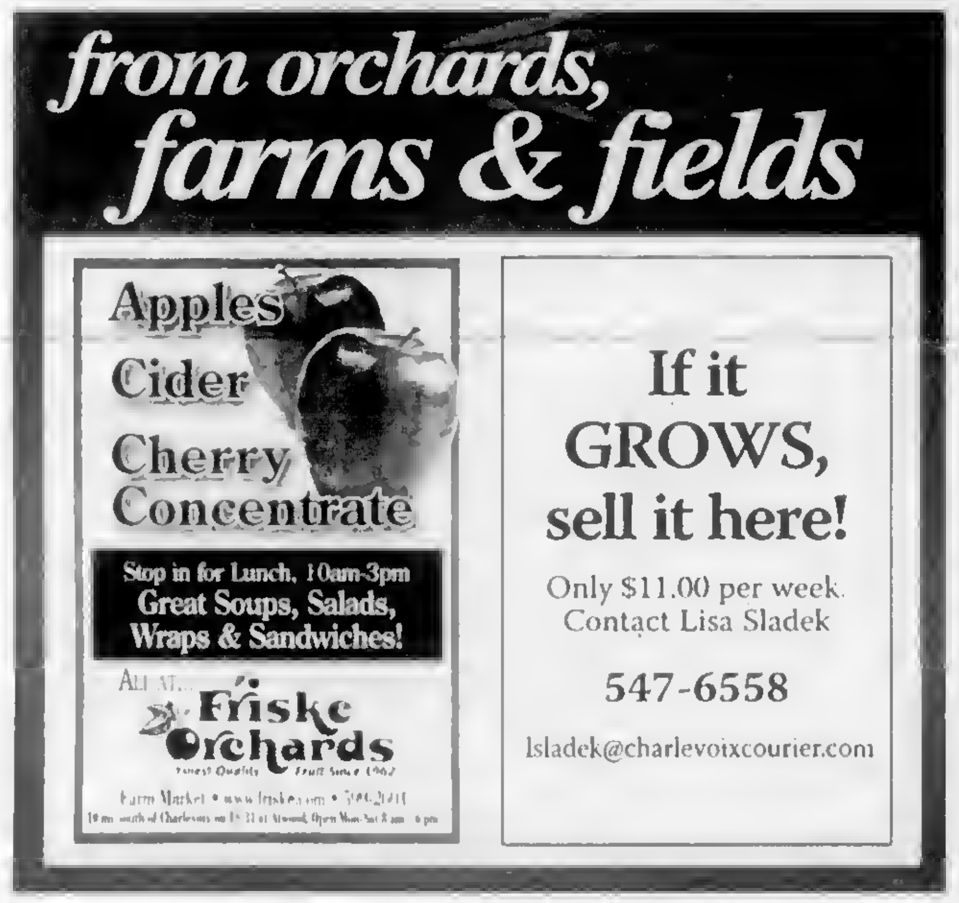
Visit from Stupak

Congressman Bart Stupak (left) of the U.S. Housa of Representatives, with his Congressional Aide Roger L. Srigley (right) of Petoskey, was a gueat at the Charlevoix Senior Center last week. They are pictured above with Earl Muma (center) Director of the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Tha Congresaman and his aida wera invited to Charlevoix to see tha completion of projects made at the Center. Soma improvements wera made possible with funds received from a grant from HUD. Congressman Stupak had assisted in securing tha grant. Stupak praised the Charlavoix Senior Center and stated it was one of the best and the best run of all Centers in northern Michigan. He also presented a certificate to Elena Thomas in honor of her husband Harold'a 100th birthday, and the couple's 81st wedding anniversary.

Assistance from Veterans' Affairs

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, on Tuesday, Feb. 4 between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.



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John Campbell, founder of Big Fish Environmental, holds two bottles comparing the difference between the raw sewage that enters the Big Fish Environmental system in the dark bottle and the treated waste that leaves the plant.

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Big Fish Environmental technician Corey Ostrum notes the growth of various plants using organic discharge as fertilizer.

Humans create bodily waste. It's a fact of life. Not a pretty one, but a fact nonetheless.

What if there was a way to more safely discard the gallons of waste into the environment, or even re-use it?

Enter: Big Fish Environmental in Charlevoix.

Formed in February 2005, founder John Campbell has devised a method for processing waste from septic systems and portable toilets and turning it into usable product, or at least a cleaner material for disposal.

"Big Fish Environmental provides a new, low-cost environmentally sound solution for processing septic tank sludge from suburban and rural developments, without the use of harsh chemicals," the company's Web site explains. "In their place we use products of mother nature, such as oxygen, micro organisms, lemon juice and lime."

Campbell said the resulting material, after it is treated through the plant's multi step operating process, can be used as soil enhancement for landscaping.

"It's 99.9 percent organic," he said.

HOW BIG FISH WORKS

Instead of direct land application of untreated waste, as has been a standard waste disposal method, Big Fish processes the material in a fully contained, odorless facility, resulting in an effluent capable of going directly to a municipal wastewater treatment plant for final treatment and safe discharge into the environment.

The benefit: This approach ensures ground water and surface water are protected.

The facility has also been licensed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Campbell noted, which means septic haulers within a 15 mile radius must bring their materials to Big Fish or another septic receiving station. The DEQ license also recognizes the unique approach to septage treatment and disposal developed by Big Fish.

"To date we have processed over 2.5 million gallons of sewage," said Campbell. "There are a lot of goals here. One is brought forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Act and the laws of the state of Michigan to protect the safety, health and welfare of the people and our environment."

Here's how the plant works:

A septage hauler enters the enclosed facility and discharges the waste into a tank. Concrete, stone and hard solid objects are removed. The pH of the material is then tested. Next the amount is metered and a screening process removes inorganic materials (like feminine products, baby wipes, etc.) and hair; that material goes to a landfill.

The organic material remaining is put into a chamber where sand is settled out, in an anaerobic (without oxygen) tank. Next oxygen is added and the homogenized material is mixed and pumped into another tank where the pH is raised to the level required by the DEQ.

The material is held for 24 hours and constantly mixed, then a patented piece of equipment called a screw press separates the majority of liquids and solids. Proprietary microbes are also introduced into the system.

"It's heated and compacted and squeezed and comes out relatively dry," Campbell said. "It is relatively clean."

The result is a peat moss like material that can be packaged in 50 pound bags.

Big Fish employs two full time staff members and two engineers, and the plant operates 24 hours a day.

To put the changes in septage treatment in perspective, Campbell said it used to be emptied essentially into a hole in the ground, spread out in a designated area or dumped in a landfill.

He said as far as the company is aware, Big Fish's process has not been accomplished with septage by any other business.

"It's been a lot of fun doing this project, and over the last six months we have reduced our solids content by 99.9 percent. That's phenomenal," Campbell said. "Our next goal is groundwater discharge."

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Charlevoix High School announced its 2008 Winterfest Court. Pictured are, back row from left: Nate Tripplehorn, Trevor Cole, Nick Wimmer, Nate LeBlance, Kyle Jones. Front row: Emily Yager, Becca Madison, Murphy Gillespie, Aubrey Way, Megan Cross.

Photo by Erica Goff

Amber Hoffman falls from the wall as Jake Waterman remains stuck in the duct tape competition at CHS' assembly last Friday. See page 15 for more Winterfest photos.

CHS 2008 Winterfest court

The student body of Charlevoix High School presents, with great honor, the 2008 Charlevoix Winterfest Court.

Emily Yager, escorted by Nicholas Wimmer. Emily is the daughter of Deborah Yager and the late Mark Yager. In the past, she's enjoyed being a part of the volleyball and softball teams. Currently, she's focused on journalism, health occupations and Spanish and volunteers at the local hospital. After graduation, she plans on attending Central Michigan University and majoring in graphic design.

Nicholas Wimmer is the son of Chris and Rebecca Wimmer. A four-year veteran of the Rayder cross-country and track team and the Charlevoix Indoor Soccer league, he's also involved in National Honor Society and participated on the student council. Community involvement includes the Charlevoix Christmas Project and St. Mary's dinner, dance and auction. He plans on attending Michigan Technological University to study chemical engineering.

Megan Cross, escorted by Trevor Cole. Megan is the daughter of Jack Cross and John and Linda Prescott. She has been a Lady Rayder soccer player and a strong Rayder basketball team supporter. She lists Spanish and Health Occupations as interesting classes and is involved in Bethany Lutheran Church and in the community. Megan plans on attending Michigan State University to pursue a nursing degree.

Trevor Cole is the son of Shane and Christine Cole. He has been a Rayder wrestler, track and field and football team member throughout high school. Construction and Spanish are his school day highlights. His plans after graduation include attending Ferris State University to study construction and business.

Aubrey Way, escorted by Kyle Jones. She is the daughter of Mike and Chris Way. A member of the National Honor Society, Aubrey is a strong Rayder on the volleyball team. She is an active member of her youth group. After CHS, Aubrey is planning on attending Ferris State University to participate in their volleyball program.

Kyle Jones is the son of Marsha Jones. On Rayder teams, he is a four-year veteran in football, track and field, basketball and baseball. Kyle is a referee for Pop Warner Basketball in the community. Kyle's post-graduation plans are to attend Ferris State University to study construction and play football.

Becca Madison, escorted by Nathan Tripplehorn. Becca is the daughter of Herm and Carol Madison and a member of the National Honor Society. She's a four-year Lady Rayder team member in soccer and basketball and has played NorthStar 90 Traverse City Club soccer for six years. In the community, Becca is a youth soccer coach. She plans on attending Ohio Wesleyan University to play soccer. Her career plans are in the research phase.

Nathan Tripplehorn is the son of Julie Tripplehorn. During his high school career, he's represented CHS as a Rayder on the golf, football and wrestling teams. Nate lists construction and Spanish as school interests and he has achieved Eagle Scout status in the Boy Scout arena. Nate has been honored by TV 7 & 4 and the CHS community for his mature and courageous response to health challenges.

Murphy Gillespie, escorted by Nathan LaBlance. Murphy is the daughter of Daniel and Tamie Gillespie. She is a Lady Rayder basketball player and a member of the volleyball team. She plans on attending North Central Michigan University in the fall to pursue a nursing degree.

Nathan LaBlance is the son of Tim and Carrie LaBlance. His sport is basketball, all day, every day and he strongly symbolizes the Rayders on the court. Upon graduation, his future plans are in development.

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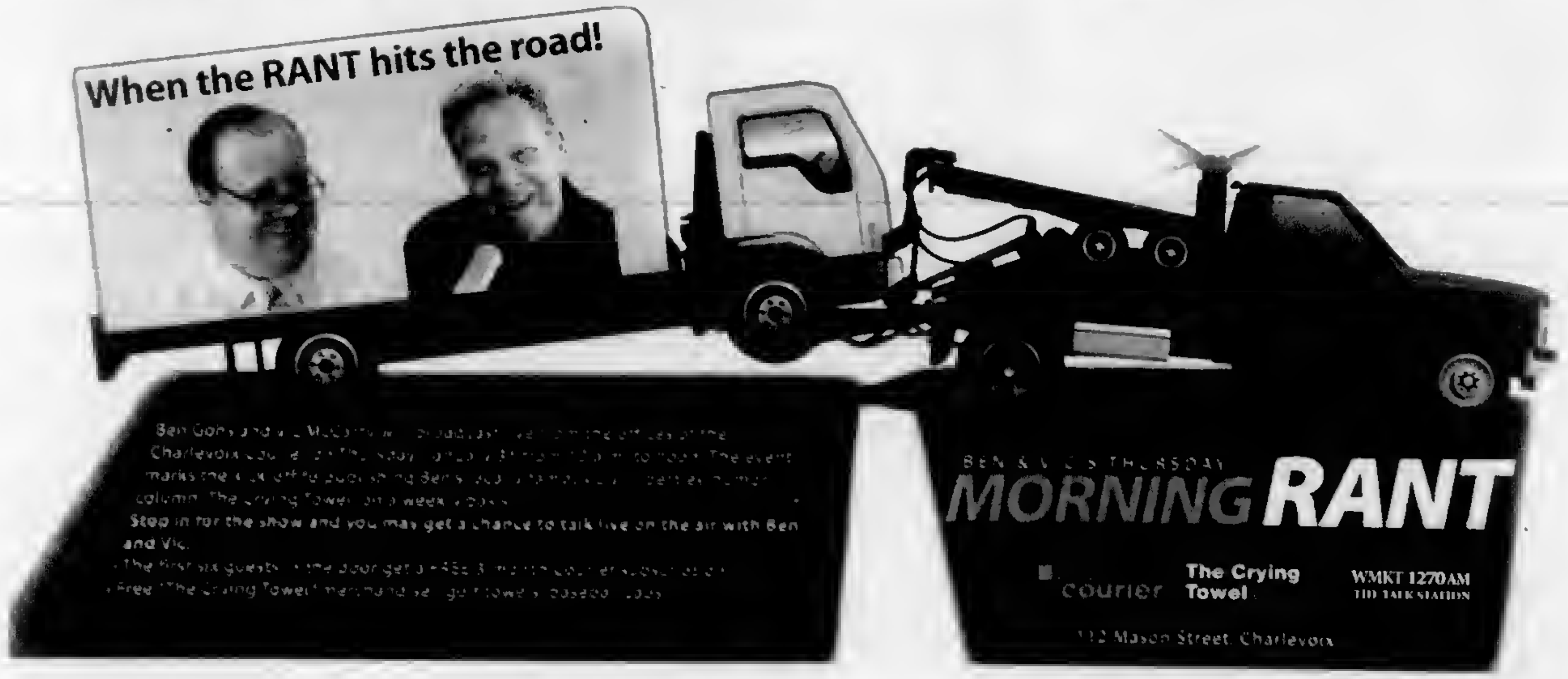
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Assembly action

Left, Charlevoix High School freshman Jay Greh is stuck as science teacher Kristine Burmeister duct tapes him to the gym wall during Friday's Winterfest assembly. (Right) Seniors and court representative Aubrey Way shows off her teamwork with escort Kyle Jones while wrapping him in plastic wrap at Friday's assembly.

today and make a new ending
QUEEN

Photo courtesy CHS

CHS crowned its 2008 Winterfest Royalty at half time of last Friday's basketball game (Jan. 25.) The 2008 queen is Murphy Gillespie, daughter of Daniel and Tamie Gillespie. The king is Nathan Tripplehorn, son of Julie Tripplehorn.

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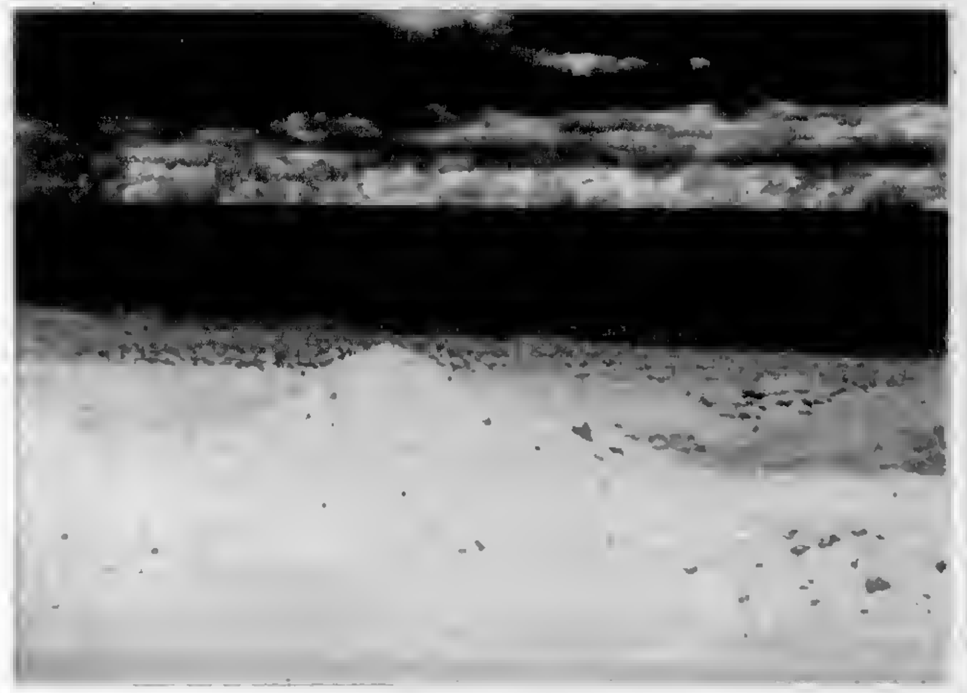

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While beaches see far fewer visitors during the cold winter months than during the heat of summer, the view they offer can be worth a trip. Above, the dark waters of Lake Michigan roll onto a shore of snow and ice at Depot Beach last week.

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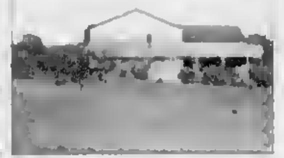

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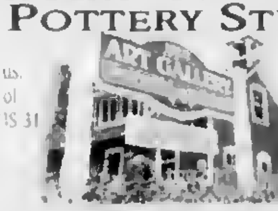

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Results of the Sunday, Jan 27, Northern Michigan Ski Academy Giant Slalom race at Boyne Highlands. 89 racers took part in the race.

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Charlevoix takes Grayling down

Another week, two more wins.

The Charlevoix High School boys' basketball team made relatively quick work of two opponents last week, improving to 12-1 overall and 8-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayders down league foe Grayling, 67-35, Friday, two nights after dispatching Suttons Bay, 83-68, in a non-league game. Charlevoix was ranked fifth last week in the Associated Press Class C state poll.

The Rayders were scheduled to play host to Traverse City St. Francis in the second game of a girls-boys varsity doubleheader on Tuesday, and on Friday, goes to Boyne City. St. Francis entered the week second behind the Rayders in the Lake Michigan Conference at 5-2, while Boyne is 4-3, tied with East Jordan for third.

St. Francis was 10-3 overall and Boyne 5-7 — but winners of four straight — entering the week.

The Rayders built a 31-10 halftime lead in cruising past Grayling, 3-8 overall, 2-5 league.

"This was one of our better efforts," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "We were really getting after it and giving them trouble with the pressure defense. Hopefully we'll have the same kind of effort Tuesday against St. Francis."

Corey Gotshall had 16 points for Charlevoix, while Justin Friske added 13 points, Nate LaBlance had 11, and Austin Wilhelm had eight.

Charlevoix won the JV game 60-43. Alex Foster had 16 points, Tyler Jones, 13.

Gotshall had 22 points in leading the Rayders by Suttons Bay.

Charlevoix outscored the Norse, 34-10, in the second quarter for a comfortable 51-30 halftime lead.

"I think it was the highest-scoring quarter we've had in about eight years," Haske said."The kids turned up the presure a little bit. Everything just went our way."

Gotshall scored nine of his points in the quarter, while teammate Weston Bryan had six of his 12 points in the stanza.

LaBlance added 15 points and seven steals for the Rayders, while Friske added 14 points, and Bryan finished with four assists and four steals. Gotshall added seven rebounds and five steals.

Nick Loberg scored 20 points and Ben Walters added 16 for Suttons Bay.

Suttons Bay won the JV game, 68-31.

Courtesy photo

Zeke Daman, Mat Golovich and Trevor Cole

Wrestlers place at Northern Michigan Championships

Charlevoix Wrestlers fared well competing against 25 teams from all Divisions throughout Northern Michigan.

Junior Zeke Daman placed 2nd in the 119lb. bracket, after a single nail biting defeat in the championship round from Rogers City's TJ Sobeck 4-1. Daman defeated Tyler Hacker from Houghton Lake (tech fall) 17-2, pinned Nate Jernigan from Roscommon in 1:30 seconds, and John Truss from Alpena 10-9.

Junior Mat Golovich (130lbs.) placed 3rd after pinning Ryan McClure (Roscommon) in 2:43 seconds, Josh Moggo (Grayling) in .35 seconds, defeated Billy Preston (Kingsley) 9-4, and in the final round, Tyler Weilan (Pinconning) 7-1.

Senior Trevor Cole (Hwt.) placed 7th after pinning Justin Makowski (Mio) in 1:39 seconds, and Steven Rondo (Roscommon) in 2:45 seconds.

Freshman Jacob Roach (215lbs) also posted a 9-4 victory over Aaron Rheam from Cheboygan.

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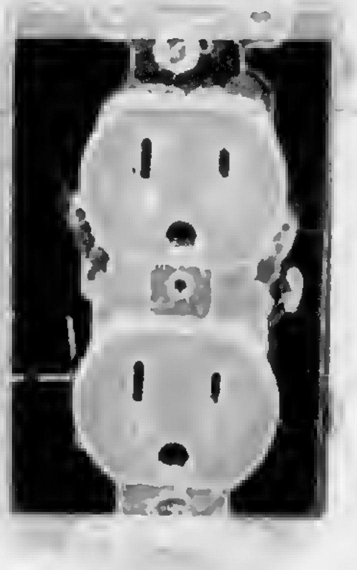

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The City of Charlevoix is seeking public input on the disposition of existing trees in the East Park/Marina project area. A public hearing will be held regarding the trees' future at the Monday, February 4, 2008 City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Council meeting will be held in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Leah Kelly signs with Lansing Community College

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Softball can teach many lessons: Give it your all, all the time; pick up your teammates; pick up yourself. Charlevoix High School Senior and Lady Rayder second baseman Leah Kelly has learned these lessons and more, and is now preparing to take that knowledge on to the next level.

Leah, daughter of Scott and Celia Kelly of Charlevoix, signed a letter of intent to play softball for Lansing Community College beginning in the 2009 season. With one more high school season to go, and a lot to look forward to, Leah reflected on the work she's done to get this far.

"I started playing softball when I was pretty young. I watched my dad play and was fascinated by it," she recalled. "So I started playing and I got better and really enjoyed it."

Eventually Leah got to a point she believed softball to be more than a pasttime for her, and wanted to pursue it on a more serious level. Then just a sophomore in high school, she decided to see if she could "cut it" at the college level.

"Leah said she wanted to play softball in college, so we started working really hard, honing in on those skills," Scott said. "It was really important to her."

Leah's desire to advance also put her parents to work, investigating potential schools for her to study and play at during her college career. Scott said it was a "learning experience" for him, and he was glad with his daughter's decision to attend LCC.

"I had been a baseball coach and most of the success I had with kids going away to college was to community colleges," he said.

Leah said LCC was the right choice for her because of the team she would be joining. During camps and visits to other colleges, she didn't "click" with the coaches or teams, but felt right at home at LCC.

"I felt like one of the team right away. It just felt right," she said of the team and head coach Bob Every.

While she feels part of the team now, Leah will officially become one of the LCC Stars — the team's nickname — in the fall.

Scott said he was also pleased with the successful track record the LCC program boasts. Brought back into the limelight in 2000 by Coach Every, the team has been to the DII College World Series six of the past eight years, and four of those six saw the team in the finals.

See KELLY, page 26

Courtesy photo

Leah Kelly (front, center) sits with parents Celia and Scott Kelly (front) as she signs a letter of intent to play softball at Lansing Community College. Also pictured are (back from left) Doug Drenth, Charlevoix High School Athletic Director; Tony Zimmerman, CHS varsity softball coach; Ann Gorney, CHS teacher and coach; and Suzanne Klinger, CHS principal.

Basketball: Ladies take two

Taking out a little frustration, a little anger.

Five nights after suffering its first Lake Michigan Conference loss of the season, the Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team responded with a pair of resounding victories to maintain its lead in the league.

The Rayders ripped Harbor Springs, 75-25; and Grayling, 74-32; last week to improve to 12-2 overall and 9-1 in the league. They lead second-place East Jordan by one game. The Red Devils handed the Rayders their only league loss of the year, 39-37, on Jan. 17.

Desi Faust, Ericka Faust, KC McCary and Meridith Rich scored 10 points apiece to lead the Rayders past Harbor Springs, which is 2-12, 1-8.

Olivia Catt had 15 points, Becca Madison had 14 and Alyssa Smith had 10 points

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mildred Elizabeth Scheck, who lived at 18747 Faculak Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died on January 8, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald L. Scheck, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: January 28, 2008.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
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Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

Donald L. Scheck
18747 Faculak Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9532
(L-01/30)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Monette R Bennington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents ($553,758.98) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 22, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 971.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 17, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Barr, a married man, and Julie Barr, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2003, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on August 26, 2003 in Liber 566, Page 514, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 5, 2007 the sum of $91,732.90, including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the Lobby of the County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County) on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Said premises are described as follows:

AN UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST IN UNIT 50, THE CABINS, BEING FRACTIONAL ID "D", ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 411, PAGE 939, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 419, PAGE 752, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 518, PAGE 575, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AS AMENDED, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLAN NO 126. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Commonly known as: 01285 Powder Ridge Dr #500, Boyne Falls, MI 49713

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 2, 2008

NANTZ, LITOWICH, SMITH, GIRARD & HAMILTON, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee

By: Sandra S. Hamilton (P-41980)
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(L-01/02, 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 29, 2005, by Caryn S. Jensen, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 177, Charlevoix County Records, which mortgage was assigned to The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC, by an assignment of mortgage dated June 29, 2005, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 194, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $261,479.77; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 20, MOUNTAIN GRAND LODGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 6.50% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: January 16, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC Mortgagee

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CHS graduate to feature Charlevoix in first full-length movie

MOVIE

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videos and television stories. The Frontier Boys will be the company's first attempt at a full-length feature film, an endeavor Grooters said can be a bit intimidating.

"One of the reasons to come back to Charlevoix for this filming is the opportunity it gives us to work with familiar faces, and see some old friends and family while we're at it," he said. "That will be a comfort."

The story, which Grooters called "a classic hero story" with good guys and bad guys and good lessons learned, is based on a series of books he wrote about three teenage boys living in northern Michigan. Like many teenagers living in a small town, the boys share a passion for sports, particularly basketball, which also becomes an important element in the story. Grooters said the backdrop of a northern Michigan town and the focus on athletics makes the story "perfect" for Charlevoix. It also reveals his own connection to the city.

"I moved here in the middle of the basketball season. Most kids don't like moving that time of year but I loved it," he said, adding the snow and lakeshore offered the relief he needed from the Arizona heat he had moved away from.

Grooters visited Charlevoix last week, meeting with city officials, and obtained the support he needed for the project, such as agreement to temporary street closures during filming and on-site emergency units in some scenes. City officials are excited to be a part of the project.

"This will be a great economic boost for our area businesses and it will shine a spotlight on the city, highlighting the beauty of the beaches, the Victorian architecture and the Midwestern values we consider important," said City Manager Rob Straebel.

Downtown Development Director Keith Carey said he met with representatives from Grooters Productions prior to Grooters' visit last week, and learned more about the story itself. Concerned about how Charlevoix would be portrayed in the film, Carey wanted to investigate the motives and story, and was pleased with his findings.

"Judging by the story and the type of material they've produced in the past, we're comforted about how Charlevoix will be portrayed," Carey said. "We're proud to be tied with this project."

A faith-based productions company, Grooters Productions "seems to be closely aligned with the values Charlevoix holds important," Straebel said. Grooters said sending an overall positive message is one of his key goals.

"We send this subliminal message that upholds the good of law enforcement, schools, churches, and the message that it is still cool to try hard," he said. "We have some really compelling characters."

Grooters plans to shoot some initial scenes, mostly to be used for a trailer for the movie, next month, and continue behind-the-scenes planning until filming the entire movie next winter. While the arrival of crew members in town will give the economy a boost during the traditionally slow winter months, Carey and Straebel said the overall benefits to the city extend much further.

"This is great public relations for us, and there is talk of making it a three-part series (because there are three books) so there could be some longer-term impacts for us," Carey said.

Highlighting the city is on Grooters' agenda, he said, naming a number of areas that will appear in the film: Michigan Beach, Bridge Street, some country roads, some driveways, local barns, and, one of the most important, the old high school gymnasium.

"There are a number of basketball game scenes we need to shoot and that old gym was so unique, we're going to rebuild it (the interior)," he said. "That is a very important part of the film."

Grooters hopes to have as many citizens become a part of the project as possible. He'll need crowds to cheer in the game scenes, passersby throughout the film, and he's already gotten some offers for help with other scenes.

"There is this great snowmobile chase scene, and we've already had some local guys say they'll help us out with that," he said.

Lake Michigan is also a very important element in the story, and Grooters said the water will "be almost like a character" in the film, which he described as "a sports mystery."

Some casting calls were held at Charlevoix High School last week and Grooters expects to be working closely with the city for similar work in the future. For more information on Grooters Productions visit www.grontersproductions.com.

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> **Rob Straebel**
> CITY MANAGER

Extras will be needed for some scenes, expected to be shot next winter.

Visit www.grootersproductions.com for more information on the project and company

Speaker at Assembly of God church

Rick Pasquale, a missionary to the children in Latin America will be speaking at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 3. There will be a fellowship dinner after the service and no evening service.

Other opportunities include the regular Sunday school starting at 9:30 a.m. and church services beginning at 10:30. Mike Way is leading a discussion on: Heaven, a book by Randy Alcorn. Want to know what is waiting for you? Come hear what the Bible has to say about it. The Women's Bible Study Topic is: Living in Love With Jesus, and is at 2 p.m. every Thursday. Led by Ginger Stevens, it's a fascinating study on how to have a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Tuesday night we offer an open time of praise and worship from 7 to 9 p.m. If you need something from God there will be people there to join with you as we ask His blessings and seek His face together.

Wednesday night is family night from 7 to 8 p.m. with an especially dynamic opportunity for youth to come and worship and fellowship. Led by Brad and Lynnsey Klooster this time can help you meet Jesus face-to-face and want more. For these events and services, visit the Charlevoix Assembly of God located on M-66 in Charlevoix.

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Alano Club of Charlevoix meetings

The Charlevoix Alano Club Board of Directors will hold two four hour planning sessions to gather input from their membership and all interested community members. Meetings will be held on Thursday, Jan. 31 and Friday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room B. Chet Janik, Charlevoix Schools Superintendent, has offered to facilitate the planning process for the participants to develop a plan that can be supported by all involved. At the end of the planning process, the organization will have a clear outline for future actions and building design plans that will meet the organization's needs.

Alano Club representatives have been involved in discussions since February of 2006 with representatives from the City of Charlevoix and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) officials. These discussions have focused on possible ways to resolve the non-profit organization's need for additional space and how to best utilize their current buildings and property located at 106 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix. The Historical Committee joined in a cooperative effort between the Alano Club, the DDA and City of Charlevoix representatives in January of 2008 to review future plans for the two story building on the front of their property.

The two story building has been determined inadequate for renovation to meet the organization's needs. All parties involved are concerned about maintaining the historic appeal in the downtown area while also recognizing the practical nature of expenses involved in renovating the building. Alano Club officials welcome anyone interested in relocating the building to another site in hopes of preserving the structure built in the 1880's.

The goal of the two planning sessions will be to craft a vision of what a new building at this location will look like on the outside and what features need to be included that will meet the needs of the organization and the community. All interested community members are encouraged to attend the planning sessions.

We are requesting interested participants to pre-register by contacting Scott Kelly, Alano Club Management Services Coordinator, at 547-1144 or by e-mail at: scott@charlevoixalano.org. Lunch will be served at no cost to participants at the two planning sessions. Individuals that would like to offer their input to the planning process but are unable to attend the sessions are also encouraged to contact Scott.

To learn more about the Alano Club in Charlevoix feel free to visit their web-site at www.charlevoixalano.org. The Alano Club was founded in 1986 and provides meeting space for sixteen different 12-step groups per week. The Alano Club serves nearly 250 people per week with numbers three times this amount during the summer months. The Alano Club is funded through rental income from the 12 step groups, membership dues, fundraising activities and organizations such as Char Em United Way.

U.S.S. Franklin remembered

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He added, "It was Nov., 17, 1942. I was really thrilled to think I was actually going in."

Now the young sailor was on an aircraft carrier, nearly 900-feet long, floating in the Pacific Ocean.

That late winter morning the Franklin had launched two large air strikes against both Honshu and Kobe Harbor.

It was during the pre-dawn hours following American bomber missions that a Japanese plane managed to evade radar until it was within eyesight of the crew. The plane was shot down, but only after it dropped it's 1,100-pound payload—twin bombs.

"We probably had between 80 and 90 planes on the deck and they were trying to launch the planes and this guy came right out of the sky," Greyerbiehl said. "I was standing up there watching them. I just sort of froze up when it happened, but the memory is there. The guys in the planes didn't ever have a chance."

He added, "Man, it was really something."

The Japanese pilot dropped one bomb just aft of the main deck, blowing a hole at least two floors down and causing fires and the second bomb was dropped on the rear of the ship causing stored ordinance like rockets and other munitions to detonate.

"The thing I can't understand, how come they just didn't see him at all—even on the radar," the smile previously adorning Greyerbichl's face vanished as he paused in thought. "Some of these things that happened; Hells bells."

Though the Franklin had been hit several times before by kamikaze and gunfire, the March 19 incident was the most damaging.

"After all the excitement, boy, we pulled back into Pearl (Harbor). I thought they were going to fix it, but they said, 'No it was just too much work,'" Greyerbiehl said. "That ship was the worst one that ever came into Pearl (Harbor). We left and picked up our escort and when we got into Brooklyn we found more bodies that had been pinched down below (lower decks) and were burned up. There was just nothing you could do about it—they just didn't exist anymore."

The tally of dead that day reached 724 with 265 additional wounded.

Greyerhiehl left the service when his four-year term was up. He returned to high school at age 19 in 1946 and went on to college and a career in accounting. He married, had six children and 13 foster children in addition to 10 grandchildren.

Now 80, Greyerbiehl resides in Charlevoix with his wife Margaret.

Due to the enormous amount of damage The Franklin was decommissioned in 1947 and was sold for scrap in August, 1966.

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JAN. 30
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JAN. 31
STORY-TIME

All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St, 237-7350.

JAN. 31
CIVIL AIR PATROL MEETING

The Civil Air Patrol, Gaylord Squadron, holds meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Otsego County Airport Terminal Building. It is an emergency services group that utilizes pilots and ground teams for search and rescue missions and other emergency and humanitarian-related activities. Inquireees are welcome. Call Mike Harbin, (231)546-2012

FEB. 4
MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

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FEB. 4
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Kelly to play at LCC

KELLY

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They were the 2002 National Champions, and National Runner-up in 2000, 2001 and 2003. The Lady Stars have produced 45 All Americans in the last 8 years and finished the 2007 season ranked fourth in NJCAA-DII.

Noting she did not reach this goal on her own, Leah gave thanks to her varsity coach at CHS, Tony Zimmerman and her former coach, JV coach Ann Gomey, who she said "invested a lot of time and support" into Leah's success.

Scott said he's seen his daughter fight "a lot of ups and downs" throughout her career so far, noting "it has been fun to watch her mature as a person, on and off the field."

In addition to playing softball, Leah will pursue a degree in social work and counseling when she attends LCC, hoping to move on to a four-year university, continue playing softball and studying psychology as well.

"I like working with people and helping people," she said, noting her current work at her parent's organization B.A.S.E.S. (Bay Area Substance Education Services) has helped develop that interest.

Lady Rayders recover

RAYDERS

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and five steals in the Rayders' 74-32 victory over Grayling. The Vikings are 1-13, 0-9

The Rayders were scheduled to play host to Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday as the first game in a girls-boys varsity Lake Michigan Conference doubleheader at Charlevoix High School. The Gladiators entered the week 4-10, 3-6.

The Rayders then go to Kalkaska, 11-3, 6-3, on Thursday, Jan. 31, for another league game. The Blazers, 56-35 losers to Charlevoix in their first meeting on Dec. 21, had won seven straight games until dropping a 50-46 decision to East Jordan last Thursday

Lynzie Gotshall had 18 points, Sarah Potter had 16, and Dani Barron added 13 to lead the Rayder JV to a 67-30 victory over Harbor Springs. Potter had 17 points to lead Charlevoix to a 71-35 win over the Vikings. Barron added 11 points and 10 assists.

Taylor Smith scored 14 points as Charlevoix's freshman team beat the Vikings, 37-14.

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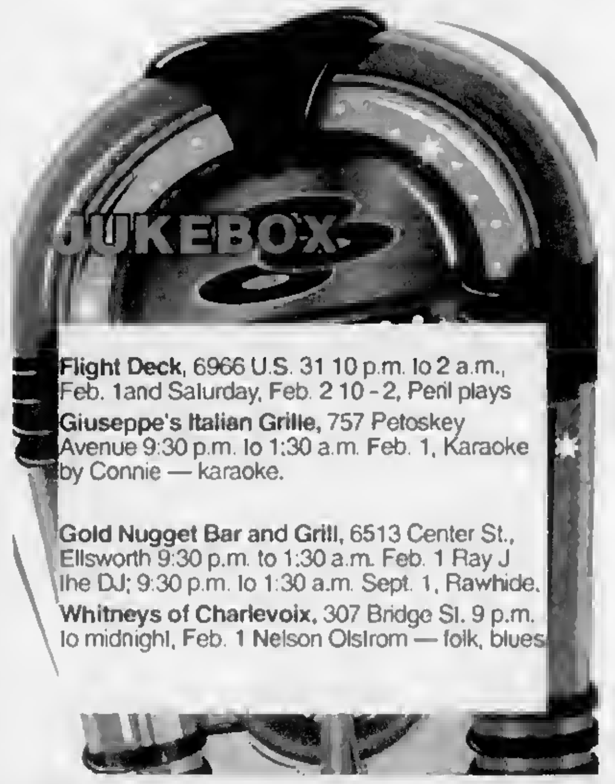
In addition, there are five varieties of Little Caesars cookie dough to choose from. Charlevoix Children's House delivery is scheduled for Feb. 29. To order items from Charlevoix Children's House, please contact Barb, Angie or Annette at Charlevoix Screen Masters, Inc. (231)547-5111.



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The area was formerly known as Lake Charlevoix Farms. It has been renamed the Nathan Barry Driggers Memorial Nature Preserve. There is a small roadside pull out to park in non winter seasons. Winter parking is along Boyne City Charlevoix Road. There is a Little Traverse Conservancy sign at the trailhead. The Conservancy's website is www.landtrust.org

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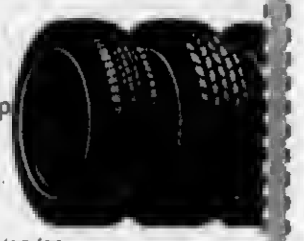

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Thursday was calm and quiet following Wednesday's winter storm, leaving snow piled along downtown streets and city and county workers cleaning up in many areas. The storm boasted winds approaching 70 miles per hour, plenty of ice and 6 to 9 inches of snow.

Photo by Erica Goff

Winter storm slows activity

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Rain, freezing rain, snow. Rain, freezing rain, snow. This has been the pattern for Michigan's weather this winter season, conditions which led to last week's hectic storm that slowed or stopped many businesses, all schools, and most activity.

"We didn't open. My driveway was blown shut with a few feet of snow and I couldn't get out if I wanted to," said Liz Charlton, manager of Zaccarro's Market in downtown Charlevoix. "The Market didn't open."

Zaccarro's Market was not the only business affected, with many businesses across northern lower Michigan operating under limited hours or not at all Wednesday, following severe winter conditions that included ice, up to nine inches of snow in some places, and winds close to 70 miles per hour.

"Most of Michigan got it to some degree or another, with the strong winds and blizzard conditions in the north and more blowing without the snow in the southern part of the state," said James Keysor, meteorologist for the North Central Lower Michigan weather

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School could ask for $6 mil bond in May

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The $5.9 million bond request for computers, buses and structural improvements hinges on a Feb. 12 decision by the Charlevoix Schools Board of Education.

And, while the proposal is yet to-be a done deal, Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Chet Janik said he feels confident the measure has adequate support.

"Our challenge right now with budget cutbacks statewide is we don't have the finances to purchase buses or do technology upgrades," Janik said. "The majority of our buses were purchased in the mid-(19)90s and two-thirds of our computers are six to eight years old."

He added, "We've been in deficit spending the last couple years and realistically we're not going to be able to upgrade anything."

The proposal Janik will present to the board of education involves rolling back the sinking fund rate from .86 mils to .55 mils and converting the sinking fund to a bond.

Aside from the upside of getting the needed money for the purchases and repairs, as can be done with a bond but not a sinking fund, Janik said savings to taxpayers will be substantial.

"If it passes in May, we would cancel out the last year of the sinking fund, so instead of paying .86 in 2008, we would cancel that and replace it with the .55 mils bond," he said.

Janik

The problem with the sinking fund, Janik said, is that not one penny of it can be used for technology or transportation improvements.

"We would ask the taxpayers to approve this seven year bond, the logic is with the bond we can do all the renovations as well as the purchases all at once," he said.

The buses, technology and other improvements could be bought with the schools fund balance, if the balance had not dwindled to a mere four percent.

"We anticipate some very difficult challenges this upcoming budget year with the last five years' revenues in the school district have increased slightly over five percent and the consumer price index has risen 12 percent," Janik said. "With the state economy this year we received on average in northern Michigan approximately $80 more in student increase and our

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

April Sue Cross, 30, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 45 days in jail; 44 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Sandra Eilleen Jenkins, 47, Charlevoix. Insufficient funds to cover checks written: less than $100. Ninety-three days held in abeyance; to serve six months on probation; $758.82 in fines and costs.

Katelyn Brooke Huntonn, 19, University Center. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Serve 60 hours of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Emily Lou Sobleski, 22, Boyne Falls. Larceny, greater than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for four days in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $820 in fines and costs.

Gerard Lionel Dechape, 42, East Jordan. Funds insufficient for checks written: Less than $100. Pay $345 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Shasta Maria Schaffer, 24, Mancelona. Insufficient funds to cover checks written. Totaling $595.41 in fines and costs.

Grant David West, 22, Beaver Island. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse $980 in fines and costs.

Travis Jeffrey Reinhardt, 17, Boyne City. Controlled substance: Possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve six days in jail; 338 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

BIRTHS

Ean Alex Guenthardt weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces was born January 24 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tim and Melissa Guenthardt of Manistee.

Bella Elizabeth Ruth Anderson weighing 5 pounds 4 ounces was born January 26 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin and Abby Anderson of Bear Lake.

Maxwell Scott Beal weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces was born January 29 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Sandy Beal of East Jordan. His sibling is Grace. His grandparents are Leon and Shirley Beal of East Jordan and Ralph and Geneva Towne of Boyne Falls.

Severe Weather Spotter training offered

Each year, the National Weather Service in Gaylord presents Severe Weather Spotter Safety courses across Northern and Eastern Upper Michigan. The presentations are free, open to the public and usually last about two hours. The program provides details about how to become a weather spotter and how to make a complete report to the National Weather Service.

Each person that attends is given severe weather handouts, an official laminated National Weather Service spotter card, and access to a special 800# specifically set aside for spotters in northern Michigan. If you are interested in learning more about storm spotting and severe weather, you are encouraged to attend one of these presentations.

This year's presentation will also feature a special section devoted to the record breaking tornado outbreak on Oct. 18, 2007.

Included in this year's talk:

- Thunderstorm ingredients
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- How do tornadoes form?
- Pictures and maps from October 18th tornado event
- National Weather Service warning criteria
- What to report
- Wind scales and how to make a good wind estimate
- Important cloud formations to look for
- Clouds and look-a-likes... things that can fool you

A calendar of scheduled talks can be found on the National Weather Service in Gaylord internet home page at: www.weather.gov/gaylord. Talks will also be promoted on NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the National Weather Service in Gaylord at (989) 731-3384.

SKYWARN meetings

6 p.m., March 10 Cheboygan Public Library, 100 S Bailey Street, Cheboygan

6 p.m. March 17 Charlevoix City Library, 220 West Clinton Street, Charlevoix,

6 p.m. April 7 CCE 911 Building - basement training room, 1694 South US Highway 131

Notice to taxpayers

The City of Charlevoix reminds Feb. 14, 2008 is the last day to pay 2007 winter taxes without penalty. After Wednesday, Feb. 14, a three percent penalty will be added to the tax portion of the bill. Additional interest will accrue at one percent per month starting March 1. Any 2007 taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1 when they will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

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PEOPLE FIRST

'Active' winter will continue, forecasters say

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station located in Gaylord. "Everyone felt it."

Locally, the weather slowed most people down — "You have to adjust to it and slow down," Charlevoix resident Mike Miller said — and stopped others.

"My husband works for the Sheriff's Department and he said not to go out, so I stayed home," resident Kelly Schooley said.

Schooley lives right in town in Charlevoix and said others must have joined her in abiding by the Michigan State Police's advisory, announced in the early morning hours last Wednesday, to stay off the roads completely because there was very little traffic through most of the day.

Jennifer Flanzoni and Brittani Whittaker, both Woolly Bugger employees, said the coffee shop was open a mere two and a half hours Wednesday because of the storm.

"Everyone who works here lives in the country except for me, and I couldn't get in earlier," Whittaker, who lives in town, said of the 11:30 open time the shop had Wednesday.

Flanzoni lives outside of town on Marion Center Road and didn't make it far when she attempted to come in to work at 9 a.m.

"I made it about a mile and turned around. I was on the shoulder and thought it was the road. You couldn't see anyone coming," she said.

Despite the treacherous driving conditions, no injury accidents were reported to either the Charlevoix Police Department or the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff George Lasater said a few single car incidences - "people getting stuck in snow banks, driveways and ditches, that sort of thing," he said were handled throughout the day, but no crashes. He even noted a friend of his rescued the same driver for getting stuck three times that morning.

Police Chief Gerard Doan said his department had a quiet, uneventful day despite the weather and warnings.

"Thankfully, many people listened to the warnings and stayed off the roads," he said.

> "Every winter seems to take on a life of its own, and (rain and snow mixing) is the one for this year."
>
> **James Keysor**
> NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGIST

While things seemed refreshed and calm Thursday, the end is not here. The pattern of variable warm temperatures, followed by a quick onset of very cold temperatures and snow is expected to continue for the next few weeks, Keysor said, and seems to be "the trend of the winter"

"Every winter seems to take on a life of its own, and this is the one for this year," he said.

The warm weather moving in over still frozen ground, followed by hours of rain last Tuesday, set the stage for treacherous roads when low pressure and cold air moved in late that night, complete with high winds and snow. Keysor said there were several reports of winds exceeding 60 miles per hour, including a 61 mph gust in East Jordan at 7:42 a.m. Wednesday, a 69 mph gust in Sault Ste. Marie, and 49 mph in Pellston. The northernmost sector of lower Michigan received the most snow, ranging from six to nine inches in most areas. Traverse City only reported two to three inches.

Keysor said we can expect "more of the same" in the next few weeks, with a storm similar to last week's headed in this week, although the areas of low pressure moving in are not expected to be as cold. They will, he said, bring in plenty of "sloppy" precipitation, and the rain-sleet-snow mix will continue.

"It is certainly a winter of activity," he said.

Bond needed for buses, computers

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expenses were $120 more per student."

According to Janik, if the board approves the proposal, he will offer the taxpayers a comprehensive list of the sought-after purchases and improvements.

He understands some people are having tough times in Michigan and urges them to support this measure which will allow the schools to remain competitive in the education of area children.

"The key is this (sinking fund) has really been in play since 1998," Janik said. "Without this we would have to make some very difficult choices. Many of our buses are beyond their normal life. We would maintain the computers we have, but we want to remain proactive. We want to be an educational leader."

The average bus costs nearly $80,000 each.

"The one thing from a taxpayer perspective they would be guaranteed that every penny of that $5.9 million would be spent on these projects," Janik said. "By law we have to. Every bond is audited by the state of Michigan."

Preliminary figures, and Janik was cautious to emphasize that these figures are not yet set in ink, are as follows: $1.5 million on buses; $1.5 to $2 million on technology; the rest on building renovations and upgrades for all three buildings.

This issue and others will be discussed at the next meeting of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the high school's media center.

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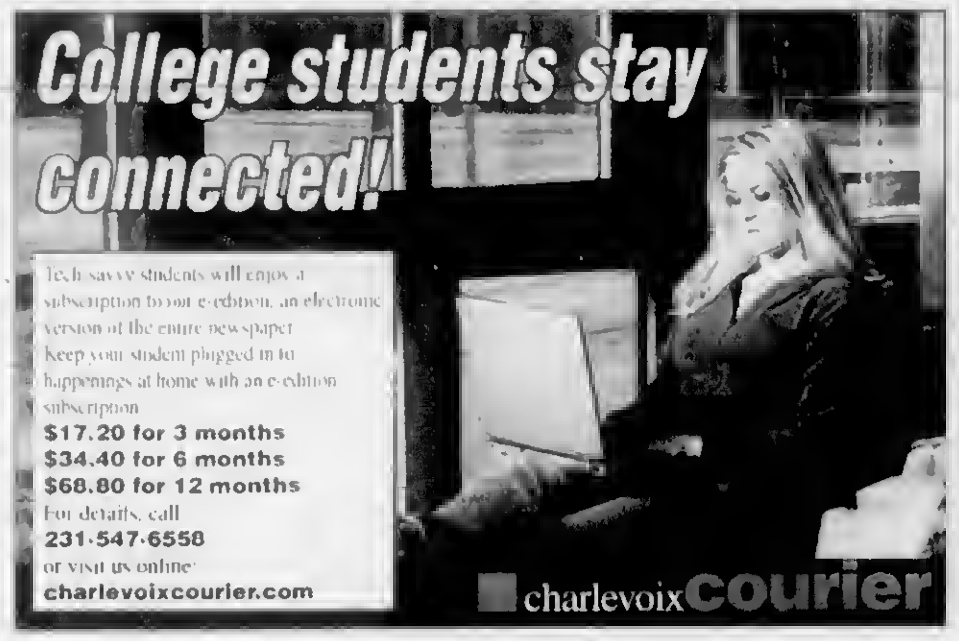

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My name is Gohs and I like to ... sing?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

My name is Gohs and I make bad decisions—this is where you say, "Hello, Gohs."

I know the shock you must be feeling: "You mean the rotund guy with too many tattoos and the arteries of a 90-year-old pastry chef makes poor choices?"

This latest humble involved performing a song at the Charlevoix Public library's open mic night.

I know my way around a guitar and sing just well enough to get myself in trouble—though it has never kept me from obliging when the spirit hits.

I would never have even considered playing in public if not for my 13-year-old son and budding guitar hero Nick. If nothing else, I figured it would be good for him to get some exposure since he practices for hours everyday and now plays songs that I cannot.

He said, "Let's play Crazy Train." I said, "Let's not."

We settled on Tommy Tutone's classic 867-5309 (Jenny).

"Hey, what a great idea!" shouted the part of my brain—known by scientists as the Belushi Zone—in charge of craving doughnuts and beer, making homemade fireworks and using a cooler lid as a sled pulled by an inebriated gent on a riding lawnmower.

"But sire, you cannot sing," pleaded the part of my brain that looks like Professor Julius Kelp and generally prevents me from, say, investing in South American Alpaca farms.

We tuned the guitars and played the song for practice.

"So, how did my voice sound?" I asked the wife.

Kelp senses her hesitation, but before he can warn me Belushi brains him with a croquet mallet.

"You sound like a freakin' canary," Belushi said as he rubbed crimson sauce of the mallet with his shirtsleeve and elbow. "Now get out there, superstar."

I get nerves just looking at the crowd of 20 and listen as the first act knocks 'em dead.

Now it's the boy and I. The crowd's anticipation is palpable.

Suddenly I'm Roy Schieder on Amity Island. Off in the distance some guy is yelling for his dog Pippen. The camera does a dolly zoom nice and close on my face. Kelp has just delivered a roundhouse and knocked Belushi unconscious.

"What in holy hell am I doing?!?"

I joke with the crowd, "We won't be using a microphone. You'll be thankful."

They laugh a little, probably assuming I'm some humble artist who is better than he leads on. Little do they know.

My son plays the intro while hot and cold running terror shoot through my torso.

"Hey, this isn't so bad."

But I'm sensing something kind of like when you've got a greeber hanging from the end of your nose, or yesterday's underpants inexplicably hanging out a pant leg, but no one wants to tell you.

"Jenny, Jenny, who can I turn to?" My voice squeaked and groaned like a rusty, lopsided merry-go-round

Every third note was in a key heard only by snails, mice and some dogs with Downs Syndrome; Off in the distance a lone basset-hound answered my call.

The crowd's reaction is one of horror then disbelief and finally sadness when they realize it isn't going to stop.

Kelp clicks on the megaphone: "Warning: Sounds emanating from performer are not the tortured wails of a dying beast and are indeed intentional if not involuntary! Go quickly and calmly in single file to the nearest exit! Folks, this is not a drill!"

"Jenny, Jenny, who can..." I forgot the next line and played the chord progression backward.

Sweating profusely, I stop all action. Pride and dignity puddle at my feet, or is that something else?; Nick finishes the song and the crowd clapped heartily.

In the front row a tearful woman holding a rosary collapsed in relief. Even the weird little poet was shaking his head in disgust.

I did my best to keep from jumping through a window and running away a la the Cowardly Lion.

On the ride home the wife tells me, with a face that says, don't ever try that again, that I wasn't that bad.

Just then Belushi awakened. "You just weren't singin' loud enough, doll."

I guess we'll find out when I try my rendition of Ave Maria in a few weeks.

Weekly Poll

Would you support a bond proposal for the school?

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62 % of those polled believe reality TV has lost its luster, while 34 % never enjoyed the trend!

A look at ... the history of Valentine's day

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

A day marked by love and romance will be here soon. Origins of the holiday flourish but one thing is certain; its beginnings are colorful and could help you out in future games of trivial pursuit.

When Rome was just a little city of dust and dirt, a few of the town's creative individuals were trying to come up with an idea to promote business and bring more people to the area. After several meetings and committee work they came up with the idea to have a Festival of Purification and Fertility. So far this sounds pretty good. The day was to be referred to as Lupercalis. Now comes the interesting part. The day involved young single maidens and strapping young men entering their names in a lottery in order to become a couple. The young men on this day would enter the center of town and disrobe or wear a politically correct loin cloth. Just a quick note here: The Roman calendar at that time had February falling in the spring. Back to the story: young maidens would stand in the streets waiting for the young man chosen for them, who would then pass by them and gently strike the maiden with strips of goat hide. This ritual would bring luck, purification and the added plus of fertility. The date chosen for the festival fell on February 14. I'm certain we could really add some excitement to our quiet town in the midst of winter or spring with this activity.

Christians felt this was immoral and decided the day should reflect a little more modesty. So Pope Gelasius in 496 A.D. tried to turn the tide of this rite by honoring two martyrs that lost their lives on February 14, one of whom was Valentine of Terni. Before this martyr was beheaded there were claims that he left a note behind for the woman he loved. The note ended with, "from your Valentine." The 14th of February fertility day was now designated as a day to honor saints. The pope decided to set up a lottery of saints. The saint's name that was picked on the 14th of February would be honored for the remainder of the year.

Christians trying to keep it a religious holiday were outnumbered and generally ignored by the romance and marketing tactics of future entrepreneurs. This Christian celebration didn't catch on and by medieval days a new lottery was put in place. The names of single men and woman were again to be placed in a box similar to the old Lupercalis Festival which was still on everyone's mind. When your name was drawn you were considered a couple for at least a year. Cards and letters were encouraged to be sent to each other somewhat like our emails today. They were given a chance to know each other a little better, through written expression. Unfortunately a few creative writers wrote a few naughty things on their postcards. The post office rebelled and said enough is enough and refused to deliver them. We were redeemed again in 1850 by Ms. Esther Howland from Worcester, Massachusetts. She decided to start a cottage industry creating beautiful cards with wonderful sentiments complete with delicate lace to reflect the proper times of the Victorian Era. Individuals could then purchase them and send them to whomever they wanted to. Her creativity and entrepreneurship paid off as she retired her business grossing over $100,000.

Esther's success got the attention of a young man who thought he could do better. In 1910, an 18 year old entrepreneur by the name of Joyce Hall decided to jump on the handwagon and created his own version of Valentine cards, added Christmas cards, and took it one step further by designing his own wrapping paper. His brothers joined him and in 1928 he adopted the name of Hallmark for his newly formed company. I had thought that the name Hallmark was derived from his family last name. I learned differently when at one point in my life I interviewed for a position with this company in 1971. The name Hallmark comes from the term given the series of marks made on metal guaranteeing its purity. It was determined that each card would have this symbol on the back to display that this was a card possessing high quality. Mr. Hall eventually turned his cards and wrapping paper into a four billion dollar business.

So there you have it. We've gone the gamut of festivals, lotteries, courtship and cards. Whatever you choose to do on this day, you'll now possess some trivial information to encourage discussion which is always a good thing no matter what day of the week or holiday it is.

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LETTERS to the editor

INPUT FROM AN ANCESTOR

Editor:

I was born in Charlevoix in 1924, and our family has maintained a strong love for the area ever since. During our stay at The Weathervane this past summer, my wife and I were pleased to see the renovations on the Round Lake side of Bridge Street for the Park and harbor area. I'm sure it will further enhance the beauty of Charlevoix. My cousin, Gene Bridge, has told me of his concern and efforts regarding the name of the park, and I've read a few related items from the Courier.

My great grandfather, John Nicholls, and his son-in-law, Albert Bridge, came to Charlevoix many years ago, and were very instrumental in developing lumbering, shipping, banking and real estate. My uncle, Bob Bridge, was also the bank president and mayor when the Round Lake park area was first developed. Bob, also, became president of the Michigan Bankers Association. Charlevoix businesses closed the day of his funeral in 1965.

After my retirement, I wrote the Bridge Family History, published in 1999, going back to my great grandfather, also a Robert Bridge, who came to America from Scotland in 1842. My research included a couple of visits to the Charlevoix Library, where I was very well treated. My wife and I also met with Dave Miles for half an hour in the back room of the Harsha House, and he added some flavor regarding my ancestry.

I would like to add my thoughts to the naming of the park. The Bridge and Nicholls families were among the important developers of Charlevoix. My understanding is that my Uncle Bob Bridge was a "prime mover" for the park development, which was a monumental change at the time. It would seem appropriate to honor him in some way.

My wife and I have a reunion of our immediate family every five years, and have already scheduled the next one at the Edgewater for several days in August 2009, celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary. It will be a bonus for us to visit the renovated park, especially if Uncle Bob is somehow memorialized.

Best wishes in all your efforts on behalf of Charlevoix the Beautiful.

Robert G. Bridge, MD
Midland

BROTHER DAN'S FOOD PANTRY

Editor:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you and your readers and subscribers reporting the events, success and continued dedication of the Volunteers of Brother Dan's Food Pantry. I will begin by expressing sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed by service, financial support, varied donations and prayers for our success.

Brother Dan's Food Pantry marked October 2007 as the beginning of our fourth year of service. We continue to provide three meals a day for three days for EACH PERSON in the family. In addition, we provide various staples – eggs, butter, breakfast foods, peanut butter, breads, items of personal hygiene, laundry soap, diapers, etc. The clients visit the pantry every two weeks – those who have special circumstances may come weekly with our director's permission. Through donations of items – we provide coats, gloves, hats, boots and blankets— we were able to establish an Outreach program – to serve those in crisis – due to the generosity of various citizens and organizations that donated this Christmas Season.

In our first calendar year, 2004, we served approximately 6,500 people with a total of approximately 58,000 meals. This calendar year, 2007, reflects approximately 11,300 people and approximately 102,000 meals. Enclosed is a copy of our Christmas menu. The client received all food and every ingredient to prepare listed recipes. Also a complete Christmas dinner was given to each family – as listed under Merry Christmas.

At this time, I would like to invite your readers and subscribers to partake of our Brother Dan's Food Pantry's Third Annual Friday night Fish Fry during this Lent. This is our main fund raising project. Thank you for your support and prayers as we serve those in need.

Diane L. Clark
Petoskey

COA SHOULD RE-EVALUATE

Editor:

The Charlevoix Commission on Aging(COA) Board of Directors are still in denial. The COA Board is as dysfunctional now as it was before the survey. They refuse to accept the results of their own survey,stating that the study sample was too small for reliable results and the results were anecdotal. Was the COA not in on the design of their own survey?? The COA Board's solution to the survey and subsequent public outcry was to appoint a series of ad hoc committees to address the numerous shortcommings identified in the survey. At their last meeting they railed against the News-Review editors for being biased and spent 20 minutes discussing a breakdown in the bidding procedure for building renovations at the East Jordan Senior Center. Apparently, the Ad Hoc Building Committee specifications were not communicated through COA leadership to the company drafting the bid notification, resulting in one subcontractor putting in three bids at three different prices, in other words, getting three bites at the apple. The survey criticized the COA for poor management and lack of personnel training. This does not sound like an organization that is over it's dysfunction. Also, at the last meeting, the board members voted to reinstall themselves for three more years, a recommendation that the Charlevoix County Commissioners should take a hard look at.

Richard Tunison
Charlevoix

PREVENT HB 5282-5285

Editor.

Each citizen needs to write your legislator NOW to prevent House Bill 5282-5285 that is being pushed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield from being enacted into law.

If approved this bill package will drastically increase your insurance rates. It will also do away with the attorney general oversight of the Blues.

If you are not aware, by being insurer of last resort, the Blues are exempt from taxation, but since 2003 have increased 10 top executives compensation by 42 percent to 11.5 million while many citizens are losing their jobs and homes. They have also increased their surplus to 2.8 billion dollars over the last five years to the highest in history. This is not something that we should accept.

Since 2003 the Blues have increased their rates by 79% unless you had to use them because you lost your group insurance in which case your increase would have been 92 percent.

Also included in this Bill package is a removal of all state oversight of their operations.

If the Blues do not want to be the insurer of last resort then the legislature needs to name a new insurer of last resort. It would be nice to increase rates and salaries and pay no taxes in the state that is the most economically challenged in the nation.

Insurance coverage is essential especially for seniors and the arrogance of the Blues to push through such a package is not in the best interests of the people of the state of Michigan. I am requesting that when the legislature schedules public hearings on this bill package due to its serious impact on seniors across that the legislature schedule hearings conveniently across the state where the citizens can give their input.

Peter J. Vellenga
Boyne City, Mich.

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

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SWIRL AT CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER

Meet new people, educate your palate and liven up your Thursday evenings. Swirl continues on Thursday, Feb. 7 with Pure Love: Wine and Chocolate. Swirl mixes wine, art and energy at Petoskey's Crooked Tree Arts Center. Esperance of Charlevoix presents a wine tasting with creative hors d'oeuvres while community members mingle in the galleries, sway to music or enjoy "live art" demonstrations. Each month will embrace a different seasonal theme and bring flavors from around the world.

Swirl continues on Thursdays on March 6: Early Thaw, Wines of the Southern Hemisphere; April 10: In Bloom, New Wine Horizons and May 1: Garden Party, Summer Entertaining.

Due to overwhelming response to Swirl, limited tickets are available. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12.50 per person, galleries open at 6 p.m. and the refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, (231)347-4337, www.crookedtree.org and Esperance, (231)237-9300, www.esperancewine.com.

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Workshop to help with parenting challenges

Parents of young children and other interested community members are invited to attend a conference to provide them further tools to help toddlers succeed in life.

The conference, "If I Only Had A Brain: Success or Failure in Adulthood Begins in Early Years," will be held Saturday, March 8, at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, 100 Oak Street, Charlevoix. The conference is geared for parents with children birth to age five.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the keynote presentation from 10 to 11 a.m. Various breakout sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. that will cover new discipline techniques, how to create play activities that facilitate growth and development, tips on how to use every day experiences to foster early literacy, and bringing the out-of-doors into your child's life.

Lunch will be provided. Free daycare will be provided with prior registration and transportation is available if needed. There is no charge for the conference.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Wil Blechman, Former President of Kiwanis International. Dr. Blechman was instrumental in developing the organization's ongoing worldwide program, Young Children: Priority One, which focuses on children from birth to age five.

The conference is sponsored by the Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties, with support from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency – Head Start/Early Head Start, and the Kiwanis Clubs of Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey.

Photo by Erica Goff

Spelling b-e-e

St. Mary elementary students participated in their first ever spelling bee last week, with fifth- and sixth-graders spelling their way to the county-wide competition to be held in Harbor Springs next month. Twenty spellers competed at St. Mary school, and Nick Snabes (right) took first place, with Ryan Joy (left) taking second. The two pose with Principal Kelsha Veryser.

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"With Project Connect, we are building upon NMHSA's free tax preparation services," Greenwald said.

Groups involved will provide direct services including health screenings, signup for health, income and social service benefits, substance abuse and mental health services, assistance in finding housing and employment. Income tax filing will be available. A hot meal will be served throughout the day, accompanied by live music. Transportation to the fairgrounds for residents of both Emmet and Charlevoix counties in being planned. All services will be provided at no charge to those attending.

For more information about Project Connect, to volunteer goods, services or funds, contact Lancaster at (231)487-1006, charemuw@sbcglobal.net or Manary at (231)582-9863, info@char-em-hsch.org.

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ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 21	Pine Lake Room
FEBRUARY 18	Pine Lake Room
MARCH 17	Pine Lake Room
APRIL 21	Boyne District Library
MAY 19	Pine Lake Room
JUNE 16	East Jordan Senior Center
JULY 21	Pine Lake Room
AUGUST 18	Beaver Island (tentative, location tba)
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COA MEETINGS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Board meets the third Monday of every month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. The dates and locations for 2008 meetings are as follows:

Feb. 18 Pine Lake Room
March 17 Pine Lake Room
April 21 Boyne District Library
May 19 Pine Lake Room
June 16 East Jordan Senior Center
July 21 Pine Lake Room
Aug. 18 Beaver Island (tentative, location tba)
Sept. 15 Pine Lake Room
Oct. 20 Boyne District Library
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It's priming time: Take-a-seat Chair-ity planned

Courtesy photo

Bruce Herbert paints a seat for the Take-a-Seat Chair-ity Auction planned by the Charlevoix First Congregational Church.

Some members of the Charlevoix First Congregational Church got together to sand and prime furniture in preparation for their Take a Seat, Chair-ity Auction to be held next June 25 at Castle Farms. The group was founded by the church custodian, Larry Minch, during his Saturday morning "rocking out" to a Golden Oldies station in the church basement. Barb Gowdy and Barb Wilson thought the music helped them work harder. Bruce Herbert was declared the winner of the inevitable musical "trivia" contest that developed between the workers.

Primers: 10; Sanders: 6

Plenty of "prep" work has to be done before the furniture items are handed over to the local artists, who will add the artistic finishing touches. To survey the finest of what is available in custom painted furniture by northern artists, circle June 25 on the calendar and remember Take a Seat. Proceeds of the auction will go to Highland Cottage, a hospice house serving Charlevoix and Emmett counties, Challenge Mt., B.A.S.E.S., Northern Community Mediation and the First Congregational Church.

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Story-Time
Thursday, February 7, 10:30 am
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Spiderwick Chronicles: Movie Release Party
Saturday, February 9, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
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Keeping the Beat: Women & Heart Disease
Monday, February 11, 5:30-7pm
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OBITUARIES

MARION J. REYNOLDS

Marion J. Reynolds, 87, of Charlevoix, went home to be with her Lord while surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, February 3, 2008. Burial will take place in the spring at Roselawn Cemetery in Saginaw.

Marion was born April 2, 1920, in Grand Rapids, to Edward and Lavinia (Owen) Prinz. On July 24, 1941, she married Robert Reynolds. Marion and Robert made their home in Saginaw, where she taught Sunday School and was a Red Cross Volunteer. Robert preceded her in death on October 26, 1979. Marion moved to Charlevoix in the mid 1980's, and was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. She is survived by her daughters, Betty (Gerald) Finner of Merrill, Barbara (James) Jensen of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Tammy (Roger) Ebach, Christine (Matthew) Reeder, Elizabeth Finner, Patricia Moore, Julia (Mark) Schaberg, Victoria Seymour, Debra (Julian) Hernandez; step-grandchildren, Martin Jensen, Sherry (Dean) Williams, Dan (Cindy) Jensen; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; brother, Owen (Irene) Prinz of Saginaw. Funeral mass for Marion was celebrated Monday afternoon, February 4, at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Episcopal Church organ fund. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is in charge of arrangements.

RANDALL KEITH SILVER

Randy passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer surrounded by his family and loved ones. Born Aug. 1, 1955, he is the son of Marilyn and Robert Silver, father to Sara Silver and Weston Silver, brother to Michael (Beth) Silver, and Uncle to Rachel Silver and Jack Silver.

Randy will always be remembered by his sense of humor, contagious laughter and his big heart. He was a connoisseur of boats, cooking, metal and wood craftsmanship.

He exhibited incredible strength and courage during his 12-year battle with Multiple Myeloma.

His relationships with family and friends were remarkable, the high degree of caring demonstrated was reciprocal and never faltered. Randy will be missed by the many who loved him.

Memorial contributions in Randy's honor may be sent to Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute for benefit of the Multiple Myeloma Program, 4100 John R, Detroit Michigan, 48201.

EDNA C. WELLS

Edna C. Wells, 96, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, January 31, 2008 at Sunnybank of Charlevoix. Funeral will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 5, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Reverend Neil Wilson of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix officiating. Visitation was held Monday at the funeral home. Edna was born May 16, 1911, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Parsons) Himebauch. She graduated from Charlevoix High School and on June 4, 1938, was married to Stuart Wesley Wells in Charlevoix. Edna was employed for many years by the City of Charlevoix clerk's office. Wesley preceded her in death on February 28, 1977. Edna attended the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, and was a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society. She enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles and visiting with friends.

Edna is survived by her son, Stephen W. and his wife Carol A. Wells of Hebron, Conn., grandchildren, Lynda Wells of Glastonbury, Conn., Scott and his wife Dottie of Lyme, Conn.; four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Historical Society or to the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

JOSEPH MARION ARVILLA

Joseph Marion Arvilla died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 just 9 days before his 95th birthday. He was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, came to Charlevoix with his family when he was five years old and grew to adulthood with a deep respect for his grandfather and for "the sea."

Joseph graduated from Charlevoix High School where he was known for his athletic prowess and was light heavyweight boxing champion at Eastern Michigan University where he graduated with a BA. After college he returned to teach and coach at Boyne Falls. He was also first mate on the Sylvia, a palatial sailing yacht that was later commissioned as a mine sweeper during W.W.II. It was then that Joseph took to the waters of Lake Michigan to fish for the war effort. He captained and crewed the Buddy L., one of the more famous fishing boats on Lake Michigan. Joseph went on to build his own cruiser in the family's side yard and called it the Al-Jo-Erik named after his three sons, Joel William, Erik Fraley, and Albert McMillan. He also had identical twin daughters, Denis Erin and Dana Ellen who were just babes in arms at the time. Much fun was had on this boat before it was sold and plied the waters of Harbor Springs. Joseph captained the first tugboat on the Mackinac Bridge project, and he remained on the project until its completion. He went on to obtain a seaman Master's license and could captain all boats for all waters. For most of his life he ran tugs from Superior to the St. Lawrence. It could be said that Joseph was the Jack Sparrow of the Great Lakes, always up for a good time, always a glint in his eye, sometimes a rascal, but always ready "at the helm."

Joseph was a 20-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles during his retirement years and enjoyed dancing, music and travel with many good friends where he lived in Sequim, WA. Joseph held true to his friends and family in Michigan as well and visited them on a regular basis.

For those who would like, contributions can be made to your charity of choice. In lieu of a funeral, there has been a memorial dance in his honor in Sequim, WA. In lieu of flowers, bet on a long shot — in keeping with and in loving memory of our father, Joseph Marion Arvilla.

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Keeping up with technology and understanding the most current applications can be difficult if not intimidating at times. Technology changes every day and the longevity of some new programs can be difficult to gauge.

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The Charlevoix Public Library offers help for those who need just a bit more information to help start the learning process. Computer Tidbits are short demonstrations of different computer applications offered at a basic level. The Tidbit classes are held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the computer lab of the Charlevoix Public Library.

To learn about the most popular social networking sites and how they're used, attend the Feb. 6 session, "My Space, Blogs and IM, Oh MY!"

"At the least you will leave the class knowing what everyone is talking about," said librarian Linda Adams.

At the Feb. 13 session, "Create a party invitation," you will do just that; learn how to make a party invitation using Microsoft Publisher. Come with a party in mind and Adams will help you make the perfect invitation. Adams is the training librarian at the Charlevoix Public Library and has a history of teaching workshops and seminars. Her expertise is moving the timid closer to the computer comfort zone. Join her for one of the Computer Tidbits. Tidbits are free and open to all, walk-ins are welcome. Call the library for more information about this or other programs, 237-7340.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 547-3899

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Attorney General says 'no conflict' for local officials

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema asked the Attorney General's office whether three area officials were in conflict of law while serving in multiple capacities. The AG said no to all three

Are three local officials: a county clerk, a former county commissioner and the soil erosion officer, guilty of working in multiple and incompatible offices?

"No" says an opinion given by the Michigan Attorney General's Office in early September, 2007, nearly 14 months after Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema asked for clarification.

"I think it makes clear that the persons (Drain commissioner/soil erosion officer Marc Seelye, Charlevoix County Clerk/fiscal officer Jane Brannon and former Charlevoix County Commissioner/zoning administrator for Melrose and Bay Townships Randy Frykberg) can hold each position," Jarema said. "It's a done issue."

In July, 2006, prompted by Charlevoix resident and attorney Ellis Boal, who wondered if the three may have been in violation of Michigan's version of the federal Hatch Act, a law enacted to prevent people from simultaneously holding jobs and elected office for the same governmental body, Jarema had asked the following three questions of the attorney general: "In 2004, the Charlevoix County Soil Erosion Officer ran and was elected County Drain Commissioner. Can he serve in both capacities?"; "Our elected county clerk receives a salary for being the clerk and is also employed by Charlevoix County as its fiscal officer and receives a salary of at least $10,000 for those job duties. Can she serve in both capacities?"; and "One of our six elected county commissioners is also employed by several townships in our county as a zoning administrator. Can he serve on township boards in paid positions and also be an elected county official?"

In his letter Jarema pointed to several laws and attorney general opinions including MCL 15.403(2), which states that "a public employee of a unit of local government or school district who is elected to an office within that unit of local government or school district shall resign or may be granted a leave of absence from his employment during his elected term. It appears that on the plain reading of this statute, a person cannot be employed by a local unit of government and be elected to an office within that unit of local government."

Jarema's interpretation of Seelye's positions differed from that of the attorney general's office opinion written by Chief Deputy Attorney General Carol L. Isaacs which stated, "counties routinely designate the county drain commissioner as the county enforcing agency for purposes of enforcing soil erosion and sedimentation control."

Isaacs further stated that an amendment to the drain code, "expressly recognizes that drain commissioners may perform soil erosion enforcement functions in addition to administering the drain code" and "elected county officials may be assigned additional duties by the county board of commissioners and be paid additional compensation for the performance of those duties."

The opinions considered neither an incompatibility of offices nor political actives, though Isaacs feels it is nonetheless adequate "guidance" in answering Jarema's question.

Isaacs made it clear that Seelye's positions are not incompatible so long as "the relationship and interaction between the positions do not fall within one of three of the following circumstances: One position is subject to the other's supervision; one position is subordinate to the other; or the holding of the two positions results in a breach of duty due to conflicting responsibilities."

Jarema

Frykberg

Boal

Isaacs next addressed Brannon's elected and appointed positions, stating that, "County clerks have historically been involved in the fiscal affairs of their counties. County clerks handle the county's accounting duties where the county does not have a controller, executive, or board of auditors."

"Designation of the clerk as a fiscal officer does not appear to impose incompatible duties on the clerk," she added.

The attorney general's office addressed the Frykberg question by stating, "It is understood that ... (Frykberg) is not subject to the supervision of, or otherwise subordinate to, the county or the county board of commissioners. Nor does it appear that the two positions have interests that would be compromised if advanced simultaneously by an individual holding both positions."

Isaacs added, "It cannot be concluded that these positions are incompatible."

Frykberg said he never feared being found to have a conflict.

"Before I ran (for his county board seat) my prime job was being a zoning consultant and zoning administrator and I was given legal advice at that time and felt I had no conflict," he said.

Owl calling adventure at Grass River Nature Area

The owls are nesting now at Grass River Natural Area. Join us at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 for an owl calling adventure. Bring cross-country skis, snowshoes or just boots and explore the trails by moonlight. No matter "Who-o-o" flies out for a look, it's always a hoot. Meet naturalists at the GRNA parking lot. Please call the GRNA office at (231)533-8314 to register.

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A Support Group with Focus

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After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

FEB

Rep. Elsenheimer: Better times ahead for Michigan

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's sixth State of the State Address was "the right tone at the right time," State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, who represents Charlevoix citizens as the 105th District representative, said last week.

"It was conciliatory and recognized that last year's work product was pretty poor," he said.

Last Tuesday's speech was the sixth time Granholm, who lost a tremendous amount of public backing after last year's drawn-out budget battle and last minute tax increase proposals, promised no tax or fee increases in the upcoming year, something Elsenheimer said all Michigan residents should cheer about.

"I was very pleased she said she would sign a budget with no new taxes and no new fees. That is something hunters and fishermen should be pleased about, following last year's threats for fee increases (to fund the under-budget Department of Natural Resources,)" he said.

What Elsenheimer was most pleased with, and which affected northern Michigan most directly, was Granholm's focus on boosting tourism in the state. Granholm promised to increase funds available to promote tourism, something Elsenheimer hopes will have a strong impact on Charlevoix and other communities he serves.

"She ear-marked $150 million for promoting tourism, and that is six or seven times what was there last year," he said. "We know that money gets paid back by multiples of four or more, and it should provide an immediate income boost to northern Michigan's economy."

It was the most attention Granholm has given tourism in a State of the State Address, Elsenheimer said, and it came at a good time.

"I was very pleased. That is the type of economic boost we need."

Granholm said it is time to "significantly increase our advertising of this beautiful state to attract tourists and businesses."

"We are eager to pass what will be the largest investment in marketing Michigan in our history, expanding to new markets, trumpeting our virtues across the nation and the world," she said.

Granholm noted it was time to change her approach in her speech, acknowledging the anger present among the citizens she serves following last year's difficult partisan divide.

"While we are confident that this course will lead to better days, on this day, our fellow citizens are angry.... Angry at the oil companies. Angry at the con men who stoked the subprime crisis ... But let's be honest — that anger is aimed at us, too," she said to her fellow Legislators.

Elsenheimer joined others in complimenting Granholm's efforts to cross the partisan divide and support the concept of working together. Following a year when "tax payers were underserved," Elsenheimer said the governor did a good job of "pointing out we need to do a better job next year."

"I am grateful because many of the ideas she presented are Republican ideas we've been working on for four years," he said. "It suggests she is trying to be more positive instead of partisan."

Indeed Granholm acknowledged shortcomings: "Last year, people wanted decisive action on jobs, on healthcare, on schools. What they got was partisan rancor over a budget."

She also noted the need to work together: "Legislators on both sides of the aisle are already making a commitment to work together."

The major thrust of Granholm's speech was what she said are the four things that "require swift action and relentless focus" in the year ahead. Jobs for all, affordable health care for every family, safe places to live and work, and quality education for youth and adults. Unveiling plans for each of these goals, Granholm assured no tax or fee increases will be needed to fund the necessary programs.

There was also large focus on alternative energy gains within Michigan, emphasizing the state's resources — water, wind, wood and workforce — that should put Michigan in the forefront of the alternative energy industry.

Elsenheimer was pleased with the concepts, adding he'd like to see "more detailed information" on specifics for certain plans, especially the $6 billion investment from DTE and Consumers Energy into energy technologies.

"The devil is in the details. I'd be worried about potential consumer rate increases, because that is where those companies get their revenue and consumers shouldn't be paying for this, and customer choice," he said.

Elsenheimer liked the idea of refinancing bonds to generate revenue, and looks

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City faces 'tough' budget decisions

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

A public hearing will be held to discuss the budget, 7 p.m. Feb 18 at City Hall

The budget process has begun in the City of Charlevoix, and City Manager Rob Straebel said he realizes the challenge before him and City Council as they attempt to develop a balanced budget plan for 2008-09.

"This is going to be a tough year," Straebel told the board and city department heads at a work session last week.

Like most municipalities in the state, Charlevoix faces rising costs, falling revenues and overall funding challenges, but, Straebel said, the city will pull through with some sacrifices.

"We won't go hungry, we'll survive. We'll pull through it," he said.

The work session brought city council members and department heads together to go over the proposed 2008-09 budget, which has already had $185,100 worth of projects and expenses trimmed thanks to efforts by Straebel, City Treasurer Rick Brandt and departments. Each department was asked to look at its budget and decide what could be eliminated or post poned, and those departments stepped forward with suggestions.

A new water well at the ski hill, an ALS monitor for the ambulance, new car cameras for the police department, an upgrade to full time for the secretary in the police department — these are a few items that were deferred from the Capital Improvement Plan for the year, cutting a total of $185,100 from this year's General Fund. Upon reviewing the items, council members asked

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Library keeping up with evolution of reading

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs
Adult Services Librarian Linda Adams shows library patron Alicia Giudice how to use the new downloadable book option.

From earthen scribbles on limestone walls by cave dwellers to thousands of books at the touch of a button from anywhere on the planet, the way we as a society reads has evolved.

The Charlevoix Public Library currently offers books in both electronic reader and audio formats which can be downloaded to MP3 players, desktop and notebook computers from anywhere.

"We're the only one in northern Michigan, as far as I know, that has it north of Cadillac," said Linda Adams, adult services librarian with the Charlevoix Public Library.

Current Charlevoix Library cardholders and those eligible for a card can, after setting up the e-book account, visit designated websites where they can search for the title of their choosing – hundreds of audio books and thousands of e-books are available – and then, following a download period that varies depending upon the computer's ability and Internet connection, they have the book literally at their fingertips in digital format.

"We have about 120 people signed up for the service and about 100 checkouts per quarter," Adams said. "A lot of people use the e-books to glance at books to see if they really want it and kids use it for research because it's nice to pull up a piece of a book they really need."

She added, "They can see the book immediately after downloading and look at the table of contents and see if that's the book they want to order and it's a handy way for them to just read one chapter of a book and then decide if they want it."

Book titles include new and old fiction, the Pimsleur language series and more.

"We started it (the e-book program) about a year and a half ago when we opened the library and people are using it, but we would like more people to use it," Adams said. "The problem is trying to get people to accept the new technology and the need to invest in an MP3 player might be foreign to some people."

The service is available absolutely free to library members and offers such popular titles as 1776, The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Wuthering Heights.

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"It does take time to download and with a phone modem it can take awhile," Adams said. "It's 15-20 minutes with broadband service, so you have to be patient, but we feel it's a handy to have the portability and no cost to patrons who can check out the books whether they are (wintering) in California or Florida."

She added, "We've had good feedback, especially from people who like to travel. This is just another access point."

Adams said anyone who can use a computer will understand how to use the services with a short tutorial.

"It's very user-friendly," she said. "We walk people through it. They'll be able to figure it out."

The Charlevoix Public Library currently offers 40,000 titles and constantly strives to offer the preeminent and cutting edge services to its patrons.

To sign up for the service or to learn more about what you need to take advantage of it, call 237-7340 or stop in at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

Char-Em United Way exceeds 2008 campaign goal

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Char-Em United Way asked and the community answered, meeting and exceeding the $230,000 goal set for 2007-08 campaign.

Executive Director Martha Lancaster said she and her board of directors at the local United Way organization are pleased with the community's response, which met the challenge of a 15 percent increase in the campaign goal from last year. Lancaster said more money is needed because of the increase in community needs, seen in correlation to the tough fiscal times Michigan is currently facing, but a "realistic" goal had to balance the need with an individual's ability to give. With last week's announcement the goal was met. Lancaster also expects reports from some larger corporations early this month, so the final amount will exceed the $230,000 mark that compromise was made.

"We are very pleased we've exceeded the goal and are looking forward to the process of investing those funds back into the community," she said.

Campaign co-chairs Doug Hall and his wife Shawn Hall reported an increase in contributions from corporations, employees and individuals this year, adding St. Mary's Cement in Charlevoix and Petoskey UPS were among the largest local worksite campaigns for United Way.

Lancaster said the next step is deciding where those funds will go. The Board of Directors, with help from data gathered through the area Human Services Governing Body and other human service collaborative efforts in the Charlevoix and Emmet com-

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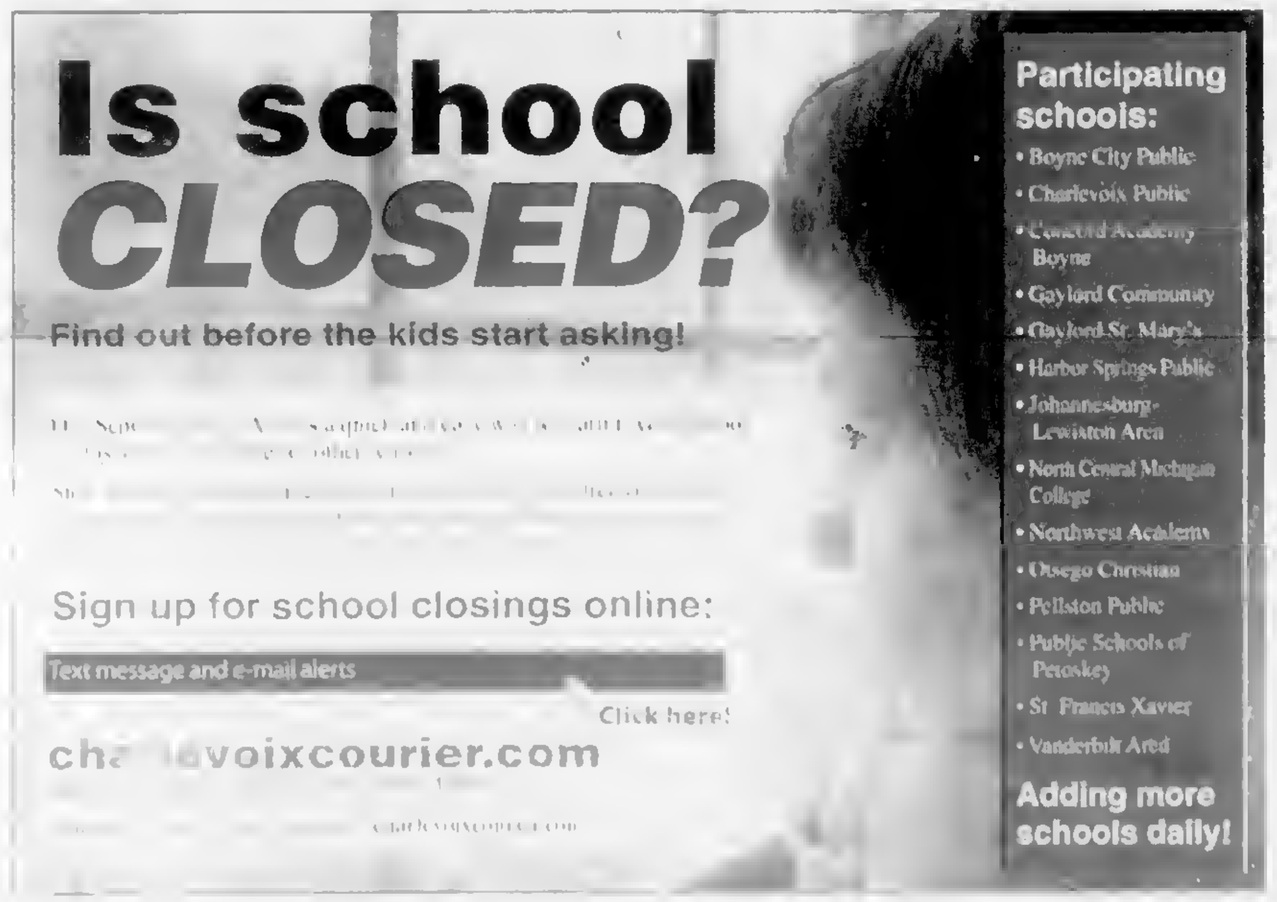

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –January 23, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix.
All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.

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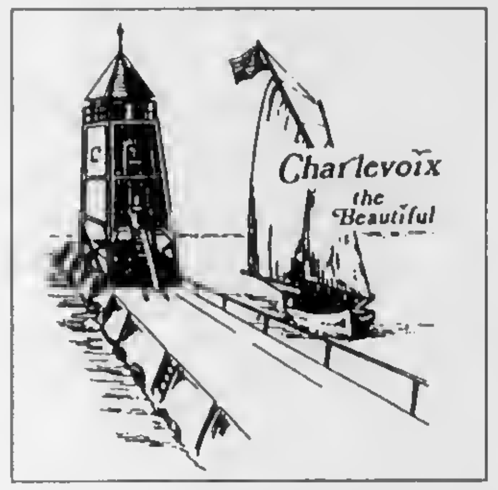

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT OF THE City of Charlevoix Water Supply

January 2008

Here is this year's Annual Quality Water Report.

It is designed to inform you about the quality drinking water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Our water comes from Lake Michigan, considered *surface water*. The State has preformed an assessment of our source water in 2004. A determination of sensitivity and susceptibility to contamination was by made by reviewing our source water geology, water chemistry, and potential contamination sources nearby the lake. The State has determined that our source water has a moderate sensitivity rating along with a moderate susceptibility to contamination. You may obtain a copy of the State report by contacting the City of Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant.

We are pleased to report that your drinking water is safe and meets all State and Federal requirements.

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water we provided to you in the year **2007**. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Michigan standards. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jim Caldwell at the ***Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant***, (231) 547-3256, or Don Swem at the ***Charlevoix Water Department***, (231) 547-3278. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. The City of Charlevoix Water Supply routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1 thru December 31, 2007**. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial process and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

The State of Michigan and Environmental Protection Agency test and treat our water on a regular basis to [illegible] its safety.

We met all monitoring requirements for the year 2007.

Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System personnel sampled and tested for over 100 contaminants that were NOT detected in our water supply. The following constituents were detected at low [illegible] levels [illegible] below the MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level.

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help [illegible] we've provided the following definitions.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A picocurie is one part per trillion - the measurement of radiation in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

NA: not applicable

ND: not detectable at testing limit

Inorganic Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	SYSTEM WATER	Range of detections	Sample date	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.5	NA	2007	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0500	NA	2007	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	2	TT	0.040	0.010 - 0.070	2007	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radionuclides							
Gross Alpha (pCi/l)	0	15	1.5	ND - 1.5	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	0	5	1.0	1.0	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	**MRDLG**	**MRDL**	**Quarterly Average**				
Total Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.35	0.02 to 1.59	2007	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Disinfection Byproducts	**MCLG**	**MCL**	**SYSTEM WATER**				
Total Trihalomethanes [TTHMs] (ppb)	NA	80	7.9	NA	2007	No	Disinfection Byproducts
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	2.0	NA	2007	No	Disinfection Byproducts
Lead/Copper	**MCLG**	**AL**	**90th %ile**				
Lead (ppb)	0	15	2	ND - 5	2006	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.080	ND - 0.430	2006	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Unregulated Contaminants	**MCLG**	**MCL**	**SYSTEM WATER**				
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	5	NA	2007	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	NA	NA	25	NA	2007	NA	Erosion of natural deposits

**Lead and Copper - Lead and copper testing is on a three (3) year schedule. Test results reported here are from the 2006 year, next round of testing is year [illegible]

*NOTES: * Turbidity - turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is an indicator of our filtration system.*

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

We're pleased that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

Call us if you have any questions.

About our system....

The City of Charlevoix operates a Direct Filtration Water Treatment Facility which uses water from Lake Michigan. With a capacity of 3 million gallons per day, water enters the plant through a submerged intake structure. Storage includes a one million gallon above ground reservoir at the plant, and a 300,000 gallon elevated tank (water tower) on Charlevoix's north side. The City has approximately 32 miles of distribution lines serving approximately 5,000 customers in the City of Charlevoix and areas of adjoining Charlevoix Township, as well as, the influx of summer visitors to the area. Present flow rates vary from around 400,000 gallons per day in the winter to as much as 2.5 million gallons per day in the summer. In service since 1987, it is a modern, efficient facility staffed by licensed, well trained operators. Charlevoix is continually improving its distribution system assuring fresh water and adequate pressure throughout our entire service area. An electrical generator at the Water Plant assures normal operation at full capacity in the event of an electrical power loss to the City. We at the Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap.

Please help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.

New time, same goals for collaborative meeting

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Smart Growth Initiative meeting, cancelled last week due to weather, is re-scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Charlevoix Public Library

The meeting will bring Charlevoix City, Charlevoix County, and Eveline, Marion, Hayes, Norwood and Charlevoix townships to discuss growth plans for the area

Last week's winter weather blast may have slowed down efforts by area municipalities to plan for smart growth in the greater Charlevoix community, but it did not stop them.

The Smart Growth Initiative meeting, initially planned for Jan. 30, has been rescheduled for Feb. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The meeting will have a new date and time, but the same goals and objectives, organizers said.

"We want to take care of those values and aspects of the community that we hold dear to our hearts, like water preservation, transportation issues, preserving farm land and green space," said Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel.

Embracing that idea, the City of Charlevoix is partnering with other local municipalities — Eveline, Marion, Hayes, Norwood and Charlevoix townships as well as Charlevoix County — guided by the Partnerships for Change Program, to build a cooperative planning effort to ensure growth of the community is "smart." Said to foster "smart growth land use policies across the Charlevoix community," collaborative efforts will begin with the upcoming organizational meeting. Land Information Access Association Executive Director Joe VanderMeulen, whose company will act as a liaison for the project working with the local municipalities and Partnerships for Change organization, said the meeting will serve as an opportunity to begin necessary discussions "to find a way for each of these different governments to make change together" in their planning efforts.

"We want to create a basis for discussion for the future," he said.

Next week's meeting will branch off from work completed in a community-wide planning exercise, known as the Charlevoix Area Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Smart Growth Land Use Initiative, done two years ago. The efforts looked at the larger Charlevoix community, attempting to decide where leaders and citizens wanted to go in terms of growth and how to get there. The efforts brought in grant funding, which helped develop a report that VanderMeulen said can now be used as a working plan for future efforts.

"The plan suggests ways to develop more efficiently. For example, no one wants to build a new water and sewer system if you don't have to," he said, noting the potential for saving tax dollars if good planning is utilized.

A grant from the Partnerships for Change has already been awarded for continued work, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has contributed a matching grant of $5,000, to be awarded at next week's meeting.

Straebel noted the benefit of corroboration among government entities, adding by working together area municipalities can "focus our efforts more efficiently and effectively to identify issues in the city, county and townships." He said input from the community at large is also welcome, noting this and all future meetings of the group will be open to the public.

Assisting with the efforts is the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), a nonprofit formed 15 years ago to help citizens and public officials work together to create sustainable communities. It is the head of the Partnerships for Change program, which offers services to municipalities that wish to work together in planning efforts. To move forward with the plan, each municipality has been asked to contribute a portion of the funding required ($500) and begin work on many of the plan's key topics, including managing development of 'big box' stores, shoreline and stream corridor preservation, lighting and dark sky issues, managing road corridor development, controlling blight and unsightly situations, and farmland and open space preservation.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Community Room B of the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Date: Thursday, March 6

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: High School Kiva Room 23

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Kim Brown, Instructor

Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 5, 12, 19

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: High School, BMT Lab Room 29

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Karen Walker & Will Ogden, Instructors

Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 12, 19, 26, March 4

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Location: Elementary School Cafeteria

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Date: Wednesdays, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 12

Time: 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Elementary School Room A-10

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Darrin Podskalny, Instructor

Dates: Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Middle School Art Room

Babysitter Training

Tom Richie, Instructor (American Red Cross)

Date: Saturday, March 1

Time: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: East Jordan Middle School Cafeteria

State government getting better

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forward to the government taking steps to "create an environment that attracts new business and makes existing businesses want to grow."

"What we can do in state government is create an environment that allows businesses to develop and grow, then get out of the way," he said, speaking to Granholm's proposal to offer substantial tax breaks through the Michigan Job Creation Tax Credit, made available to businesses in the 50 fastest growing sectors including high-tech and homeland security.

"Whether your business is in Michigan today or you are going to come here tomorrow, if you grow jobs in Michigan, we'll cut or altogether eliminate your taxes," Granholm stated.

While optimistic, Granholm noted leaders did not "get into this overnight," and are not going to get out of it overnight. She called for lawmakers to "roll up our sleeves and continue building," tuning out partisan voices "in order to work side-by-side." An ambitious feat in itself, Elsenheimer said it is becoming more and more likely in Lansing.

"I am confident things will go more smoothly this year. Last year the legislature raised taxes for the first time in more than 20 years, and that isn't going to happen this year," he said. "I expect we will be able to put some of our partisan issues aside and get some real work done for a change."

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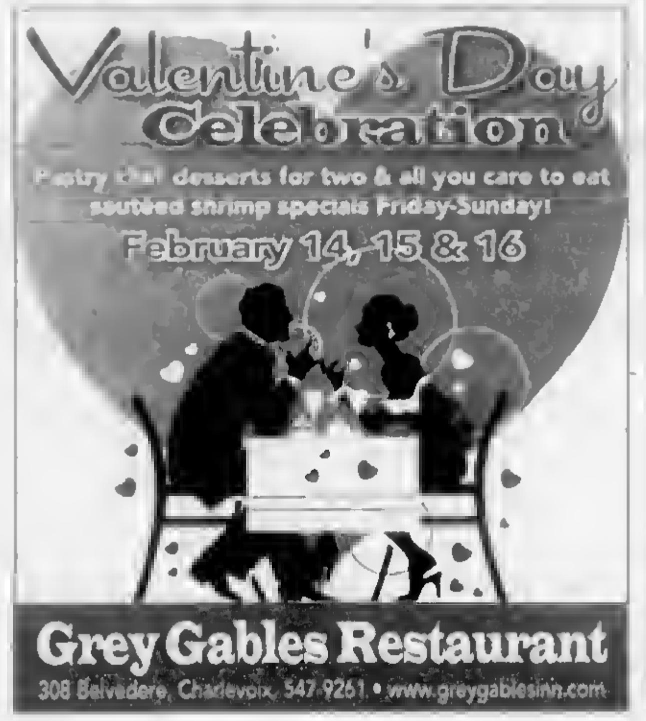
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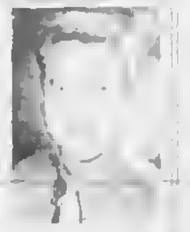

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Rayder wrestler sets new record

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

To hear the deadpan comments from Charlevoix High School's Mat Golovich, you might not think winning 100 wrestling matches is a big deal.

But, regardless of his sober outlook on his recent accomplishment, he is the first Rayder wrestler ever to have won 100 matches by junior year—on top of recovering from medical issues that included two hernia surgeries.

"It's a big deal," said Charlevoix High School varsity wrestling coach, and Mat's uncle, Craig Golovich. "He's been wrestling since he was in kindergarten, but these are varsity wins."

Mat's mother Karen Golovich is excited about her son's accomplishment.

"He's had a great year this year and he's done a wonderful job," she said. "He's a great little wrestler carrying on the family tradition."

Mat said wrestling was a natural progression for him.

"My brother wrestled, all my uncles wrestled," he said. "It just builds character for you."

Craig said Mat has overcome some serious setbacks to experience success.

"He's not real strong physically, he's not polished on his technique, but he just don't quit," Craig said. "He's moody, straightforward and he's just tough."

The coach added, "He bleeds almost every match. He's probably my (most dedicated) as far as kids who practice hard and work hard."

While some doting parents may cringe at the thought of their child locked in battle on a thin mat, Karen has no fear.

"They started so young and I dated my husband, who was a wrestler, we were high school sweethearts, so I didn't have the fear some moms do," she said.

Mat, who wrestles in the 130-pound category, often tackles brutes of up to 170 pounds.

"In practice, he holds his own against much bigger guys," Craig said. "A lot of times when you throw them (wrestlers) in with bigger ones, they whine, but he just runs with it."

Mat made his 100th win on Saturday, Jan. 26 in competition in Gaylord.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "You work for it and then it just happened."

Mat hopes to continue in his sport after high school

"You can get into the Olympics, but that's pretty hard to do," he said. "I'll probably just try out for wrestling in college."

Courtesy photo

Mat Golovich recently won his 100th wrestling win.

Regardless of whether Mat becomes an Olympic champion, Craig said the work and accolades are good for the boys.

"It builds them as a person. Practices are very tough. We go two, two-and-a-half hours and they're wringing wet after practice," he said. "When it's just you and another guy on the mat, you can look back all you want at your teammates, but nobody's coming out to help you."

He added, "It's a tough one-on-one sport. It makes them deal with things and they gotta [sic] deal with it on their own."

The wrestling season, which began in mid-November, 2007, will end with the finals in mid-March.

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Senior Trevor Cole wrestles in the Lake Michigan Conference meet.

Wrestling wins at conference meet

Charlevoix had two league champions at the Lake Michigan Conference meet. Wining their flights were Zeke Daman and 119 pounds and Mat Golovich at 130.

Grayling was the league champion with 241 points, followed by Traverse City St. Francis, 124; Kalkaska, 121; Elk Rapids, 119; Charlevoix, 71; and Boyne City, 52.

Taking third for the Rayders was Greg Bishaw at 103. Fourth were Nate Triplehorn at 171, heavyweight Trevor Cole and Chris Keie at 152 pouinds. Mat Golovich, 130 pounds, both took top honors placing 1st. The wrestling team travels to Petoskey to compete in the Petoskey Invitational this coming Saturday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.

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Lady Rayders defeat Kalkaska

Becca Madison scored 14 points Thursday as Charlevoix overcame a bit of a slow start to beat Kalkaska, 57-46, in a Lake Michigan Conference girls' basketball game.

The win lifted Charlevoix to 13-2 overall and 10-1 in the league, one game ahead of second-place East Jordan. Kalkaska is 11-5, 6-5.

"The first half I thought we didn't play our best, but we came out in the third quarter and we played well," said Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine, whose team led, 26-13, at halftime then outscored the Blazers, 16-11, in the third quarter.

"The girls off the bench gave us a big lift," Erskine said. "That's big, having five or six girls come off the bench and give us a lot of energy.

"Kalkaska's got a good solid team. It's hard to come down here and win, they've got great fans and they did a good job trying to shake us up. Just to go down there and get a win at Kalkaksa really helps us."

Desi Faust added 11 points and KC McCary had nine for the Rayders, while McCary had seven rebounds, Tammy Potter grabbed nine, and Murphy Gillespie had seven.

The Rayders can wrap up the league championship with wins next week against Boyne City (Tuesday) and Elk Rapids (Thursday). Both are home games.

For Kalkaska, Katie Krause scored 16 points and Chelsea Matley added 10.

Lynzie Gotshall scored 23 points and Sarah Potter had 21 to lead Charlevoix to a 79-40 win in the JV game.

RAYDERS DEFEAT BOYNE CITY

Charlevoix won its sixth straight overall, and ninth straight in the league, Friday. Justin Friske scored 20 points and Nate LaBlance had 13 points for the Rayders, 13-1, 9-0.

Weston Bryan and Corey Gotshall both scored eight points for Charlevoix. Gotshall had seven rebounds, Kyle Jones eight rebounds and seven assists and LaBlance made five steals.

For Boyne City, 6-8, 5-4, Robby Jensen had 10 points and 10 rebounds, Ryan Musser 16 points and seven rebounds and Trever Kruzel 13 points.

"We played better in the second half," Boyne City coach John Hertel said. "Charlevoix is a really good team, and I think we're on our way to becoming a really good team."

Charlevoix won the JV game, 79-73 in overtime. Tyler Jones had 17 points for Charlevoix and Clayton Mitchell added 16.. Evan Orban and T.J. Wandrie scored 20 points apiece for Boyne.

Charlevoix won the freshman game 70-54, with Wade Worth scoring 13 points, and Wyatt Drost and Dylan Putman adding 12 each. Colby Shumaker scored 21 for the Ramblers.

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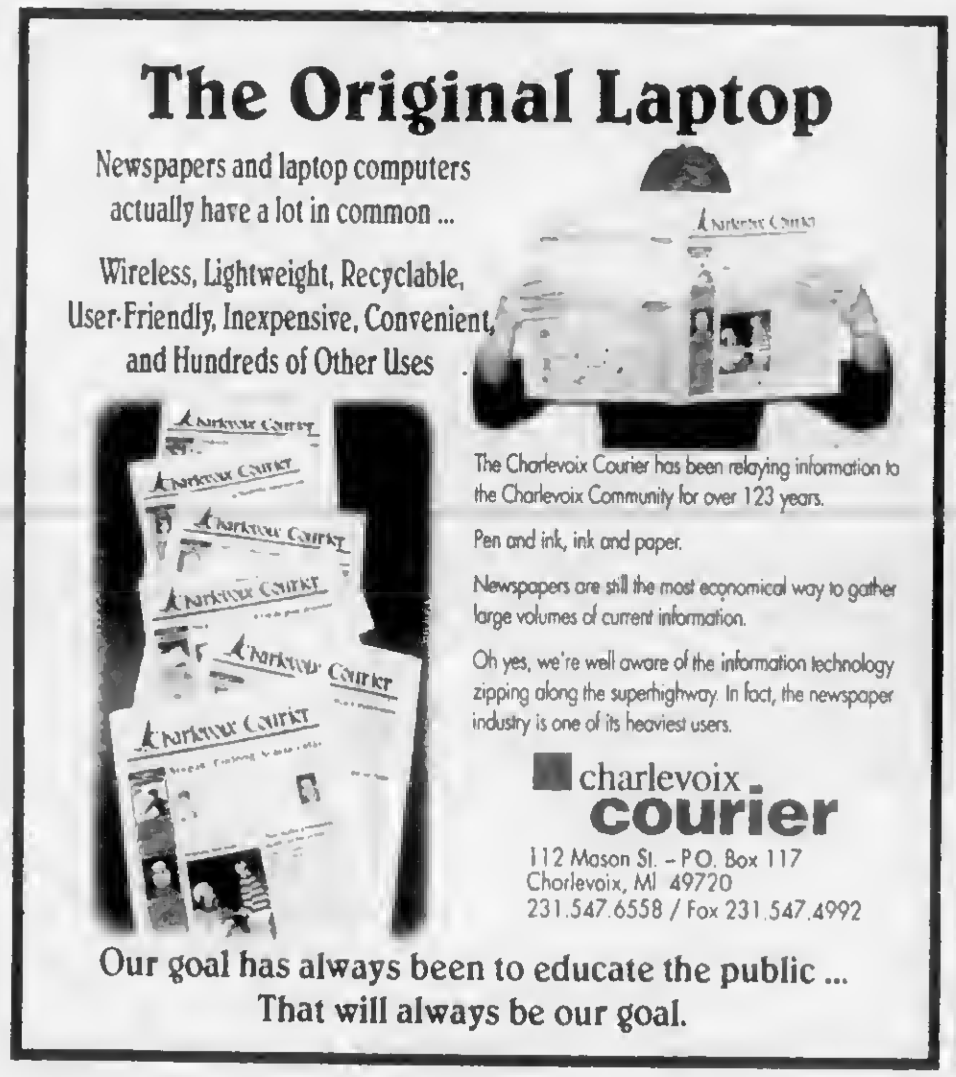

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In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 971.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore. Commonly known as 1457 Lalondo Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated. JANUARY 17, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, Assignee of Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 29, 2005, by Caryn S. Jensen, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 177, Charlevoix County Records, which mortgage was assigned to The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC, by an assignment of mortgage dated June 29, 2005, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 194, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $261,479.77; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County,- Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 20, MOUNTAIN GRAND LODGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 6.50% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated. January 16, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC Mortgagee

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID LOSEE, a married man, Mortgagor, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49525, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006 and recorded February 23, 2006 in Liber 732 of Mortgages, Page 399. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 10/100 ($357,983.10) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on March 14, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)] the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Boyne Falls, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Unit 97, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the master deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, page 53 inclusive, and first amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 421, page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and second amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 571, page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. P.P. #002-390-097-00

Date: February 1, 2008

INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN
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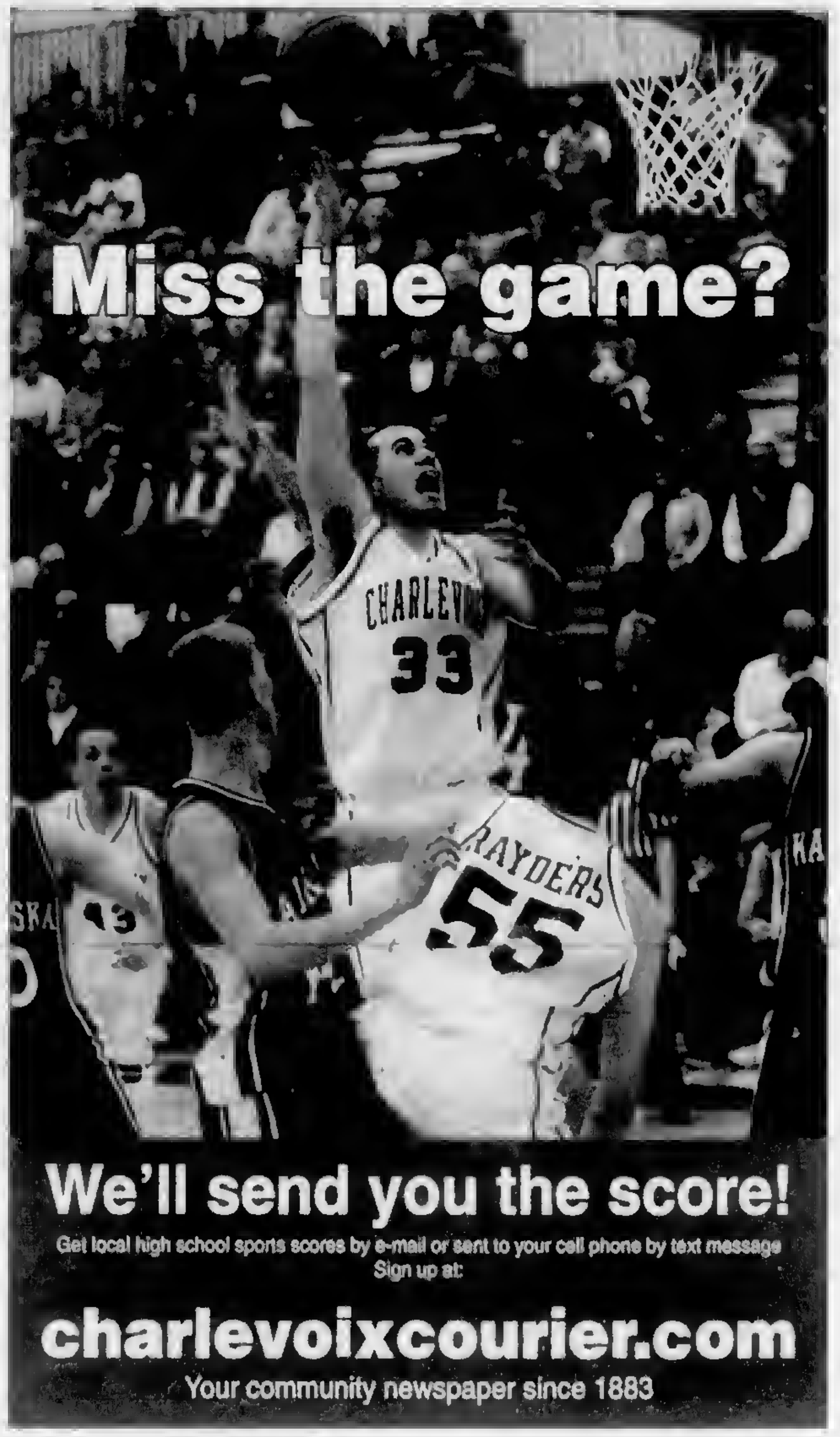

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City budget tight but balanced, for now

CITY

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for reassurance from department heads the cuts would not deter performance.

"We want our secretary to be full time to improve the service to the public, but as it was explained to me, we had to go over our budget and see what could be cut. This is something I don't have now, so I can continue without it for now," said Police Chief Gerard Doan.

Fire Chief Paul Ivan said Fire and Rescue can function without new ALS monitors this year but "if we can afford it next year, we will request a replacement."

Brandi said these cuts represented the "tough decisions" Charlevoix faces now and can likely expect in years to come, thanks largely to Michigan's economic problems. Deciding to cut things like ambulance equipment are "things you'd just rather not do."

"When you make the decision to have two fully outfitted ambulances but not a third, and hold off that purchase for a year, that's something you'd rather avoid if you can," Brandi said

Council member Lyle Gennett cautioned about pushing too many expenses down the road.

"We need to be careful what we put off to next year. It might be worse than now, and we have to do a balancing act," he said.

Brandi agreed, stating deferring some purchases is simply "prolonging the inevitable," and city leaders need to be careful not to push too many expenses to future years.

"You don't know what's going to happen, and you don't want to see things dam up later," he said.

Straebel reported that, for now, state revenue sharing, a major funding source for municipalities in Michigan, has remained flat, while the cost of operating has gone up.

"Combining State Shared Revenue constraints and State mandated millage rollbacks with little residential and commercial growth has created unique challenges for the city not experienced in previous years," Straebel stated.

Balancing the 2007-08 budget required the city to dip into its fund balance, transferring $139,000 to the general fund to cover expenses. That leaves the city with a 15.3 percent fund equity, which is "where we are supposed to be."

"Generally you like to be between 10 to 20 percent, so we're right in the middle. We're being prudent but if we continue dipping into our reserves year after year, we'll have a problem," he said. "We have to be careful, and we will probably have to make some even tougher decisions next year."

Planning for that, some actions have been taken to boost revenue this year. One action was to increase fees at the Charlevoix Golf Course and Mount McSauba ski hill for non-city residents. Straebel said it is a logical action because the city subsidizes funds from the General Fund for those services, so "whether they use them or not, city tax payers are paying for those amenities." Therefore, he said, boosting fees for non-city tax payers who do utilize the services as a way to reduce the amount of transfers from the general fund "has some weight."

Brandi noted council's interest in developing fire and recreation authorities could help deter even more costs in those areas in the future. Council plans to seek more information on those options in coming months.

Another action was to increase the city tax rate by approximately .2 mils which may be offset with an equal mill levy reduction on the Infrastructure Millage because of Headlee. The Operating Millage will remain unchanged at 9.05 mils, and the millage for trash and rubbish pick up will increase by .2 mils to cover the increase in operation costs. The budget proposed to levy a total 12.1528 mils for the period of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

Straebel said sewer rates will see a 5.5 percent increase, needed to accomplish goals already set by the city for the sewer fund. There will be no increases in water or electric fees. Public hearings will be held on all increases — scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at City Hall — before council votes on them. Brandi said council will vote before the end of February.

A major part of the budget is capital expenditures, which total $1,998,400. Expenses include the marina and park project, which will have some expense carried over into next year's budget, Chicago Club area infrastructure improvements ($552,300), motor pool major capital purchases ($406,700), Airport equipment purchases ($330,000), a fire tanker purchase ($150,000), power line tree trimming ($120,000) and others.

Estimated total expenses for the 2008-09 budget are $3,452,300, balanced by estimated revenues of the same amount.

Straebel said the proposed budget is based upon goals set by council in December 2007, and reflects decisions made by the group about what should be done in the upcoming year. The budget "incorporates a long-term perspective," he said, that reflects "a fiscally sound plan that will allow the city to address community priorities, support essential services and provide for investment in critical capital improvements."

Straebel also told council that despite the fiscal challenges that lie ahead, "we remain optimistic by the overall direction of the City and see these challenging times as an opportunity to further improve operating efficiency and effectiveness." This is reflected, he noted, in large expense cuts such as postponing the $60,000 new well at the ski hill, and simpler things like purchasing laptop computers for council to eliminate the expense of printing agendas and other paper items for each meeting.

"These (laptops) will pay for themselves in a short period of time by eliminating that paper and supply expense," Mayor Norman Carlson said.

Proposed expenses
Legislative: $63,500
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Photo by Laura Strebe

Ice rink attendants, Scott Stebe and Shannon Gillespie at the rink on Dec. 28, 2007.

Photo by Jamie Beattie

Liam Beattie, 14 months old, visits Depot Beach Dec. 23, 2007. Liam and his parents, Jamie and Rebecca Beattie, were visiting Liam's grandmother, Jeannine Wallace, for Christmas.

Photo by Erica Goff

St. Mary's students enjoyed a number of activites last week in honor of Catholic Schools week, including spending last Thuraday at Mt. McSauba. Above, David Clark helps his son, Braeden, 4, down the bunny hill. It was Braeden's first time akiing.

Photo by Erica Goff

St. Mary students (from left) Chase Stiglets, Lauren Kwapisz and Harley Argetsinger take a break from skiing at Mt. McSauba last week.

Photo by Erica Goff

Alex Kwapisz, 5, smiles after skiing down the hill at Mt. McSauba last week.

Women's Heart Health meeting

Join Zonta and the Charlevoix Area hospital for an informative program on Women's Heart Health to be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Library Community room. Guest speakers will cover women's signs and symptoms; risks; healthy diet and exercise. The event is part of the Charlevoix Zonta Club Advocacy for Women series. Light refreshments will be provided. Remember February is heart month, wear red in support.

That's my photograph!

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

FEB. 6
COMPUTER TIDBITS

All are welcome to come learn about the social software that is an integral part of life of the new generation. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 7, STORY-TIME

All children birth 5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350

FEB. 7
COUNTY CONVENTION

To begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Courthouse. Contact John Haggard, (231)547-6600, for more information.

FEB. 8
FISH DINNER

Brother Dan's Pantry, serving those in need with love, respect and understanding since 2003, will hold an all-you-can-eat fish dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall on the corner of Howard and State Streets in Petoskey. Proceeds help to feed the area's hungry. Carry out dinners are available, and the dinners will be held every Friday through March 14

FEB. 9
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES: MOVIE RELEASE PARTY

Magical afternoon of goblins, sprites, fairies and magical creatures! (Sponsored through a collaboration between the Charlevoix Public Library and Up North Kids) From 1 to 3 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350

FEB. 11, KEEPING THE BEAT: WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. learn the heart disease risk factors, the impact of nutrition and a "heart healthy" diet and what role exercise plays in the prevention of heart disease. Sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Hospital, Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area and the Charlevoix Public Library. Light refreshments provided. Free.

FEB. 12, SLEEPY-TIME STORIES

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite lovey for an evening of sleepy-time stories. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clintón St., 237-7350

FEB. 13
CREATE A PARTY INVITATION

Learn how to make a party invitation using MS Publisher. Come with a party in mind, and we'll help you make the invitation. Free. Walk-ins welcome. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 15
DISNEY TRIVIA GAME NIGHT

Northwest Academy has planned a family event, inviting teams of four to see who knows the most about Disney. Prizes, raffles and barbeque sandwiches available. Doors open at 6 p.m., 115 W. Hurlbut. For more information call 547-7958.

FEB. 16
ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES FOOD ORDERS

From 10 a.m. to noon individuals interested in ordering from the Angel Food Ministries food distribution program can visit the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene to place orders. Orders can also be made from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pine River Apartment complex. the next food distrubition date is March 1 at 9:30 a.m. the Church of the Nazarene. For more information call 547-9346.

Courier photos

The Crying Towel, live

Radio personality Vic McCarty from WMKT The Talk Station held a live broadcast from the Courier office last week in honor of staff writer Benjamin Gohs' column, the Crying Towel, becoming a weekly installment of the paper. Gohs is a bi-monthly guest on McCarty's the Vic McCarty Show, speaking on various civil liberty issues.

United Way reaches campgaign goal

GOAL

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ty areas, have developed a set of five priority needs within the area that funds need to address. First and foremost, Lancaster said, is meeting urgent and basic human needs.

"Given the state of Michigan's economy, we've noted urgent needs as a top priority focus," she said.

Improving financial stability is No. 2 on the priority list, Lancaster said, because long-term planning is important in United Way's proactive stance of service.

"This (financial stability) is a longer term issue but it can really help prevent people from having to turn to those urgent and critical need services down the road," she said.

The other priorities are to help youth succeed, increase independence and self sufficiency among citizens and promote individual and family health and wellness.

"We have set these priorities because, with the increased need in our community for health and human services and with limited dollars available, United Way's Board of Directors must ensure our Community Investment Allocations are being made as wisely as possible," the organization stated in a press release.

Area agencies are in the process of submitting letters of intent to apply for funding, which are due Feb. 6. United Way Board of Directors will review those letters, and most of those agencies will be invited to submit a formal proposal for funding, Lancaster said. The next step in the process — the Community Investment Allocations process which invites volunteers from the community to help decide where and how the money is spent — requires agencies to attend the CIA meeting in April to explain how their programs will meet those identified needs.

"Representatives from those agencies will be asked which of these needs is met by their program(s) and how," Lancaster said, noting the importance of focusing on those specific areas of need. "We want to make sure we use our donors' money as effectively as possible."

Following presentations, given before the workgroup consisting of board members, citizens' review panels, and staff of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area and Charlevoix County Community Foundation, recommendations will be made as to how funds will be allocated throughout the two county area. In 2007, United Way reported allocations of $129,250 to 23 agencies in grants ranging from $250 to $12,000. United Way invites interested citizens to participate in the process, and welcomes input.

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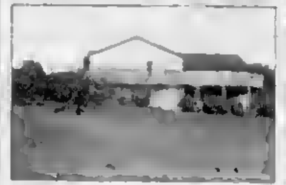

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Sharing the life of a 'struggling' snowboarder

Charlevoix native making film to offer 'Exposure' to young riders

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Just a few short years ago, John Curtis, formerly of Charlevoix, thought all he wanted to do was play hockey. Since leaving the sport due to injuries, he has discovered his two true passions — snowboarding and "capturing the moment" with video and digital cameras — and has combined them in a way that allows him to share his interests with others.

Curtis, now 21, spent years of his younger life focusing on hockey but, after seven reconstructive surgeries on his knee, he decided to hang up the puck. He eventually settled on snowboarding as his new calling and "jumped in headfirst," eventually moving to Park City, Utah with fellow Charlevoix native Eric Conn to pursue the sport more seriously.

Curtis' wife, Bre, supported the venture, also moving westward, and purchased Curtis his first camera. He started working for a production/TV company in the Park City area, and his idea of capturing the sport of snowboarding on film "snowballed."

"Working with the TV station, they took me from someone who didn't know what they were doing to someone who knows how to make a video look professional," he said.

Partnering with fellow snowboard enthusiasts Conn, Mick Papp, Andy Kantola, and Jake Parrish, all of Charlevoix, and other east coast snowboarders, Curtis produced a 25 minute documentary style film aimed at showing people "what it's like to be a snowboarder." The video was aired extensively via the Internet, gaining enough attention in the snowboarding world to land Curtis and his now established production company, Go Film Crew Productions, LLC, a chance for a second film.

"The concept is that sports like snowboarding are so reliant on media and sponsorships, we are trying to empower kids to get out there and do it themselves," Curtis explained.

The first film, Westward Movement, focused largely on the Park City area and the Charlevoix area athletes that moved westward. The second

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Courtesy photo

John Curtis, 21, originally of Charlevoix, is seen above in action on his snowboard. He and other snowboard enthusiasts are traveling the country to find young riding talent to feature in their film, The Exposure Project.

Three trees to come down in East Park

Public safety cited as city's major concern

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Not everyone is happy about Charlevoix City Council's decision to remove three trees from East Park but, council members agreed, the trees cannot be saved and the situation has become "a safety and liability issue for the city."

"We felt we needed to do what was right for the community at the time," Mayor Norman Carlson said of the unanimous decision made last week to remove one tree from the center of the park, near the old submariners' memorial, and two near the south side of the park by the Performance Pavilion.

Street Department Superintendent Pat Elliott addressed council on the issue, having sought guidance from local certified arborist Mike McDuffie. Council members requested Elliott "look into" the matter after they toured the construction site last month and became concerned about the extreme lean the tree in the center had, Carlson explained.

Elliott said McDuffie's conclusion was the trees had been diseased prior to the onset of construction, and became further strained as a result of the work. They are not expected to live more than five years.

"If we're going to take them out, now is the time because we've already got a construction zone there," Elliott advised.

Those upset about the decision included Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission members Dave Robinson and Peggy Brennan. Representing two-thirds of the local commission, the pair were displeased with the trees' removal. Robinson said the Commission had been promised during early stages of the park project the trees would be preserved, but they are now beyond repair.

"This was not an error on the council's part but on those responsible for drawing the specs (specifications) for the project. Those were not planned tight enough to protect those trees," Robinson said.

Carlson said the decision to remove the trees was a council decision, not a Tree Commission decision, according to the guiding ordinances of the body. Robinson said as the Tree Commission, he and Brennan should have been consulted.

Elliott said efforts were made to preserve the trees, but,

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan

Edward Arthur Baker, 24, Elmira. Two counts of fourth degree child abuse. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 90 days in jail; 274 days held in abeyance; serve two years on probation, submit to PBT/urine test; no contact with the victim until approved by probate court; to take parenting classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Niki Audra-Lee Dykhouse, 35, Mancelona. No operator license on person. Pay $100 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

Jason Gregory Pleak, 19, Ellsworth. No operator license on person. Pay $100 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Timothy Gene Arender, 42, Dearborn Heights. Trespassing upon key facility--habitual offense; larceny of $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to two to eight years on count one; sentenced to two to 10 years on count two; credit for 35 days in jail; $2,580 in fines and costs.

Marlene Ann Kewagshken, 29, Charlevoix. OUIL, third offense. Credit for 19 days in jail; to serve 270 days in jail; to serve five years on probation; $1,420 in fines and costs.

Devon Thomas Turner, 25, Temperance. Controlled substance: Possession of narcotic/cocaine, less than 25 grams. Credit for 30 days in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Chase Edward Gibbard, 18, Traverse City. Criminal sexual conduct: fourth degree or coercion (probation violation). Credit for 152 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Thru Glass Window Cleaning, 625 Shadow Trail Boyne City, by Brandon Markel

Loomis Transcription Services, 5455 Maple Grove Road, Charlevoix, by Susan Loomis

Rachel B's Helping Hands, 1019 Emmet St., Petoskey, by Danette Louise VanLien

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The Mangosteen Paradigm Shift, 0165 Larson Road, Boyne City, by Linda F. Kadlec

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Kolors By Kimberly, 4581 Webster Road, Elmira, by Kimberly May

Jerry Hadix Handyman, 670 Northeast, Boyne City, by Gerard Hadix

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Matthew J. Ruffino, 27 and Lori Kay Burnham, 26, both of Vernon Hills, Ill.

Clifford Dale Simons, 45 and Sherry Elaine Simmons, 46, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

John Earl Haggard, III, was born at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Parents are John and Renetta Haggard of Wasilla, AK. Siblings are Dillon Hughes of East Jordan, Mich. and Jade and Haylee Haggard of Wasilla, AK. Grandparents are John Agibinik and Dee Stellmach of Bethel, AK, Emily and Lawrence Olson of Clark's Point, AK and John and Phyllis Haggard of Charlevoix and Beaver Island. John Jr. and family come down in the fall of each year to be with the family in Charlevoix and Beaver Island. John III was born Jan. 28 at 2:16 a.m., 7 pounds, 12 ounces and 21 inches long.

Liliana Paige Snyder weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kristopher and Laura Snyder of East Jordan. Her siblings are Gabrielle and Sophia Snyder. Her grandparents are Vicki and Steve Garlitz and Linda Snyder of East Jordan. Her great grandparent is N. Harris also of East Jordan

Minor injuries in crash

A single car rollover accident caused minor injuries to the two individuals in the car Saturday night.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the scene at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 9. It occurred on U.S. 31 North of Norwood Road in Norwood Township.

There were two occupants in the vehicle. The passenger, Elaine Frances Harris, 78, of Farmington Hills, was immediately freed from the vehicle from a passing motorist. The driver, Joan Marie Leech, 77, of Eastport, had to be extricated from the vehicle with help from EMS personnel from Charlevoix County Fire and Rescue and Antrim County. Both individuals were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital with minor injuries.

Alcohol was not a factor but driving too fast for conditions was the contributing factor.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's Courier regarding a proposed bond issue for Charlevoix Schools stated the amount requested for busing costs is $1.5 million. The amount is approximately$.5 million

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Local returns to Charlevoix to add area riders to film

CURTIS

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endeavor, to be called Exposure Project, is meant to give exposure to up-and-coming riders.

"We have a group of 7 to 10 riders touring the country basically in this van with a tow-behind camper and checking out various riders," Curtis explained, adding those featured in the film are getting their first taste of "exposure" and are "not Sean White yet."

"We wanted to show what it's like to be a struggling snowboarder, someone who isn't making any money but is doing this because they love it," he said.

The group travels to resorts and films young riders "shredding, having it out there, and we get them to ride with us for a while," Curtis said. It is an opportunity to be on camera most young riders may not otherwise get.

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SEE VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM CURTIS MOVIE

Curtis has been serious about snowboarding for about five years now, he said, and it has been an answer to his search for what he wants out of life. Having found something he enjoys to do, he wants to make a career out of supporting the sport. His wife, Bre, has behind him throughout the project, he said.

"Bre was really supportive through everything," he said.

Bre said she just enjoys watching him "do what he loves."

The second film is intended to focus in part on Curtis' hometown, and will feature filming of local snowboarders as well as footage from an upcoming event planned at Mt. McSauba Feb. 24. Curtis said a contest will be held for locals to show off some talent, and it will give younger riders a chance to get on screen. The band Charlie's Root Fusion will also be playing at the event.

Another promotional event is planned for Feb. 16 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord. Go Film Crew Productions invited 25 of the best snowboarders in northern Michigan to compete for a chance to ride for Revolution Snowboard MFG, the sponsor Curtis rides under.

Those working with Curtis on the second film are Jeff Strong, Aaron Neal, Jon Mon, Aaron Christenson, Eric Coon, Mick Papp, Matt Marloux and Andrew Marlloux. They are "some of the best riders I've ever seen," Curtis said, and join him from various areas of the United States.

The project does have a list of sponsors contributing, including Revolution Snowboard MFG, who donated gas money for the trip as well as clothing, stickers and other items; Ogio, who contributed travel gear for the crew and boosted exposure for the project. Bandits International, a local company out of Petoskey that is run by a good friend of Curtis', Chris McKay. Bandits contributed product and promotional material for the riders. Columbia North West Industries contributed the camper and various others, including Ride 45 of Petoskey.

The deadline for the film's release is late August or early September. When it is complete, Curtis said he has "a lot of ideas" about what to do next, and may begin a partnership with local business Bandit International to open a business that helps Michigan resorts modernize their terrain. He also hopes to continue doing films.

Courtesy photo

John Curtis in action.

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THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

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Simple, I locked my editor in the bathroom and can do anything I damn well please.

Now, when I was a kid, health care consisted of Jim Beam, masking tape, iodine, and the rusty razor in dad's tool box, but it seems some delicate types out there cannot live without trained physicians, sterilized equipment and metered medicine—the old man had a name for folks like that, but I digress.

The latest venue for these whiners is perennially pudgy muckraker Michael Moore's film "Sicko" wherein he focused on Americans unhappy then insurance failed to cover certain products and procedures, and the rest of the time he talked to people from countries with socialized medicine.

Assuming the few French, Cuban, Canadian and English citizens Moore interviewed are a fair representation of their respective systems, (and assuming the taxation rate isn't 50 percent of what they earn) the concept looked pretty good, but I remained doubtful.

The movie reassured me anyone who thinks their insurance exists to help them is an idiot; the wife, on the other hand, began planning her move to France.

"France!" I shouted after she left the room. In Le Doghouse or no, I didn't work my butt off for the last 10 minutes to get a Ph.D. in nothing just so I could leave my native land of freedom fries and obscene obesity.

Desperate to find a roommate to kick in the wife's half of the rent, and short on friends with jobs which don't entail wearing a shirt and hat bearing the company logo, I called my favorite George Washington liberal (see also: Closet libertarian parading as a Republican).

Before his name went on the lease, I had to know his stance on national health care. After all, I wasn't going to replace one pinko with another.

GW said America had the best care in the world, and he feared socializing medicine would reduce marketplace competition and lower the quality of care.

OK, the World Health Organization ranks us 37th out of 192 countries, but that's pretty close to number one, and truthfully I was getting desperate; For some reason people shy away when you tell them you scream in your sleep are prone to excessive flatulence—oh, you're so superior?

I know what you're thinking. "But Gohs, you're a rich doctor, what do you care about health care issues?" to which I say, "Rutabaga, matchstick, tennis ball—OK, so maybe I should back off from writing my own Vicodin prescriptions.

At the end of the day I sincerely fear losing the last two or so percent of my constitutional freedoms—the right to get drunk and fat (check and double check)—due to a government mandated and oh-so-overzealous national health policy, but the truth is we are already a socialist nation.

From schools and libraries to city police and the U.S. Air Force, we are a society of publicly owned institutions.

Unless you are wealthy enough to own a fire truck, snowplow and road building equipment, you participate in, and benefit from, socialism.

Luckily there are folks like Bill Gates and Rupert Murdoch who pick up the enormous shortfall for people like me.

What's more, American hospitals already receive millions, if not billions, in subsidies in addition to Medicare and Medicaid payments.

I'm not going to use my sway as a respected physician to convince you the haves should cough up (pun not intended, but nonetheless enjoyed) the $2 trillion a year currently spent on health care, but think of what you could to with a new spleen or free kidneys; And, how easy is weight loss or smoking cessation (that's doctor lingo for "quit") when the municipal medicine men hold a gun (see also: IRS agents wielding automatic weapons) to your head?

Oh, and if the wife actually moves to France as she keeps threatening, my private practice will be accepting new patients. I specialize in blondes over 40.

Weekly Poll

Are you sick of winter yet?

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A school bo[illegible] millage would [illegible] a close vote — [illegible] say they would support, 46% no, and 1% say maybe!

The biology of political parties: Wings or factions?

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knudson

Political imagery for Ear to the ground.

The words to describe political parties or candidates in the press and television media are often more entertaining than informative. The Republican Party is most commonly depicted as having wings. There is the small government wing, the anti tax wing; the evangelical wing; the anti abortion, anti gay marriage and stem cell wing (that is probably only one wing), the anti evolution wing, and the business wing. The Republican Party is also more often described as having a well-defined base. So — that makes it a defined base with at least six wings. It is hard to picture, and as a biologist, I know that any potential creature with at least six wings is mythical. There are no actual creatures on earth, now or at any time in the past, having had more than four wings. An elephant with six wings is even more difficult to imagine. And we all know that except in Disney stores, elephants can't fly. Something with wings has a kind of uplifting feel to it, but too many wings might just make moving in one direction difficult.

Both parties either have or diligently desire a "big tent," theoretically with room for everyone. The specific size or shape of the tent is most often left to our imaginations, but it is always big.

The Democratic Party is more commonly described as having factions or interest groups. There is the labor faction, the black faction, the Hispanic faction, the trial lawyer interest group, the social liberal interest group, among many others. Factions are hard to visualize maybe as parts of a pie. And interest groups often have some single agenda to be pushed before all else. The factions and interest group language provides a picture much like what Will Rogers described decades ago when he said, "I belong to no organized political party, I am a Democrat." All that disorganization could fit into a big tent, if it provided enough elbow room.

Once the smoke of political primaries has cleared just a bit the parties will have to gather up their wings (maybe clip them a little bit), coalesce all those factions (by limiting elbow room) and try to figure out how to get the country going again. You have to wish them luck.

I will personally probably go with the disorganized milling throngs in the Democratic big tent, but a large part of me really does want to see how a base with six or more wings can be controlled well enough to fly right.

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LETTERS to the editor

CONCERN FROM A BODY SHOP

Editor:

As a concerned body shop owner it has come to my attention that certain insurance companies are telling their clients must take their vehicle to certain shops that are recommended by the insurance company after they have been involved in a collision. They are being told that the insurance will not cover their loss if they do not take it there. This is illegal under House Bill No. 4127 enacted by the State of Michigan on July 8, 2004.

The bill states, "An automobile insurance policy and an automobile insurer and its employees, agents, and adjusters shall not unreasonably restrict an insured from using a particular person, place, shop, or entity for the providing of any automobile repair or automobile or automobile glass repair or replacement services or product covered by the policy. An automobile insurer shall disclose, prior to or at the time a claim is filed with the insurer, whether the insurer has an agreement with any repair or replacement facility to provide a repair or replacement service or product to an insured and shall inform an insured that he is under no obligation to use a particular repair or replacement facility." In other words you have the right to take your vehicle wherever you wish.

Ed Johnson
Charlevoix

SENIORS SPEAK OUT FOR COA

Editor,

We have been reading with interst the alleged problems people are experiencing with the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. We are members of the Boyne Area Senior Center. We are so thankful to have our beautiful facility and the many good people who work there. We are a family and look out for each others' well being, these people are part of our daily lives.

We feel the Commissinon on Aging has our best interest in the forefront. If we have a need or concern, it is addressed. Our director will do what it takes to make sure all seniors' needs are met. Does anyone remember when we didn't have a Commission on Aging to turn to? When there was not help available?

We are the seniors, we are the recipients, we are not unhappy. Let's band together as seniors from this county and let the Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Commissioners know that we appreciate them and value everything they have done to make our lives a little less stressful.

Thank you.

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WHERE IS OUR ECONOMY GOING?

Editor:

When Detroit factories switched from making automobiles to making weapons during the second World War, Detroit was known as the "arsenal of democracy." The population of Detroit in 1950 was 1,849,568 and gambling casinos were not a factor.

Financial profit is the objective in business, and labor cost is a factor. Manufacturers can control labor costs by building factories with technologies that displace human labor, or in locations with cheap human labor, or both. By 2005 the population of Detroit was 886,671 and shrinking, and gambling casinos were in Detroit.

Gambling is the major industry of Las Vegas. The population of Las Vegas in 1950 was 24,624, by 2005 the population of Las Vegas was 545,147 and growing.

Do those statistics tell us anything about the direction that the United States is going?

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

COA THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Editor:

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is honored to have so many people interested in helping the seniors in this county. All senior centers can use volunteers, and this interest from your paper and citizens in the community can only benefit life for the seniors. One concern which has been addressed is the need for transportation for senior citizens to the point of suggesting the purchase of a bus for each Senior Center.

On January 11, 2008, the COA AD-HOC Transportation Committee met regarding transportation for senior citizens where it was reported that approximately 5,200 seniors are using county transit per quarter. Surveys indicate that free transportation is very important to the seniors. The Transit Department said it will provide transportation for medical trips to Petoskey, Gaylord, and Traverse City, and the frequency of these trips can increase as the interest of senior citizens increases. This action covers the need for senior transportation leaving only the need for transportation for excursions.

Last year each senior center planned two to four excursions or trips. If that can double or even triple at each senior center, it still does not justify spending thousands of dollars on buses that will sit at the Centers the other 300 plus days when the county already has the necessary transportation on hand through the county Transit Department.

While day trips and entertainment excursions are desirable and beneficial, seniors are naming meals at the Centers or delivered in homes as high on their priority list. Other services available for all seniors range anywhere from Homemaker services, Foot Care Management, Personal Care, to Adult Day Service as well as several others. Currently the COA is providing assistance with income tax returns and Medicare D counseling. RN assessments and support groups for caregivers are also available through the COA.

Anyone who does not know the services that are provided may be unaware of the extensive help that the COA does and will continue to provide for our senior citizens. All these programs are regularly evaluated and money is being spent on bettering the overall assistance for the senior citizens of Charlevoix County. These programs benefiting the day-to-day life of our seniors deserve top priority, but the purchase of extra vehicles for seniors when the county already has a means of providing transportation for them other than day-trips and excursions seems to be a mismanagement of funds which people are calling to spend just because those funds are currently available jeopardizing the continuation of all of these other programs.

It is time to address the top priorities which include training all field volunteers and meal volunteers, improving consumer satisfaction at all three senior centers, as well as adding senior center activities and trips. Again thanks to all who are interested and concerned about the quality of life for the senior citizens of Charlevoix County. May you be seen next at a Senior Citizens function with a volunteer name-tag on your lapel.

Bob Drebenstedt,

Secretary of State offices closed for Presidents' Day

Department of State offices to be closed for Presidents Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 18.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information visit the department Web site at www.Michigan.gov.sos

Game Night planned at Northwest Academy

Northwest Academy will offer fun for the whole family with its Disney Trivia Game Night Feb. 15. Teams of 4 compete to see who knows the most about everyone's all-time favorite --Disney!

Tons of fabulous prizes, raffles, and the best Bar-B-Q sandwiches in the North. Just $10 per person to play. Dinner only $5.50, and full concession stand will also be available.

All proceeds benefit Lisa Russell's People to People Student Ambassador Trip in the summer of 2008.

Game begins at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. 115 W. Hurlbut-Northwest Academy

All ages welcome, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For additional information please call 547-7958.

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Area Girl Scouts celebrate birthday with new cookies

As the Girl Scout Cookie celebrates its 91st year of existence, thousands of girls from Girl Scouts of Crooked Tree will be taking orders for this "indulgent treat" beginning Feb. 21 and continuing through March 9. The cost of cookies remains $3 per box. Delivery is slated for mid-April.

When Girl Scouts canvas neighborhoods this year, they will be offering two new cookies. Sugar Free Chocolate Chips offer the timeless taste of real chocolate chips but with none of the sugar. Lemon Chalet Cremes, a vanilla sandwich cookie, are sure to delight cookie consumers with a hint of cinnamon-ginger spice and a refreshing zesty lemon creme' filling. Returning to the 2008 cookie line up are the old time favorites: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils and All Abouts. All Girl Scout Cookie varieties contain zero grams of trans fat per serving.

Remember that buying a box of Girl Scout cookies does more than simply satisfy a sweet tooth. It helps support local Girl Scout troops and the Council. Through this yearly tradition, Girl Scouts learn to set goals and develop a plan for reaching those goals. Under the watchful and experienced eyes of Girl Scout volunteers, they gain first-hand experience in handling money, taking orders, tallying sales and arranging deliveries. From the beginning to end, Girl Scout Cookie Program activities are a tested and proven training ground for future business owners, corporate executives, and entrepreneurs. It's amazing what one little cookie can do.

Girl Scouts of Crooked Tree assists over 1,000 adults yearly in serving school-age girls in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee and Wexford counties. For more information on the 2008 Girl Scout Cookie program please contact the Girl Scout Service Center at (231)947-7354 or (800)968-5030.

Courtesy photo

Nearly 50 Charlevoix Girl Scouts were invested (welcomed officially into Girl Scouting) or rededicated (welcomed back) during their annual Investiture and Rededication ceremony held Jan. 10. Daisies, Brownies, Junior, Cadet and Seniors pledged themselves to the organization during the ceremony, which was held at the Charlevoix Public Library. Girl Scouts is open to girls from kindergarten through 12th grade and is a wonderful way to make friends, help the community and have fun. It is not too late to register -a girl can join at any time during the year. If you would like to register, please call Julie Waterman at (231)588-2190.

ANGELS HAVE WHEELS

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For information on Medicare eligibility, contact 1-800-810-2877.

Mom to Mom and more

[illegible] Mom to Mom [illegible] Charlevoix [illegible] School [illegible]

[illegible] new and very gently used clothing, toys, books, makeup, handbags, bikes, furniture and more. Organizer Beth Martin said the idea to expand came in part from the decision not to have the sister Petoskey sale, traditionally held in the spring.

There is a $2 admission fee for adults and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Charlevoix Elementary School. For more information call Martin at 547-1768.

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Cub Scout awards

(Left) Officials and volunteers of the local chapter of the Cub Scouts during their award ceremony (from left) Vince Currier, Maura Snabes, Christopher Snabes, Bob Rajewski, Tim May, Ted Dumbauld, Mike Castiglione and Larry Minch. (Right) Charter Executive Officer Ted Dumbauld (right) presents cubmaster Christopher Snabes an award for his many years of service during the Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11's Blue & Gold Banquet on Monday, Feb. 4. Scout volunteer Larry Minch, center.

Friske's Farm Market holds annual cherry recipe contest

One of northern Michigan's most important agricultural crops, cherries, is the main ingredient in Friske's Fifth Annual Cherry recipe contest, planned for Saturday, Feb. 23. This year's categories will be chutney and compotes, and cobblers, crisps, and puddings. Anyone 18 and older, except professional chefs and Friske employees and their immediate families, are invited to participate. Registration packets are available for pick up at Friske's Market on U.S. 31 in Atwood, or by calling (231)599-2604. Information is also available at www.friske.com.

Contestants may submit recipes in both categories, but only one entry per person may qualify as a finalist. Six finalists will be selected from each category. The only requirements are that each entrant submit an official entry form with recipe(s) by Monday, Feb. 11 and if chosen as a finalist, brings his/her prepared dish to Friske's Farm Market Feb. 23 by 10 a.m. Contestants must be on hand at the time of judging to be eligible for prizes. Judging criteria includes visual appeal, taste, originality, best use of cherries and ease of preparation.

Great prize packages have been donated by Friske Orchards, Smeltzer Orchard Company, Leelanau Fruit Company, Leeland Cherry Company, Swanson's Juice Mill, Black Star Farms, House on the Hill, Jordan Inn, Inn at Grey Gables, Indo China Garden Restaurant, and Water Street Cafe. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in both recipe categories.

Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23. Local chef Poto Peterson of Tapawingo, Traverse Magazine food editor Emily Tyra, radio personality Jon Jolly and Petoskey News-Review food editor Babette Stenius will serve as judges. The public is invited to view the presentation of the prepared dishes, watch the judging and sample the best of Michigan's cherry chutney and compotes, and cobblers, crisps and puddings. Join northern Michigan's celebration of National cherry Month at Friske's Farm Market, 10 miles south of Charlevoix, right on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

Singles for Christ dinner

Singles for Christ dinner group will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the China King Buffet, 1340 N. U.S. 31, in Petoskey. There will also be a movie following dinner so bring your own popcorn and beverage to Zion Lutheran Church, 500 W. Mitchell in Petoskey, next to the hospital. Reservations are required so please call Frieda at 347-3438 weekdays, 347-5747 evenings or weekends, or email frieda@compnot.com

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Writer's Group
Wednesdays, February 13, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

Story-Time
Thursday, February 14, 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

BookTalkers: The Hummingbird's Daughter
Monday, February 18, 6:00 pm
Join in a lively discussion of Urrea's epic [illegible] sudden sainthood in late 19th century Mexico.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, February 19, noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome.

Sleepy-Time Stories
Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 pm
Wear your PJs and bring your favorite lovey for an evening of sleepy time stories.

Germany: From the Alps to the Rhine, with Mike Ross
Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm
A photo journey that includes the North Sea, Munich, Berlin, the Black Forest, the Alps, Cologne and the Rhine. Mike Ross is a recently retired High School German teacher. He currently owns and manages Educational Travel Consultant Services, Inc. and Mike Ross Travel.

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Charlevoix takes care of its own

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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Charelvoix High School students (from left) Kyle Jones, Jake Hunt and Corey Gotshall spent time recently volunteering at the home of Dave and Debbie Woodward of Charlevoix as part of a community project held in response to Dave's medical troubles.

What began as a routine service call on a broken water heater ended with an unprecedented outpouring of community caring.

Diagnosed with lung cancer back in summer 2007, Dave Woodward was forced to stop construction on his home due to health concerns, resulting in a half finished job.

Half finished is how the house sat until a group of builders, plumbers, electricians and high school students banded together to help the Woodward family.

"I'm having trouble expressing my feelings because it's so emotional and it's hard to express your gratitude," said Dave's wife Deb. "It's difficult to receive gifts and we're very, very grateful and very proud to be part of a community that would help us out like this."

Several weekends ago a crew consisting of more than 30 people ascended on the Garfield Street home and got to work installing insulation, a staircase, a shower, removing plaster and even cooking to feed the crew.

."What they did already made a huge difference in our life," Deb said.

While there is much more to do to complete the house, Deb said she is thankful for what was done and expects no more generosity from the community. What she doesn't know is that one of the architects of this random act of kindness, Dean Spencley, plans to return to the home and complete even more projects.

"There is still a lot to do over there, but we got it to the point that it is what we would call livable for Dave," Spencley said. "If people want to give me a buzz and see what needs to be done, I'm happy to take them over and look at what else we can do."

Spencley became involved when his best friend Patrick Faust alerted him to the Woodward's plight while inspecting their water heater.

"He (Faust) came to look at the water heater that was broken and he came in and looked around and said, 'Wow, you guys are living like this?'" Deb said.

Spencley added, "We just like helping people; sometimes we prefer to help people more than do our regular job. We get more out of it by helping people, and without the support of the people we had, it probably would not have gone as well and we had a great time doing it."

The new staircase makes it easier to get Dave to and from his treatments and the upstairs bedroom, to where he is relegated, now has a nearby shower.

"It changed our life at this point," Deb said. "It made it easier for day to day (living) and it helped financially too."

The 57-year-old electrician thought he simply had a bad cough last summer, but subsequent tests showed it to be cancer.

"He did pretty well until Thanksgiving and that's when it spread to his brain and it's kind of gone downhill since then," Deb said. "Since then it's been a whirlwind of medial procedures."

She added, "It was his and my dream to fix and remodel it and live in it forever. We had a lot of dreams together. I would dream it up and he would do it for me."

It was difficult, Deb said, for her husband to ask for help.

"You have a lot of hope that you're going to get better, but a few weeks ago he developed another symptom of his illness called DIC (Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation) and it's a really, really bad sign and he realized he's probably not going to come back from this and be able to do all the things he did before," she said. "And, in the last few weeks he said we need to get help."

> "A lot of people know Dave and they know he would help them if he was healthy enough and they needed it."
>
> **Norman Carlson**
> CHARLEVOIX MAYOR

One of the volunteers, Mayor Norman Carlson, said he only knows Dave casually but just had to help when he heard about the need.

"He's someone going through some serious hard times with health and he just needed a hand from the community," Carlson said. "Dean Spencley and Patrick Faust organized the work and I brought my high school crew in the construction tech program ... along with a lot of other students and of course a whole host of community members."

He added, "A lot of people know Dave and they know he would help them if he was healthy enough and they needed it."

Anyone interested in donating building materials or time to the next building project can call Spencley at (231) 675-2717 or Carlson at 675-4561.

"It's much more like a family when neighbors are always willing to help out," Carlson said. "It makes me realize how lucky we are, especially in today's age with the economy and such, to have family and friends and health and how lucky we are to share our good fortune with other people."

He added, "Enthusiastic workers willing to listen and learn are welcome to give us a hand."

OBITUARY

PATRICIA A. MCCORT

Patricia A. McCort passed away at Valley View Medical Center in Fort Mohave, Arizona, on January 30, 2008.

She was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 30, 1929 to Charles and Pauline Hamlin and raised in Charlevoix, Michigan. Patricia and Albert were married in St. Mary Church in Charlevoix on June 14, 1952. She is survived by her husband Albert; sons Patrick M. and Charles A (Debra); daughter Mary E. McCort; 3 grandchildren, Alexander W., Brent T. and Kristan S. McCort, all of Lansing, Michigan; and brother Thomas (Ann) Hamlin of Lake Bluff, Illinois.

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Workshop to offer helpful parenting tips

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

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Head Start teacher Jeanette Hibbler (seated left) reads to students in her classroom at Char-Em ISD's Taylor School in Petoskey while members of the Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim counties look on. The Great Start members gathering to accept checks from David Jones, (second from right), program officer of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and Maureen Radke (right), program officer with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, included (from left) Great Start Coordinator Marie Sarchet, Great Start Collaborative member and Charlevoix Kiwanis Club member Bill Lovett, Phyllis Hess with Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, and Great Start Parent Representative Sarah Shuman and her son, Ben.

Parents, bombarded with hectic schedules and the challenges of children, can often wonder where their brains — and time — go. Area human service organizations have banded together to bring parents the answer to the common conundrum: "If I Only Had a Brain."

The free, one-day workshop, "If I Only Had a Brain," will be held at the Community Reform Church in Charlevoix March 8. Developed through community partnerships among various agencies — the Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim Counties, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation; the Char-Em ISD; Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency-Head Start/Early Head Start; and Kiwanis Clubs of Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey — the event will combine ideas "parents and grandparents have always known" with unique ideas based on the science of child development.

"We are bringing together those traditional parenting ideas and the culmination of about 10 years of work tracking preschoolers, and capabilities of the day that watch how brains develop," said Marie Sarchet, Great Start coordinator for Charlevoix, Emmet and North Antrim counties.

Parenting can be intimidating, Sarchet noted, and children "don't come with instruction booklets," despite the common misconception that parents automatically know tricks of the parenting trade. Parent Coalition member, mother and mother-to-be Sarah Shuman said she has seen many parents struggling to "find the best way to be a parent," and felt some help with the vast amount of information would be of benefit.

"With this new generation, even though there is a lot of information out there, there is a disconnect with sorting through it and making sense of it," she said.

The workshop will bring national speaker Dr. Wil Blechman, former president of Kiwanis International and renowned expert in the area of child development, to share his presentation for which the event is named: "If I Only Had a Brain." Breakout sessions and a lunch will follow Blechman's presentation, providing information parents in the area said they want help with.

"We provided surveys at some area fairs last year to see what topics parents were interested in," Sarchet said. "We really focused on that input."

Sessions are:

Experience the Power of Play: Parents practice and enjoy playful activities found to be effective in facilitating growth and development.

Language Play Throughout the Day: Parents participate in language games and activities they can take home and share.

Nature For and With Young Children: Explore how nature experience promotes curiosity, confidence and excitement.

Challenging Behaviors: Learn new strategies to help children be the best they can be.

Shuman said organizers really hoped to offer ideas parents could take home and "try that day," like how to incorporate learning letters and colors while at the grocery store or learning activities outside. None of the ideas offered are things that require purchases, planning or "fancy, complicated" concepts, Shuman said. They focus on simple ideas like spending time together.

"Parents are great teachers. We're offering ideas that may not be things you naturally think about, but incorporate learning into every day life," Sarchet said. "It is empowering for parents to learn they can be a great parent and teacher without overwhelming concepts."

The workshop has become a true community effort, Sarchet added, having been sparked in part by area Kiwanis clubs' desire to do something for children in the area "that really makes a difference." Thus partnerships began, and volunteers came on board.

"If we can impact one family with one child, it will have been a success for us," Shuman said.

A professional day will be held March 7, and Sarchet said she hopes professionals from throughout the county, in any capacity, will participate and learn about how they can help children in the area. Parents, grandparents, caregivers and anyone with an interest in child development (focusing on ages zero to five) are invited to the March 8 conference. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and Blechman's presentation begins at 10 a.m. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Free day care will be provided and transportation will be available if needed. Shuman said it was important to "break down all possible barriers" so anyone interested would have the opportunity to attend.

Early registration is available by calling (231) 582-8070. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Parent Coalition can call Shuman at (231) 330-6071.

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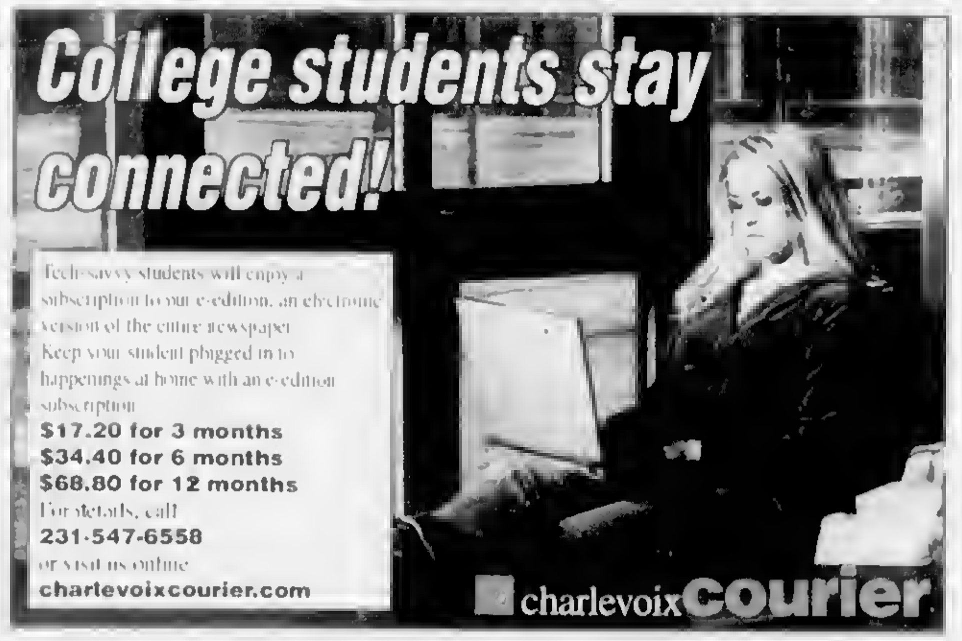

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Mathew Brown is pictured with his medal from the county-wide spelling bee held last week. Brown will advance to the regional competition, to be held in Traverse City next month.

Champion speller

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix Middle School eighth grader Mathew Brown is nervous to advance to the regional spelling competition, despite his experience at that level.

"I get nervous but I try not to show it," Brown said shortly after his victory at the county level spelling bee held in Harbor Springs last week.

Brown and fellow Charlevoix Middle School student Maggie Hamilton made the trip to Harbor Springs for the competition last Tuesday, as did St. Mary spellers Nick Scabes and Ryan Joy. It was Brown's third trip to the county spelling bee, and the second time he has advanced to the regional level. Brown's spelling of impetuous concluded his victory after 15 rounds of spelling. Hamilton tied with two other spellers for seventh place.

The county competition is for fifth through eighth grade students, as is the regional match up, to be held March 9. If Brown is victorious there, he will advance to the national competition to be held in Washington, D.C.

Chamber joins regional alliance

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Multiple voices are better than one.

That age-old philosophy is part of why the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce believes its recent invitation to join the Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance is a benefit.

"There are strength in numbers. The five chamber alliance will expand the capability of businesses in our area," Charlevoix Chamber Executive Director Erin Bemis said.

Charlevoix received its invitation to partner with Cadillac, Gaylord/Otsego, Petoskey and Traverse City chamber organizations last month, and is now part of the four-year-old alliance aimed at assisting the business community of northern Michigan. Bemis said by working closely with the group, and having five chambers act as one entity when dealing with state and federal legislative issues, the [illegible] will be better represented in Lansing.

"This will give us more strength in political stature. If we can band together and create a unified front we can bring a substantially more powerful voice to Lansing," she said.

The alliance, with the addition of Charlevoix, represents more than 5,000 member businesses across 10 counties, making it the second largest regional chamber in Michigan. Bemis noted the Charlevoix Chamber believes it is important the region come together and speak as one voice to advocate on issues of mutual importance in Lansing and Washington, D.C. The five chambers share geographic characteristics as well as business climates, thus sharing interest in issues such as care and preservation of the Great Lakes, support for Michigan tourism, [illegible] financing for businesses, as tax increases and electrical choices, all things Bemis said the alliance will work together on in Lansing.

Assistance and voice will be offered by Jamie Callahan, vice president of government relations for the alliance, who will work with the Charlevoix Chamber staff and its members while fostering relationships on behalf of the region with legislature officials.

Membership in the alliance will also give Charlevoix Chamber members access to a new publication, the Northwest Michigan Business magazine, a bi-monthly publication that will offer editorials on business and economic issues contributed by the five member chambers.

Charlevoix joined other members of the [illegible] on Feb. [illegible] where the [illegible] for the upcoming year was established.

Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carlin Smith said because of Charlevoix's strong manufacturing base and its solid tourism economy, it will be a "perfect addition to the alliance." Bob Kasprzak, president and CEO of the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, also expressed support for Charlevoix's addition to the group.

"The five chamber partners share a common vision of serving our members through proactive representation of their legislative priorities. I am pleased to see the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has joined our legislative advocacy efforts," he stated.

Given the economic state of Michigan, Bemis said it is important to focus on support for the business community, and membership in the alliance is one more tool that can be used to meet the chamber's goal of addressing business issues and fostering an environment that creates and retains jobs in the area.

"More than ever, we [illegible] and with the [illegible] legislative voice for northwest Michigan businesses," stated Bill [illegible], president of the Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce. "We believe the alliance is serving a critical component for our members."

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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce joins four neighbor chambers — Petoskey Gaylord/Otsego, Cadillac and Traverse City — in the Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance

The Alliance will assist with legislation issues

Fundraiser for CMS

Charlevoix Middle School eighth graders are selling Pizza Hut coupons as a fundraiser for their annual class trip to Washington D.C. A number of students need some help with funds to cover the trip, so anyone interested in contributing or purchasing coupons contact Vince Currier at 547 5322.

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CHS student wrestles with brain cancer and wins

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Some folks are just happy to be alive following a bout with cancer — not Rayder senior Nathan Tripplehorn.

Tripplehorn's idea of celebrating a second chance at life includes being slammed to the floor, put in headlocks and having his arms twisted behind his back.

"Right now I'm just in remission," Tripplehorn said. "This'll be my sixth year wrestling."

Tripplehorn was originally diagnosed with brain cancer in January 2006, underwent treatment and was given the tentative all clear until winter 2007 when he had a recurrence.

"I had two rounds of chemotherapy and two rounds of radiation," he said. "It cut my wrestling season short last year and the year before."

Tripplehorn, who wrestles for Charlevoix Public Schools, was influenced by family.

"My dad used to be a wrestler in high school," he said. "He really got me into it. Once I tried it I just loved it and stuck with it."

Tripplehorn first noticed an issue with his eyes.

"I was having double vision so I went to the eye doctor and they said something was wrong," he said. "I had an MRI and they found a spot. It was just an abnormal(ity) in the brain and they referred me to a hospital and said it was some bad news and it just went on from there."

He added, "Then they told me I had a brain tumor."

As scary as this type of experience might be, Tripplehorn stayed strong.

"They said I had an 85 percent cure rate and so I was happy about that and when I met my doctors I was confident that they knew what they were doing," he said. "I just didn't want to go through all the treatments, but I put up with it and they just made me tired a lot. The first round (chemotherapy) I was in the hospital three days at a time and then I did 21 treatments of radiation and the second round of chemotherapy was five days at a time and they used different harsher drugs and I did 22 treatments of radiation."

Tripplehorn added, "Every two weeks I was in and out of the hospital."

He was treated at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

> "Make sure you have friends and family because that's what really got me through it."
>
> **Nate Trippplehorn**

Courtesy photo

Nate Tripplehorn (right) in action as part of the Charlevoix High School wrestling team. Tripplehorn began his battle with a brain tumor in January 2006.

Though cleared to wrestle, Tripplehorn is barred from full contact sports.

"I couldn't play football anymore. The head-on collision from brain trauma could have affected me a lot more than everyone else," he said. "If I was to get a concussion it could have been worse than a normal concussion."

The 18-year-old lost nearly 40 pounds due to the treatments.

"It's gotten rid of a lot of muscle that I used to have," Tripplehorn said. "I just can't let this interfere with my life. I need to try not to let it affect me—yeah it takes away a lot of things I love to do like football and when they told me I couldn't do it anymore it was heartbreaking but I kind of knew it was coming."

Tripplehorn, who now gets a checkup every three months for the foreseeable future to ensure he remains cancer free, said other kids going through this just need to stay positive.

"Make sure you have friends and family because that's what really got me through it," he said.

Tripplehorn, who will likely not seek to wrestle in college, hopes to pursue a career in computer science at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids.

Valentine's Day dinner and dance

A Valentine's Day dinner and dance is planned at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Tickets are now being sold by the Center for the Feb. 14 event, to begin at 7 p.m.

There is a choice of entree, prime rib or whitefish, plus potato, vegetables, a tremendous salad bar, dessert and beverage, all for $17.50 per person or $35 per couple. Live music by the "In Service" band will be available for dancing or listening.

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Charlevoix band performs in Magic Kingdom

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Members of the Charlevoix High School band got the chance to share in some magic last month with a trip to the Magic Kingdom at Disney World in Florida.

Band director Jayne Bennett said she had always wanted to take her students on such a trip. Having participated in the Magic Music Days event at Disney [illegible] years past [illegible] students [illegible] her enthusiasm [illegible] commitment [illegible] necessary amount [illegible] 30 students to travel to Florida for five days.

"It was such a great experience. They played well and they were courteous and polite and we had a great time," Bennett said.

The group had two performances during the trip, one at the Galaxy Theater in Tomorrowland located in the Magic Kingdom. Bennett said everything in the Magic Kingdom "needs to be like magic" — bands appear playing seemingly out of nowhere, she explained — so the students got the chance to work with and learn about technical work in theater. The Disney technicians were "great to work with and complimented our students on their fine performance as well as their professional behavior," Bennett said.

The group also attended an instrumental workshop where a professional conductor shared information about the responsibilities of his profession, such has having to prepare for 300 performances that have to be perfect with just one or two rehearsals.

Bennett said the band received a DVD of their performances of two songs from the movie "Aladdin" — Prince Ali and A Whole New World— and one from Tarzan, Trashin' the Camp.

"I would like to say that I had a wonderful time with the Charlevoix students. I would be happy to take these fine students anywhere," Bennett commented. "They were a delight to travel with and represented Charlevoix Bands and public schools with respect and dignity."

She also thanked chaperones of the trip.

The Charlevoix High School band will perform locally at its annual pre-festival concert Feb. 20, which will serve as preparation for festival competition to be held in Petoskey March 1. The middle school band had its pre-festival concert Feb. 12 and its festival competition will be Feb. 23 in Petoskey.

Courtesy photo

Members of the Charlevoix High School band traveled to the Magic Kingdom for a week, participating in two performances.

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club offers local scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Mary Ferndt Memorial Scholarship, which awards a $500 scholarship to one female high school senior who will be attending college following graduation, and who plans to pursue a math or science related major in college. The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields not on her GPA or academic record.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must complete the Mary Ferndt Scholarship application, submit a written essay and provide two letters of recommendation from a math or science instructor which confirms the student's involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County High Schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is Aril 14, 2008 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura Snabes, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman, PO Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in April.

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Consultant to assist COA with service improvements

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The most recent effort made by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (COA) to revamp its services is the hire of an organizational consultant to guide its future moves.

Following a county wide survey which yielded unfavorable results on how the COA provides services to area seniors, the commission and its board have worked diligently according to some, while others say they have not worked hard enough.

"We were criticized in the assessment for processes in the office and a need for improvement in services and clarity of roles and responsibilities," said COA board member Margo Johnson. "We are really looking to improve processes and identify staffing needs more clearly."

She added, "All those actions we identified back in October (2007) we prioritized and grouped into various categories and appointed ad hoc committees to work on each category to analyze (and) analyze the actions."

Johnson

In a biting letter to the editor (Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, Feb. 6 edition) from Charlevoix Senior Center Inc.'s board vice-president Richard Tunison, he stated the COA board members are in denial and are dysfunctional.

"They refuse to accept the results of their own survey, stating that the study sample was too small for reliable results and the results were anecdotal," Tunison stated.

Not wanting to fuel the proverbial war of words which has long existed between the CSCI and the COA, Johnson declined to comment on Tunison's letter, but District Two Charlevoix County Commissioner and chairman of the board Chris Christensen was willing to share a few thoughts.

Christensen

"I think that is an unfair statement to say they are in denial and unwilling to address the issues," Christensen said. "First of all, if they were in denial, they wouldn't be addressing the issue at all. They wouldn't be spending the time and effort of all these volunteer people to get this sorted out."

The deadline for interested parties to propose their consultation services was Monday, Feb. 11.

"Most organizations go outside for consultation because it gives you a more objective look at what you are doing and then it is not clouded by somebody's perception of the situation," Johnson said. "This type of consultant is going to work with the COA director and staff on the organization in order to maximize effectiveness and efficiency and give us a complete focus on the (seniors) and we really need to focus on what it is we are really all about."

Christensen said the COA board is doing all they can to improve the perceived problems laid out in the survey.

"I think the recent letter in the Courier the gentleman wrote saying (the COA) refuses to accept the results of its own survey and then goes on to say they made ad hoc committees to address their shortcomings almost seems as if this is a battle of misinformation," he said. "I encourage anyone concerned with how money is being spent to come address the board. Get invovled — it's your money that we're trying to responsibly spend here, so you have to get involved."

Johnson said at least five individuals have expressed interest in the consulting position.

"I would hope we see progress in a few months, but I don't know for sure (the timeline)," she said. "We have to be real careful the consultant just does not go on and on and on. We want to start immediately as soon as we decide what proposal to accept and we want an aggressive process and results as soon as possible."

Christensen said the move to hire a consultant is a good thing.

"I think it is a culmination of efforts. We've run full course between the survey and research and I personally feel this represents finality," he said. "To address people who say we are not moving fast enough: I think we have to be patient. You just want us to start signing checks to people willy nilly, left and right 'til it's gone and that is not a plan. We have to spend taxpayer dollars on things beneficial to seniors, on things they will utilize and on worthwhile investments."

He added, "I think the COA is doing everything it can, but I also think the COA is being bogged down by a certain number of individuals seemingly doing anything in their power to point out problem after problem after problem but never point out a solution."

Johnson said, regardless of the nay-sayers, the COA is working to improve its organizational structure and services.

"We can't afford to ignore the data and we should be looking at it as directional," she said. "Our actions show that we are not just a bunch of people sitting around in committees twiddling our thumbs."

She added, "I'm really excited about the project."

Northwest Academy makes change in administration

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy band director and former sole school leader Gary Stutzman (left) shakes hands with Interim School Leader John Bailey. Stutzman will likely remain a co-school leader but will focus his energy on marketing the school and maintaining his music program.

Charlevoix's only charter school has an interim leader while the board searches for a permanent replacement for Gary Stutzman.

Seeking to focus his energy and talents as a musical director and marketing maven elsewhere, Stutzman has stepped aside as the Northwest Academy Public School Board of Education voted 5-2 to appoint John Bailey as the interim school leader while the school searches for a full-time replacement. Board members Rick Beemont and Jack Russell opposed the move.

"I will remain as Chief Administrative Officer and now take on the duties as the Director of Development," Stutzman stated in a Feb. 7 letter to parents. "I will be able to devote more quality time to the band program which has always been a bright spot for our school and an outstanding draw for students to attend Northwest."

He further stated, "I will take on the responsibility of marketing our school in a very aggressive manner, with the intention of increasing our enrollment in all of our grades."

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Local Boy Scout pursues Eagle Scout project

Stolt

G. Paul Stolt is a native of Charlevoix, Michigan. He was born on Feb. 13, 1993 to Glen and Lynda Stolt. He attended Harbor Light Christian School during his primary years and transferred to the Charlevoix School system in eighth grade and is now a freshman at Charlevoix High School. Stolt is enjoying public school and takes pleasure in his role on the high school ski team.

Stolt developed a love of the outdoors at a very young age and Scouting is a great fit for him.

He began his scouting experience at the age of six as a Tiger Cub under the leadership of Kelly Shutler. His favorite thing during cub scouts was the "Pinewood Derbies." In February of 2005 he crossed over from Pack 11 to Troop 11 where he enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors and camping. Stolt is currently the Troop's Chaplain Aid and Vice President of Programs with the Venture Crew (for youth ages 14 to 21) 11.

Eagle Scout – From G. Paul Stolt:

"I began my career in scouting as a Tiger Cub with Cub Scout Pack 11, in Charlevoix Michigan. At the time, I had no idea what scouting was about. For most of the time in Cub Scouting, I had lots of fun learning new skills, but only when I got to Webelos and above did I realize that scouting was not only about camping and activities; it was also about serving the community and being the best person I can be.

"I have been truly blessed by the opportunities presented to me through Boy Scouts. The summer of 2005 I was able to attend the National Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia with two other members of Troop 11. For three straight summers (2005-07) I participated at the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp (Governor's Honor Guard), providing service to others through guide duty and raising and lowering the many flags on the Island each morning and evening. During the summer of 2007 I served as a Patrol Leader.

"This all brings me to my Eagle rank. I thought I had everything figured out to become an Eagle, but that was before I did my project. I had figured that I would probably end up doing a project where someone told me what they wanted and I would put in a bench or table. I had no idea that my project would take nearly a year to complete, and involve several hundred hours of work from myself and many others, as well as, raising tens of thousands of dollars in (funds, material, and labor) donations.

My project taught me more about myself, people and business than I ever thought I needed to know at the age of 13 to 14. My project required me to acquire proper permits and permission from the township levels all the way up to the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality. I met with business people, environmental experts, researched the internet, measured, planned, measured some more, planned some more, until we were ready to get started. When I started my project I was terrified when presenting to a group of people. But after many presentations and individual conferences I feel quite comfortable meeting and talking with just about anyone when needed. The project definitely boosted my confidence and self-esteem. I also was able to experience first hand, the generosity of people in our community and surrounding area. It's unbelievable what people will do for a good cause if only asked. I am so grateful for the many, many people who stepped forward to help me."

Eagle Project

Although some thought the project too big for one scout, Stolt showed them how to get a project done with the support of the community. Stolt wanted to help both the community and environment. With this in mind,he contacted the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and with their permission he was set on turning a dying shallow pond and swamp area into a living pond ecosystem available to the public for fishing and pond study. Stolt revived this .18 acre pond with an average of 7 feet in depth and increased its size to .25 acres with an average of 11-12 feet in depth. The dredged material was used for fill in the surrounding marshy areas. Stolt installed two drainage areas, brought in top soil, landscaped the area and put in a dock with two fishing benches and three life saving stations that surround the pond. Stolt revived a one acre area, including the pond into a place of enjoyment. With money left over from his project, Stolt will be purchasing fishing equipment for use of the general public. An open house will be held in the spring of 2008.

"Working Together for Our Community and Environment"

Stolt's Eagle Court of Honor will be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 17, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Community Reformed Church where Paul attends and is active with his Youth Group. If anyone is interested in attending this event and showing support for Paul and his project, please contact Lynda Stolt at lastolt@charter.net or 547-4204.

Project to connect people with services

Local human service agencies are joining forces for the first Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect Wednesday, Feb. 13. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Building. Project Connect aims to connect people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives.

"Project Connect cuts through the red tape that so often makes it difficult for people in need to access the services they need," said Jamie Winters, Chair of the Homeless Continuum of Care workgroup of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB) and Safe Home Coordinator for the Women's Resource Center.

The Project Connect planning committee includes Winters, Lorraine Manary, staff of the HSCB; Keith Greenwald of Northwest Michigan Human Services (NMHSA), and Martha Lancaster of Char-Em United Way.

"With Project Connect, we are building upon NMHSA's free tax preparation services," Greenwald said.

The local Project Connect is modeled on similar events that have been conducted in more than 130 communities around the country. It has five key principles.

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Attendees will receive donated food, personal care supplies and winter clothing. Transportation to the fairgrounds for residents of both Emmet and Charlevoix counties is being planned. All services will be provided at no charge to those attending.

Manary said organizers hope to include many volunteer partners in the effort.

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Indoor Sidewalk Sales, February 15 - 18

The Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Charlevoix's Downtown Indoor Sidewalk Sales Days are scheduled for Presidents' Day weekend. This annual shopping event begins on Friday, February 15 through Monday, February 18. Be sure to get out on this holiday weekend and visit all the stores that will be offering the best bargains of the winter on a variety of great merchandise. This is one event that you won't want to miss!

Chamber Joins Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance

Charlevoix recently joined the Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance. This is a group of strong chambers in our region, and membership is by invitation only. We are the sole Chamber representation for Charlevoix County. What does this mean?

First, allow me to give a little history. The Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance legislative program was created in 2004 by the Traverse City, the Petoskey Regional and the Cadillac Area Chambers of Commerce. In 2007, Gaylord joined the effort, and we followed in January of 2008. Together, the 5 Chambers represent more than 5,050 businesses in ten counties. We are now the second largest regional chamber group in the state of Michigan.

Together, the 5 chambers share a full time government relations staffer, Jamie Callahan. Though his "office" resides in Traverse City, he spends most of his time in Lansing, operating on a peer level with similar positions in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Lansing. He is developing a web-based grassroots advocacy program to keep members informed on major legislative issues and activating the substantial Northern Michigan business community as a force on key legislative issues.

Chamber members will receive updates from Jamie which will be delivered via email on a weekly basis. Also, the Alliance is producing a bi-monthly magazine entitled NORTHWEST MICHIGAN BUSINESS. It will focus on issues that are important to your business and to the future of our region. The high quality, full-color magazine will present business news and analysis that you cannot get anywhere else, information that is vital to the decision-making in your business. Northwest Michigan Business also serves as an advocate for our region in Lansing. As a positive voice for Northwest Michigan business, the magazine acts as an advocate for change and growth as Michigan diversifies and transforms into its next era. It will have editorial content from Directors of involved Chambers, and Jamie will be a regular contributor as well. All chamber members are given free subscriptions.

Jamie Callahan is scheduled to make a presentation at the next Industrial Development Committee meeting.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Feb 14	Senior Center Valentine's Day Dance 547 5361
Feb 15-18	Charlevoix Indoor Sidewalk Sales 547-2101
Mar 08	Fireman's Ball, 8pm-1am at the Charlevoix Country Club. For ticket information call Winfield Scott 547-2821
Mar 11	Charlevoix Evening Garden Club Meeting 989-732-3541 x 5045

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, February 14 at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The next Industrial Development Committee meeting is at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 26 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

March 7 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Erin Bemis, Executive Director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

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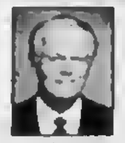

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Shown signing the articulation agreement between North Central Michigan College and Lawrence Technological University are (seated, from left) Cameron Brunet-Koch, Ph.D., president of North Central and Dr. Jacqueline Stavros, associate professor for the Graduate College of Management at Lawrence Tech. Also shown are (standing, from left) Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D., dean of instruction at North Central, Teri Goodman, Lawrence Tech's Northern Michigan Education Center Manager, and Robert Marsh, Ph.D., associate dean of occupational programs at North Central.

North Central Michigan College and Lawrence Technological University have signed a University Partnership agreement that will help residents of northern Michigan earn a bachelor's degree in Information Technology entirely in Petoskey.

Under the agreement, a student may be able to earn up to 75 credits at North Central and transfer those credits to Lawrence Tech to complete a bachelor's degree in IT. All of the classes needed to complete the bachelor's degree will be offered by Lawrence Tech on North Central's campus in Petoskey.

Lawrence Tech will waive the existing 60 credit transfer maximum. As a result, students will be able to transfer additional North Central credits to Lawrence Tech and minimize any potential loss of credit or duplication of coursework.

The agreement is ideal for, but not limited to, North Central students who are working toward an associate of applied science degree in either Computer Information Systems or Computer Networking.

To help students get a head start on their bachelor's degree in IT, Lawrence Tech will offer two upper level courses on the North Central campus in Petoskey starting in September 2008. These courses will have no prerequisites and will be open to anyone including recent high school graduates, whether or not they are enrolled at North Central.

"Our bachelor's degree in Information Technology addresses the growing needs of organizations in this competitive global market place," said Richard G. Bush, Ph.D., Lawrence Tech's director of undergraduate management programs. "Organizations need skilled and creative IT professionals to help them to compete locally, regionally, and globally. A bachelor's degree in information technology degree through Lawrence Tech provides students with a strong business and technology knowledge base to solve organizational problems and exploit market opportunities."

Lawrence Tech, a member of North Central's University Center partnership, maintains an office at North Central and currently offers classes in Petoskey leading to a master's degree in business.

For more information, contact North Central's Student Services department at (231)348-6605, or Teri Goodman, Lawrence Tech's northern Michigan education center manager, at goodman@ltu.edu

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LTLPF Winter film series planned

LTLPF MONTHLY MEETING - FEB. 13

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Pancake fundraiser

Northwest Academy will hold a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Feb. 14 to raise funds for the junior class.

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The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 4, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. to review the Assessment Roll in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 210 State Street

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 10, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday March 11 2008, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 12 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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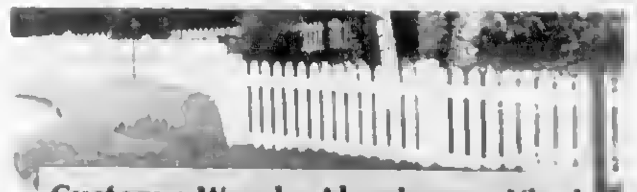
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Local Hospices offer volunteer training session

Seldon

For Donna Seldon, the encouragement to become a Hospice of Little Traverse Bay volunteer arose from connections made after her own personal loss, the death of her son, Robert, in 2000.

A fellow member of the local Compassionate Friends support group, for those who are grieving the loss of a child, suggested to Seldon that Hospice was in need of volunteers.

"For a few years I had been contemplating volunteering somewhere, but I didn't know where to start," Seldon said.

Seldon attended Hospice training sessions over a year ago and offered her clerical abilities in the office rather than working with families facing end-of-life issues.

"I didn't know whether I could go through that grieving process with other families," she said.

As Seldon learned, at Hospice there is a place for everyone who is looking to give of their time and skills. And over the past year, her time spent helping in the Hospice office has been both uplifting and fulfilling.

"I love it. It's the most upbeat place, and they really appreciate every single little thing you do," said Seldon, who volunteers each Tuesday from early morning to mid-afternoon. "I told them to keep me away from the computer, but I can file and I can clean the refrigerator. I recommend it to anyone who has any extra time. I thought they probably couldn't use me because I can't use the computer, but there is so much filing to do, and getting everything ready to move to Hiland Cottage. They need help from anybody who has a couple hours."

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, which serves Charlevoix, Emmet, and Cheboygan counties, and Hospice of Northwest Michigan, which includes Antrim County as well, is looking for more caring and compassionate individuals to join their family of Hospice volunteers.

A volunteer training program for both hospice organizations will be conducted starting Saturday, Feb. 23. The program runs for four weeks, meeting three consecutive Saturdays, including from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 1 and March 8, and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 10. Classes will be held at the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Offices, located in the Watson Community Center at 3434 M-119, Suite E, Harbor Springs.

Training sessions will include an orientation to hospice and discussion of the role of volunteers. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training - grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and advanced directives.

The sessions will introduce volunteers to the variety of services they may provide, including respite care to the terminally ill and their families.

"Anyone who has been a caregiver knows how important it is to have some time for themselves, and our hospice volunteers provide this very needed assistance by staying at the home so the caregiver can get away or rest," said Heather O'Brien, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay volunteer coordinator.

Volunteers help in the office and with fund-raising efforts as well. Also, with the planned opening of the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Hiland Cottage this summer, O'Brien noted there is additional need for more volunteers to staff and assist patients at the inpatient residence. Volunteers are needed to staff the reception desk daily and help provide support and companionship to residents.

O'Brien said volunteers also assist with staffing the Community Grief and Loss Center, providing support for community members and maintaining a lending library with grief and loss resources.

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Charlevoix saving money with new phone contract

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Thanks to the "diligence" of assistant city treasurer Alida Kloster, the City of Charlevoix will save more than $1,700 a month in phone service charges.

City Treasurer Rick Brandt reported to city council last [illegible] Kloster [illegible] months [illegible] with [illegible] provider AT&T, which began last October, led to some changes in the city's Centrex contract with the company. Brandt noted the monthly savings will add up to $20,400 a year, and Kloster was able to obtain retroactive savings from October to February, saving the city an additional $8,500.

The master agreement, officially accepted by council last week, is for 36 months and requires the city to maintain at least seven Centrex lines, with costs for regular phone lines, Centrex lines, long distance calls and local calls offered at a lower price. With the new agreement the city's monthly phone cost with AT&T dropped from $3,800 to $2,0[illegible].

In other news, Council approved a change order for the Ferry Beach Boat Launch renovation project, presented by Street Superintendent Pat Elliott. The project, designed to extend the launch area into deeper water to eliminate problems boaters experienced in relation to decreasing water levels, involved [illegible] beams [illegible] as H piles into the ground to stabilize the extended launch. Elliott said the contractor, RB Lyons, tested the depth of the beams and was unsatisfied with the amount of resistance. Therefore an additional pile length is needed to provide the specified load capacity. Elliott's report stated "at a depth of approximately 20 feet the soil conditions turn to marl and will not support the concrete planks." More depth is needed.

Council approved his request, which will come with a $18,570 price tag, but the project will remain under budget, Elliott said. With the additional cost RB Lyons is still $10,000 under the next lowest bidding contractor.

Fun for all ages at Charlevoix Community Pool

The Charlevoix Community Pool has a full agenda of attractions and activities Sunday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. most days. For a full description of the weekly schedule look online at www.charpool.org. Activities include:

$1 nights – District swimmers swim for only a $1 from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Senior Swim – Adults 62 years of age and older.

Lap swimming – During lap swim, all the lane markers will be in the pool and lanes are set up for circle swimming.

O.Y.O. Exercise (On Your Own Exercise Period) – The pool will be open for adults and seniors for general swimming/exercise. Pool is shared with CAH. No laps.

Open Swim – During Open Swim times the pool will be available for general use.

CAH – Charlevoix Area Hospital therapy.

Twinges – "Twinges in the Hinges" Arthritis Foundation class.

Semi-private - 4 students per 30 minute class.

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For information call 547-0982.

Get help with heating costs

As Michigan shivers through another arctic blast, Consumers Energy is alerting qualifying residents that state and federal programs are available to help pay heating bills.

"Qualifying Michigan residents can get help paying their heating bills through a Michigan Home Heating Credit and a federal Earned Income Credit," said Debra Harmon, Consumers Energy's corporate customer assistance advocacy manager. Information on how to apply for both credits is being provided with bills that Consumers Energy customers receive in February. Information is also available at Consumers Energy's "Energy Answers" section on its website www.consumersenergy.com.

"There is money available in the Michigan Home Heating Credit program to assist low income residents with their energy bills. Unfortunately, many of those eligible do not take advantage of this program," Harmon said. Eligible applicants can get up to $200 or more for heat [illegible]

[illegible] Forms are also available from the Michigan Department of Treasury by calling (800) 367-6263 or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Last year, more than 378,000 Michigan residents received $77 million in aid through the Home Heating Credit program, which is funded by the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The Home Heating Credit can be applied to all heating costs, including propane and purchased firewood. The deadline to file is Sept. 30, 2008, but residents are encouraged to file now for the credit.

The federal Earned Income Credit is a refundable federal income tax credit available to qualifying low income workers. For income guidelines, contact your employer, call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-3676 or visit www.irs.gov.

The Michigan Department of Treasury offers help in filling out the forms; information on that service is available by calling (800) 827-4000. In addition, the Accounting Aid Society is again partnering with Consumers Energy to conduct Tax Workshops to assist low income residents in southeast Michigan. The workshops include help in filing Home Heating Credit application. The workshops are held on Saturdays through April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Consumers Energy's service centers in Pontiac and Royal Oak.

Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, provides natural gas and electricity to almost 6.5 million of the state's nearly 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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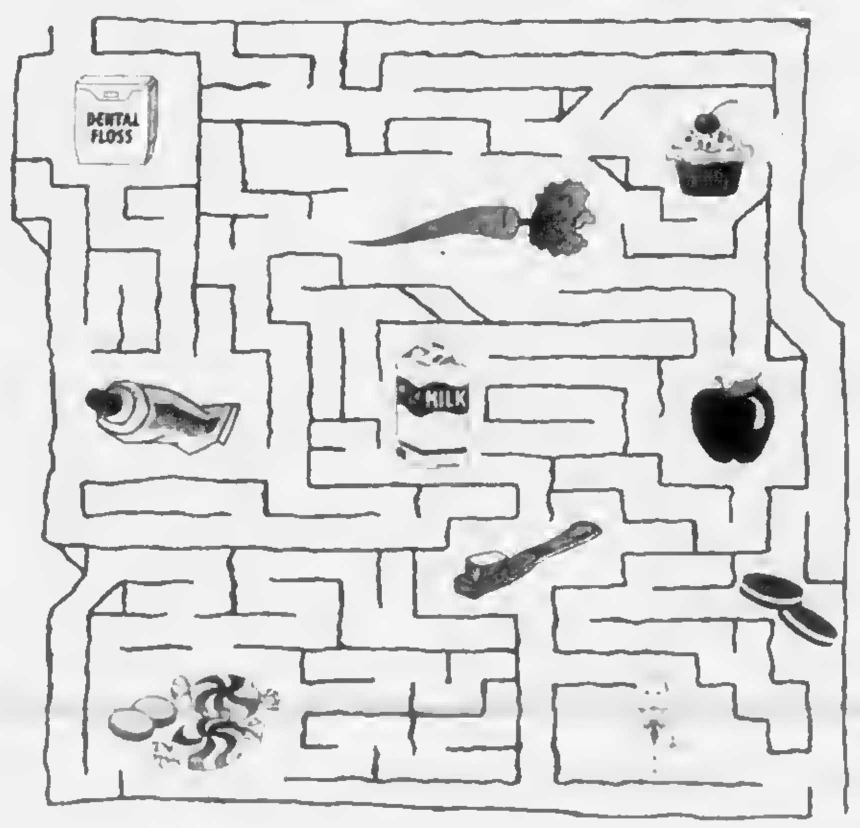

NATIONAL Children's Dental Health Month

Everybody wants a bright, healthy smile. That's why it's so important to take care of your child's teeth, and teach good dental hygiene habits that will last a lifetime. To begin, review the basic oral care tips seen here with your child. With proper dental care, a balanced diet and regular visits to the dentist, your child will be all smiles!

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Tips to prepare for ACT, college

Preparing for college takes hard work. High school students sometimes have difficult choices to make as they prepare themselves for the next level of education. Below are five common mistakes to avoid.

1. Taking the easy road. Students who take the easy road when choosing high school classes – opting for courses that require the least amount of work and brain power – are probably hurting their chances for success in college. College classes are very difficult and demanding. Students who don't take challenging courses in high school are likely to struggle even more with college coursework.

2. Slacking off senior year. It's very tempting for students to slack off during their senior year of high school, taking easy courses that give them more time to have fun. Students who hope to succeed in college, however, should avoid this temptation. Those who "take their senior year off" may actually find themselves behind academically when they arrive at college. The best way for students to prepare for success is to do the opposite: keep taking challenging courses and academically push through senior year.

3. Focusing too much on GPA. Grades are certainly important when it comes to getting into college. However, colleges tend to look not only at students' grades but also at the specific courses they took. Earning a "B" in an advanced course such as calculus or physics can mean more to college admissions officers than earning an "A" in an easier course such as business math or general science. Students who sacrifice advanced coursework for a high GPA may be doing more harm than good in the long run.

4. Waiting until high school to start planning. Some students wait until their junior or senior year in high school before they start planning for college. By then, it may be too late to take the courses needed to qualify for college, yet alone succeed once they get there. The best time for students to start planning and setting goals for the future is in middle school, when there is plenty of time to set the right course for success. It's never too early to start thinking about your future.

5. Not asking for help and advice—Counselors, teachers, administrators, and parents may seem out of touch about some of the things that are important to teenagers. When it comes to planning for college and the future, however, they tend to know what's important. Teens should ask these adults for help and advice when preparing for the college. Don't miss out on some of your most valuable resources.

To learn more about college and career planning, visit ACT's student website: www.actstudent.org . ACT —Helping people achieve education and workplace success.

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Brian Kwapisz DDS gives the youngsters of the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School a lesson in dental hygiene. Kwapisz discussed proper oral health during a presentation at the school on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

SKI TRAILS IN CHARLEVOIX

There is a new Little Traverse Conservancy that opened this year on Boyne City Road between Burgess and Maple Grove Roads, just south of Lake Charlevoix Farms and across from Camp Seagull. Periodically, the trails there will be groomed for cross country skiing this winter. There will be tracks set for classic crosscountry skiing, and, depending on conditions, there may be some grooming for skate skiing.

The area was formerly known as Lake Charlevoix Farms. It has been renamed the Nathan Barry Driggers Memorial Nature Preserve. There is a small roadside pull out to park in non winter seasons. Winter parking is along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. There is a Little Traverse Conservancy sign at the trailhead. The Conservancy's website is www.landtrust.org.

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The awards program will recognize manufacturing leaders who make significant contributions to their communities and the manufacturing industry, such as creating jobs, engaging in public policy debate, helping employees develop skills or supporting schools, clubs, civic groups and professional organizations.

The MMY Awards are bestowed in two tiers, a "Large" tier to encompass manufacturing leaders of companies with 500 or more employees, and a "Small" tier for company leaders employing fewer than 500 employees. Additionally, award judges - representing industry, universities, professional organizations and other groups serving manufacturers - may bestow a "Special Achievement" award to honor manufacturers who clearly deserve recognition but whose exemplary achievements may not fit within the general criteria areas.

Recipients will be honored before their peers at the MMA CEO Forum luncheon, May 13, at the Henry Center for Executive Development in Lansing.

There is no fee to enter the MMY Awards.

Task force advices of potential elk risks on north I-75

In September 2007, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan DNR in conjunction with the Elk Task Force, installed "elk crossing" signs along I-75 in an effort to alert motorists of the high volume of elk vehicle crashes between Vanderbilt and Wolverine in Cheboygan County. The task force also designed, produced, and distributed posters to key rest areas along the popular corridor as another way to increase awareness.

"While the majority of the elk vehicle crashes occur along the stretch of I-75 between October and January, we want to continue raising awareness," said MDOT's operations engineer Jay Gaitlis. "There is a concentration of elk just north of Gaylord that could cross at any time, so it is a good idea to keep the posters up."

According to Gaitlis, elk crossings do occur year round in this concentrated area, as well as on other roads in the vicinity. He also noted that elk populations, movements, and associated elk-vehicle crashes are affected by many variables that make it difficult to predict.

The I-75 Elk Task Force is comprised of officials from AAA Michigan, Michigan DNR, MDOT, the Michigan State Police, and staff members of Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland). The group was born out of a regional traffic safety committee that meets quarterly to discuss traffic safety issues. The task force will meet again, as needed, if additional and feasible mitigation strategies are discovered.

Marie Zoberski Scholarship available

Each year we offer the Friends of the Boyne River Marie Zoberski Scholarship to applicants who live in the watershed of the Boyne River or Charlevoix County and are planning a career compatible with the purposes of the Friends of the Boyne River. The scholarship is for $1,000 for one year, divided into amounts of $500 per semester. The award is limited to reimbursement for tuition, textbooks, equipment, fees and materials. The money is paid each semester to the recipient when copies of receipts for expenses totaling $500 are sent to: The Friends of the Boyne River, Scholarship Reimbursement, P.O. Box 186, Boyne City, MI, 49712.

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Wilderness survival course offered

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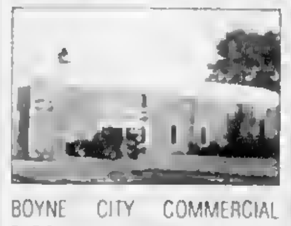

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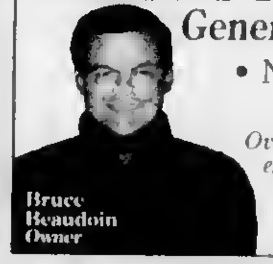

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Charlevoix's Level 1 competitive cheer squad recently qualified for the State Cheerleading competition. Team members include Dani Milazzo, Baleigh Hill, Rylynn Sladek, Krista Dorst, and Olivia McKenon.

Young cheerleaders to compete at state

Congratulations to Charlevoix's Level 1 competitive cheer squad for qualifying for their first Young Champions State Cheerleading Competition. After performing and taking first place honors at the Northern Regional Competition in Indian River, this group went on to compete at the Delta-Plex in Grand Rapids where they were awarded second place in small division.

Each team performs one cheer and dance routine that is judged by a panel for required elements, synchronization, originality, and spirit.

Team members include Dani Milazzo, Baleigh Hill, Rylynn Sladek, Krista Dorst, and Olivia McKenon. Other local teams earning first place honors at regional competition were Petoskey-Boyne City Level 1, Petoskey-Boyne City Level 2, and BCP Elite Level 5. The Elite team members from Charlevoix are Ella Killgore, Lauren Pettis, and Bekah Poston.

The Young Champions cheer programs are available to all youth ages 4 to 18. Beginning levels are based on age and build fundamental skills and stunting techniques that carry through to the requirements for high school sports. The focus is on fun while teaching teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-confidence. The Charlevoix class is held every Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Middle School large group room. For more information on this program contact Young Champions at www.youngchampions.us or Coach Stacey at (231) 330-4671.

Run Charlevoix planned

The "Red Rock Company", a Michigan owned and nationally recognized Sports Marketing Corporation will host Run Charlevoix, a local marathon event, June 28, 2008. Run Charlevoix participants can participate in a full marathon, half marathon, 10K or 5K.

Organizer Ron Suffolk advised runners, "If you do one marathon, one running event the summer of 2008 you should seriously consider Run Charlevoix."

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, February 4, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving staff's recommendation to remove three trees from East Park and replace them with others.
- Motion passed approving change order number one for the Ferry Beach Boat Launch Project.
- Motion passed approving a pay scale raise of $1.11/hr. for the meter reader positions due to adding a CDL license requirement.
- Motion passed to approve the Centrex contract with AT&T and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement.
- Motion passed approving the City Investment Depositories.

Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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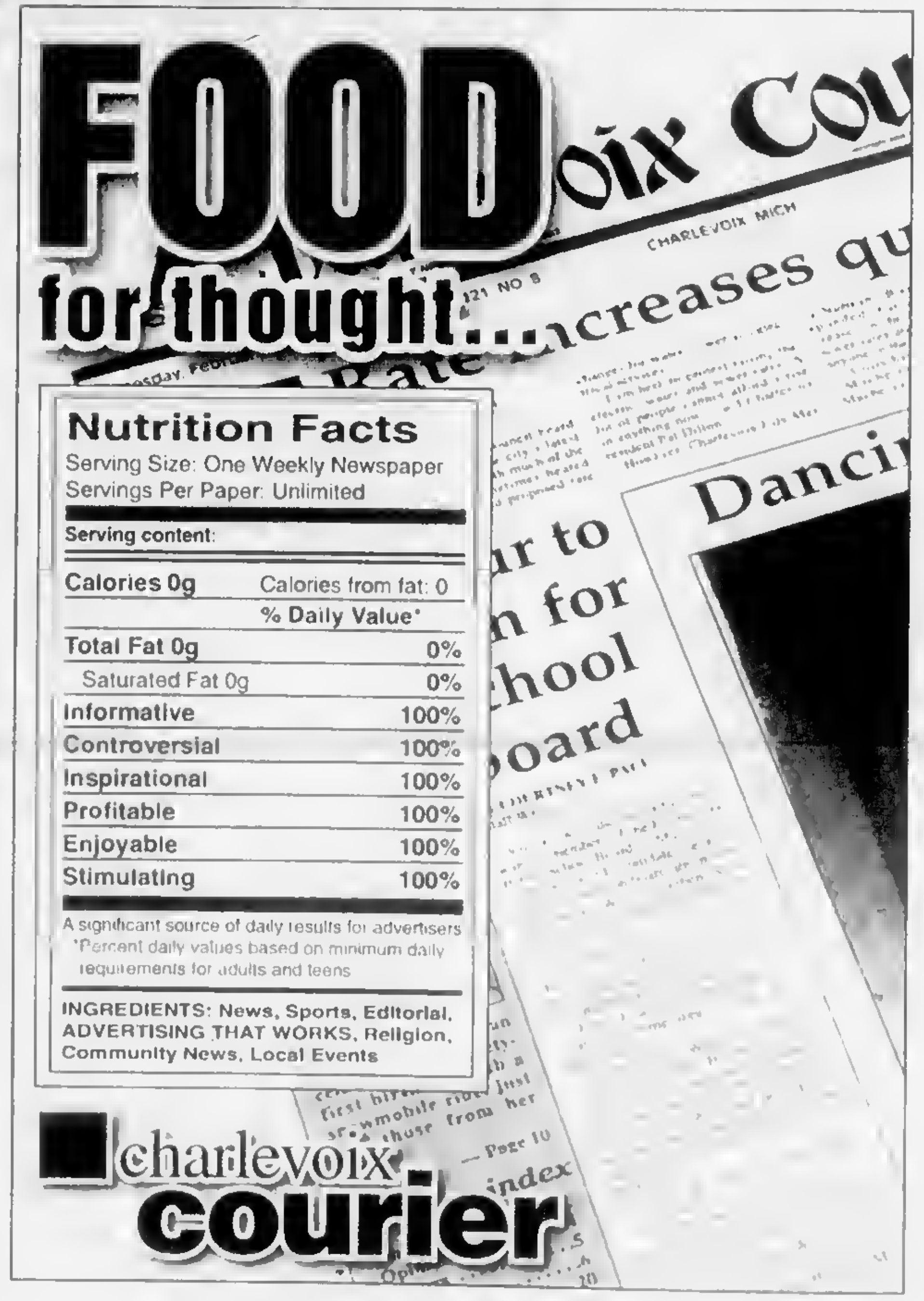
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Wrestling action

The Charlevoix Wrestling team traveled to Petoskey for the North Star Team Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 9. The schools that competed were Frankfort, Kingsley, Petoskey, Mancelona and Charlevoix.

Charlevoix won over Frankfort 52-14. Individual winners were: Gregg Bishaw, Ryan Penfold, Zeke Daman, Mat Golovich by pin, Michael Berry, Nate Tripplehorn, Chris Levins, Jacob Roach and Trevor Code.

Charlevoix lost to Kingsley 14-61. Winners were: Daman, Gidovich and Code by pin.

Charlevoix won over Petoskey 57-12. Winners were Bishaw, Daman by pin, Gidovich by pin, Michael Berry by pin, Brandon Darrah by pin, Tony Cepeda, Tripplehorn, Chris Levens by pin, Jacob Roach by pin and Code.

The last dual of the day was against Mancelona. The winner of this match up would take runner-up of the tournament, with Kingsley going 5-0 for the Championship. Chalevoix and Mancelona were tied up 36-36. Cepeda was in the last match of the day and he had to win for Charlevoix to take runner up. Not only did he win, he pinned Trevor Hudson from Mancelona in 1:26 to seal the victory for Charlevoix.

Coach Gidovich said Cepeda's victory was the icing on the cake for Charlevoix to take runner-up.

Junior Daman earned his 100th varsity victory over Frankfort's Van Minand 17-8.

The head coaches voted Mat Gidovich the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

Tony Cepeda

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Pee Wee Hockey District Champs

The Gaylord Pee Wee hockey team won the district tournment held Sunday, Feb. 3. The win placed the team among the top eight pee wee teams in the state. Sam Black of Charlevoix is a member of the team.
The team will now advance to the state finals In Grand Rapids March 7-9. Black is center for the team. He is the son of Charles and Mary Black.

Rayders beat Kalkaska in conference play

KALKASKA — Kalkaska has traditionally proved a daunting road hurdle to Charlevoix's league title hopes, but not this time.

Nate LaBlance scored 21 points, Justin Friske had 14 and Corey Gotshall added 12 as Charlevoix improved to 14-1 overall and 10-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference with an 83-57 boys' basketball victory over the Blazers on Friday.

Brock Yenglin had 10 rebounds and three blocked shots for the Rayders, while Cliff Jones made seven assists. Charlevoix holds a two-game lead over Traverse City St. Francis in the Lake Michigan Conference.

For Kalkaska, 5-11, 3-7, Alex Krause scored 20 points and Travis Schuba had 11.

Charlevoix won the JV game, 57-52. Bill Ivan scored 16 points and Clayton Mitchell had 13 for Charlevoix.

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Council approves removal of trees from park

TREES

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> Street Superintendent Pat Elliott recommended three trees be removed, six put back in

due in part to the incongruous construction process that has involved changing landscape architects and city managers during the process, things were "not done as tightly as they should have been," adding he believes the trees should have been removed at the beginning of the project because they were already diseased and the likelihood they would survive was low.

"When you're constructing a facility of that size (the Performance Pavilion) within 18 or so feet of trees, considering all of the infrastructure involved (water and sewer lines) they are going to sustain some damage. It is unfortunate they've got to come out but we are where we are," he said.

Outside of relocating the pavilion, Elliott said there were few options to protect the existing trees.

Elliott also recommended replacing the three diseased trees with six new ones, suggesting a large spruce or similar tree that can handle foot traffic in the center of the park and five Canadian Hemlocks or similar trees on the south side near the pavilion. The idea of replacing the trees is one thing Carlson, council, Elliott and Robinson agreed upon.

"Mr. Elliott is a knowledgeable person and I agree with what he is recommending," Robinson said in reference to Elliott's replacement recommendation.

Elliott said in addition to maintaining the greenery, the bunch of trees on the south side will offer an extra amenity to the park.

"That will be a place visitors can relax in the shade, read or whatever. There really isn't another place in the park to do that," he said, adding the trees chosen should be older mature trees, 20 to 24 feet in height, that will not block any views within the park.

Carlson added, "It has been our intention from the very beginning to preserve the trees but they cannot be saved, so we are doubling the number of trees there."

Robinson maintained, however, what a "shame" it was to cut down trees that he said are essentially teenage trees, adding it is "far too easy to remove trees, and we rarely see mature ones in Michigan anymore."

"It would be nice if in the future better planning could be done so our children could see what a real, mature tree looks like," he said.

Council member Lyle Gennett made the motion to accept Elliott's recommendation stating, "I hate to see them go but if we have to do it, now is the time."

Carlson emphasized the procedure was not a staff decision but represented Elliott's response to council's concerns. He also thanked Brennan and Robinson for their input adding the City has been and will remain committed to maintaining trees and planting more within the city.

"We appreciate our partnership with the Tree Commission and want to continue that," he said.

Local athlete to compete for Albion College track and field

Lindi Edger is one of the 41 scholar athletes who will be competing for the Albion College women's track and field team this spring. Edger is the daughter of Todd Edger and Mary Edger of Charlevoix and a graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Under the direction of seventh-year head coach Hayden Smith, the Britons are looking to improve on their third place finish in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 2007. The Britons are scheduled to compete against their league rivals in the MIAA Jamboree on April 17 and the MIAA Championships on May 1 and 2.

Albion will compete for the first time this season on Friday when it travels to Ada, Ohio, for an indoor meet. The Britons will also compete in indoor meets at Eastern Michigan University (Feb. 16) and Anderson University (March 1).

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State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer invited Greg Marshall, WMKT radio host, as his guest for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's sixth State of the State address in the House chamber. Each representative and senator is allowed to invite one person to the House floor to sit with the lawmaker while the speech is delivered.

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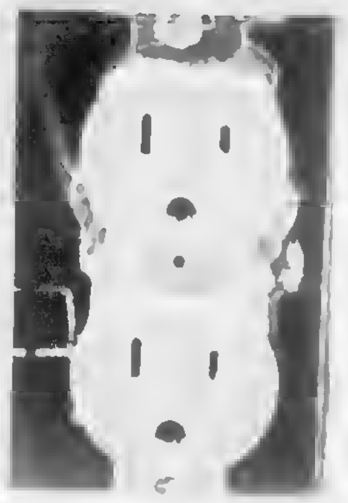

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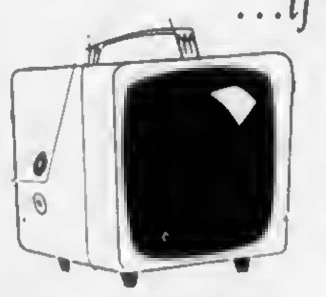

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COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 07-011095-DE

Estate of Leona S. Pierce, deceased.
Date of Birth: 04/21/1919

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Leona S. Pierce, Deceased, who lived at 403 Mason Street, Charlevoix, Michigan died on May 8, 2006

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Charrie Colwell, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: May 3, 2007

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(L-02/13)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Monette R Bonnington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents ($553,758.98) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on February 22, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 971.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated JANUARY 17, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI Assignee of Mortgagee

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ASAP# 974810
(L-01/23/2008, 01/30/2008, 02/06/2008 02/13/2008)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011189-DE

Estate of Douglas Freem Laisure, deceased.
Date of Birth: 04/19/1955

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Douglas Freem Laisure, Deceased, who lived at 201 Bridge Street, City of East Jordan, Michigan died on January 10, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gloria M. Timmons, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: February 7, 2008

Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling, P.C.
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 29, 2005, by Caryn S. Jensen, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 177, Charlevoix County Records, which mortgage was assigned to The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC, by an assignment of mortgage dated June 29, 2005, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 194, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby: and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $261,479.77; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 20, MOUNTAIN GRAND LODGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 6.50% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: January 16, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC Mortgagee

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Petoskey, MI 49770
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(L-01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Country Days, Inc. a Profit Sharing Plan UTAD dated May 7, 1998 a Michigan Trust of 105 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, of 200 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, dated December 20, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 5, 2004, in Liber 592 Pages 343 through 351, Charlevoix County Records, and which was assigned to MICHAEL BRODE, of 25855 Franklin Park Drive, Franklin, Michigan 48025, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 2, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on October 3, 2006 in Liber 768, Page 626, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $5,138,352.24.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 14th day of March, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, as is described as follows:

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-058-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence 1981 feet West of the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence South 330 feet; thence West 263.2 feet, more or less, to a point 130 feet East of the East line of Meech Street; thence North parallel with said Meech Street 330 feet to said quarter line; thence East on said Quarter line 263.2 feet, more or less to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West. The above described land is subject to the right of way of Division Street along its North boundary. The aforesaid East line of Meech Street being established as intersecting said quarter line at a point 2374.2 feet West of said East quarter post

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-054-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning 1805.875 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and 330 feet South; thence South 483.25 feet to the centerline Petoskey Avenue, City of Charlevoix, thence Southwesterly along center of said Avenue 168.3 feet; thence North 549 feet to a point due West of place of Beginning; thence East 161.625 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-053-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Commencing at a point 1849 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence East along the center line of Division Street 132 feet to the Place of Beginning; and being a part of the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; SUBJECT to the right of way of said Division Street.

EXCEPT:

In the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, as established by D.C. Nettleton, past Deputy County Surveyor; thence along the East and West quarter line of said section, as established by D.C. Nettleton, North 89°53'29" West 1849.24 feet (recorded as West 1849.00 feet); thence South 00°11'29" East (recorded as South) 33.00 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the South line of Division Street; thence continuing South 00°11'29" East 297.37 feet (recorded as South 297.00 feet) to a 1" rod; thence South 89°59'30" East (recorded as East) 44.00 feet to a 1/2 " re-rod recorded as being 1805 and 7/8 feet West and 330 feet South of said quarter corner; thence South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 183.26 feet BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 257.26 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 3.75 feet to the Northerly line of Petoskey Avenue (Highway U.S. 31); thence continuing South 01°44'35" East 34.89 feet to the center line of said highway; thence along said center line, South 69°18'34" West 418.97 feet (recorded as 420.70 feet); thence leaving said center line, North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 34.90 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the Northerly line of said avenue; thence continuing North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 409.84 feet to a 3/4 " pipe; thence South 89°53'29" East 396.16 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and containing 3.367 acres. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: February 4, 2008

BODMAN LLP
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(L-2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/05,3/12)

MORTGAGE SALE

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID LOSEE, a married man, Mortgagor, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49525, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006 and recorded February 23, 2006 in Liber 732 of Mortgages, Page 399. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 10/100 ($357,983.10) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on March 14, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)] the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Boyne Falls, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Unit 97, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the master deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, page 53 inclusive, and first amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 421, page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and second amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 571, page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. PP #002-390-097-00

Date: February 1, 2008

INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN
a Michigan banking corporation,
Mortgagee

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(L-02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by The Amended and Restated Thomas L. LaVanway Declaration of Trust dated October 9, 1998 to Alden State Bank of PO Box 39, Alden, MI 49612 dated March 22, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 24, 2006 in Liber 737 of Mortgages, Page, 287 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine and 03/100 ($149,299.03) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage ,will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises, therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, County building, 301 State St., City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 21, 2008, at 11.00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 7.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Unit 314, HARBOR PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Consolidating Master Deed recorded in Liber 423, Page 493 through 536, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plan No. 88. Together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978 as amended.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a

Dated: February 7, 2008

Alden State Bank
Mortgagee
Leon W. Sluyter, Vice President

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All Bids are to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Walnut Log Big". All bids are to be sent to City Clerk, Carol Ochs, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.
(B-02/13)

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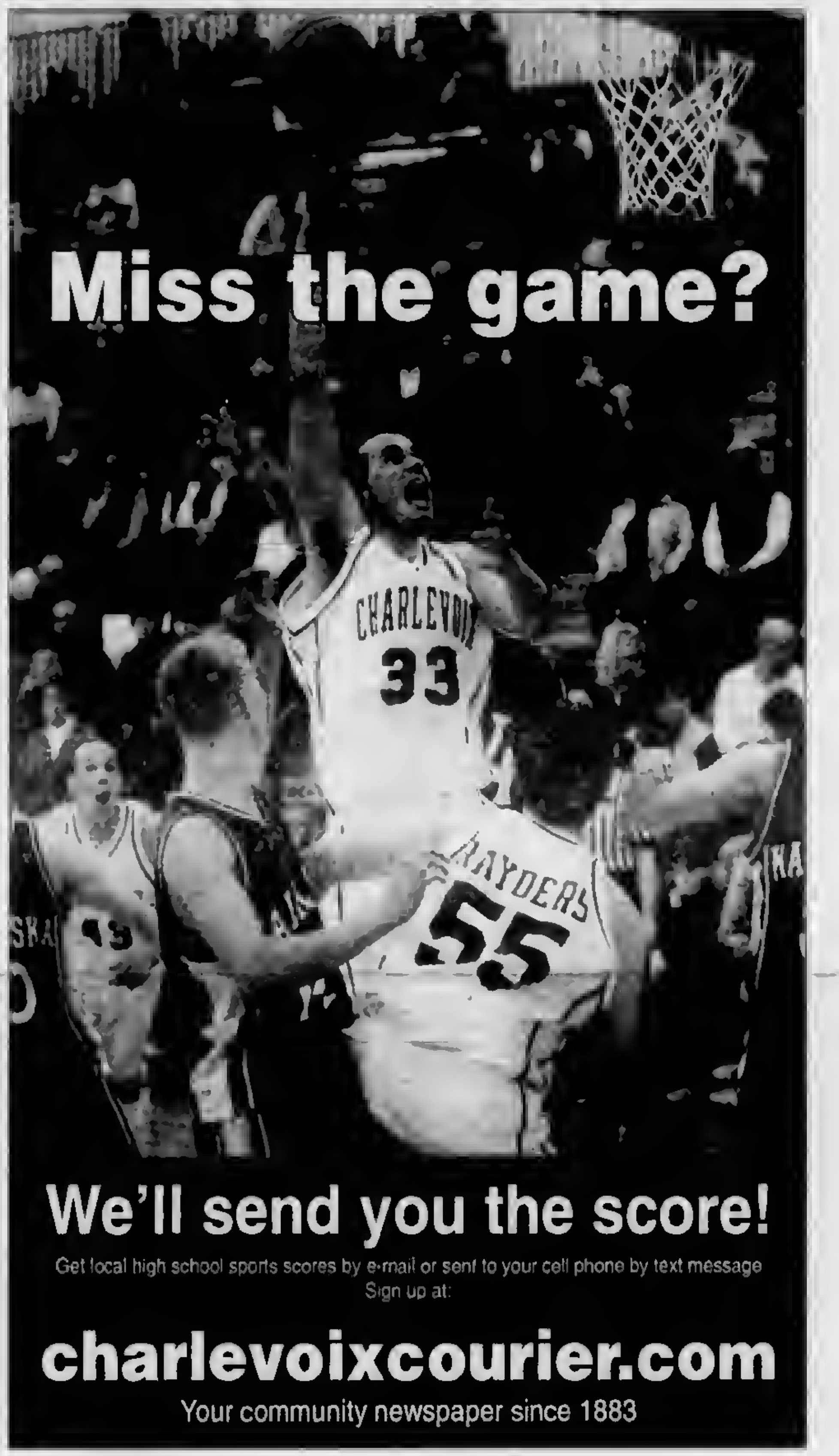

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CHS performing arts team advances in competition

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

On the heels of their Feb. 9 win in Bay City, the Charlevoix High School performing arts team advances to the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association's state competition on Feb. 15 and 16 at Avondale High School in Detroit.

"The kids are looking forward to competing on the state level," said Steve Kantola director of Charlevoix's performance piece The Spoon River Anthology.

The Rayder actors and actresses garnered numerous accolades to win their #1 rating, for a second place nod, at Bay City's John Glenn High School last weekend.

The awards bestowed at the regional tournament include:

- Excellent acting performance — Jonathan Boyko, Kaitlin Boyko, Laura Larsen, Melissa Shephard
- Lobby display — Stephanie Milazzo, Mac Ernst
- Superior awards to costume crew and lighting — Milazzo
- Program award — Jennie Withers, Ernst
- Superior acting award — Ernst, Joel Curiel

"The Spoon River Anthology is in the category of serious," Kantola said. "It is an adaptation of a book written in the late 1800s. It's a collection of poetry which took the country by storm at the time because it was a new writing technique."

The piece entails a community cemetery full of ghosts who recount their past lives.

Kantola thanked Jill Tahaszka, Maureen Themm, Laura Borths and Sue Lane Hamilton for all their work.

"Anyone interested in helping defray costs can call the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts (department)," he said.

Phone Charlevoix High School at 547-3222 for more information.

Residents interested in viewing the show will have a chance when the group brings The Spoon River Anthology to the Charlevoix High School auditorium Feb. 23 and 24. A 7 p.m. show will be held Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for students and seniors.

McMurdo's Camp literary group formed in Charlevoix area

McMurdo's Camp, a soon-to-be-official Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars, is now being organized in Charlevoix. It is dedicated solely to the study of, and socialization involving, the 4 novels and 56 short stories of The Canon, plus related subjects and activities.

Membership is open to all, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, pecuniary condition, political beliefs, race, or religion.

It is a private not-for-profit activity. There are no dues, charges, or obligations to join or belong. Three types of memberships are available.

Charter Member: You must understand and be able to explain the name of the organization to the leader at initial contact.

Provisional Member: Just come and join. No requirements.

Member: A move up from Provisional, based upon your request and continued interest.

Cyber-memberships are available in all three categories.

An organizational meeting will be held in the Trustee's room at the Charlevoix Library, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4. Incidentally, and by design, this will be the 133rd anniversary of that train ride up the Vermissa Valley.

If you are interested in joining, please call Matilda at 547-4971. Leave a message with your name, number, or e-mail address, and, optionally, the information required to become a charter member, or e-mail wbbriggs@voyager.net. If you wish to join, but can't make the organizational meeting, just contact Matilda.

Arbor Day Foundation offers free blue spruce trees

Now's the time to start thinking about the spring planting season, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering an ideal way for everyone to plant trees when the weather warms up.

Every person from Michigan who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Colorado blue spruces, with their silver blue green color and attractive conical shape, will give year-round beauty to homes in Michigan," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Michigan's 111 Tree City USA communities. For more than 10 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Michigan, and planting these graceful trees will add to this vital tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2008, or go to www.arborday.org.

New leader for NWA

Continued from page 13

an M.A. from the University of Michigan and a B.M.E. from Central Michigan University. Bailey has worked as 4th through 12th grade choral and instrumental music director, principal and even a golf coach.

The 58-year-old's last full-time position was as the principal of Johannesburg Lewiston High School.

"I'm glad to be here. I'm looking forward to (working) and I'm sure we will face some challenges, but this seems like a positive place," Bailey said. "I (am) impressed with the kids. They are so respectful and well behaved."

The board will now begin the process of searching for a full-time school leader.

"We will discuss the strategy and will be advertising and also going through academic circles," said board president Joe Seidel. "The board is in the process of researching the full network of options for a new administrator and the interim administrator will be considered for the full-time position."

Bailey said he will apply for the full-time school leader position.

"He's already hard at work. He is a very well educated gentleman who has served in various positions for more than 30 years," Seidel said. "We are greatly honored to have him working for us in the interim position."

Bailey will be in charge of the day-to-day operational and administrative functions of Northwest Academy.

"We're looking forward at what the future might bring us," Seidel said.

Northwest Academy's board of education will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the schools conference room.

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Trout Unlimited to host fly fishing seminar

On Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7pm. in the Perry Hotel's Reycraft Room the Miller VanWinkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting renowned guide, casting instructor and conservationist Ray Schmidt for a presentation on fly fishing in South America. The proprietor of Schmidt Outfitters in Wellston, MI, Ray Schmidt was ranked among in the top ten 'Guides of the Year' by Fly Rod & Reel Magazine, has received the 'President's,' 'Artisan of the Year' and 'Lefty Kreh' awards from the Federation of Fly Fishers Great Lakes Council and has served on 'Team Sage' and the Umpqua Leather Merchants 'Fly Design Team.' In addition to guiding and teaching on Michigan rivers, Ray leads several annual trips to Argentina's Patagonia region, the premier international destination for world-class trout fishing in breathtaking landscapes.

On February 20th Schmidt's presentation will focus on techniques, fly patterns, photographs and, of course, fish stories derived from his adventures in the Southern Hemisphere. The Miller VanWinkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited invites everyone to share in this evening of flyfishing and fellowship. A brief general membership meeting will precede the presentation where the board of directors will present upcoming events for 2008. Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m., presentation begins at 7 p.m. For more information email millervanwinkletu@gmail.com

Winter weather continues to cancel blood drives

American Red Cross urges donors to keep giving

The relentless winter weather pounding Michigan has forced more than a dozen American Red Cross blood drives to cancel or close early in the past week.

Those shutdowns, Red Cross officials say, mean the loss of about 201 blood donations for today alone, and have added up to a total of 681 donations since the end of January. At drives remaining open, turnout has been low as donors struggle with heavy snowfall and poor road conditions.

"We rely greatly on our schools, businesses, churches and community groups to host blood drives," said Sharon Jaksa, CEO of the Great Lakes Region. "When snow, sleet and ice cause these facilities to shut down, it takes away a valuable opportunity to collect blood."

The loss of donations can tip the delicate balance of the blood supply during the winter season, a time when donations typically decline. Patients in 127 Michigan hospitals depend on steady and consistent blood donations to ensure a safe and adequate supply for ongoing and emergency medical needs. The Red Cross must collect about 1,600 pints of blood in Michigan each week day to meet hospital demand.

"It only takes about an hour to donate blood," said Jaksa. "And your single blood donation can help save up to three lives. Please make it a point to give the 'Gift of Life' when you can."

The American Red Cross is encouraging all eligible blood donors to consider scheduling an appointment in the next couple of weeks to offset the recent loss of donations. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive near you, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org.

Heating safety tips important in winter weather

Shadow, or no shadow? Consumers Energy encourages safe and "well-grounded" use of supplemental electric heating devices no matter how many weeks until spring Punxsutawney Phil predicted.

The chill of February may encourage residents to use supplemental methods of heating their homes. In doing so, never use the cooking stove as the main heat source as it may be a safety hazard or cause a fire. Also, do not use gas fired space heaters in small enclosed areas due to the potential of carbon monoxide poisoning.

It is most economical to use a home's furnace to heat large areas and multiple rooms. An electric space heater can be a good way to heat a small area.

If using an electric space heater, Consumers Energy offers the following safety tips:

When purchasing an electric space hater, make sure it has an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.

If the appliance has a three-prong plug, plug it directly into the wall outlet. The third prong grounds the appliance and prevents shocks. Some extension cords may not be able to handle the amount of electricity required to operate the appliance safely, and could cause a fire.

Keep the water away from curtains, drapes and bedspreads or anything flammable.

Keep the heater away from water and never touch the heater when your's wet.

Always unplug the heater before you go to bed or leave home.

Do not use the space heater if the cord is frayed or damaged.

Never use a space heater in place of your home heating system.

Heating ducts and water pipes in unheated areas should be wrapped with insulation.

If water pipes become frozen, never use electric appliances (such as hair dryers) to remedy the situation.

To maximize the warmth of your home, open the curtains on sunny days, and replace furnace filters often to help the furnace operate efficiently.

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Indoor sidewalk sales Feb. 15-18

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When do they meet?

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of every month except July in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8654. This is a change from previous meeting times.

CHURCH GROUPS —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

AMERICAN LEGION, VFW —

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AG GROUPS —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS —

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

HOSPITAL GROUPS —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of February, April, June, September, November and December in the meeting room of the hospital. The July meeting is a picnic at Lake Michigan Beach. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

SUPPORT GROUPS —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

HISTORICAL GROUPS —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.

AARP recognizes Best Employers

The application deadline for the annual AARP Best Employers for Workers Over 50 list is fast approaching. Employers that offer workplace practices and policies that are friendly toward workers aged 50+ are encouraged to apply at www.aarp.org/bestemployers before Feb. 15.

As more and more boomers turn 60, attracting and retaining skilled workers will become increasingly critical for employers seeking to retain a competitive edge. Estimates are that by 2016, one-third (34%) of the total U.S. workforce will be age 50 or older, up from 28 percent in 2007.

The AARP Best Employers program recognizes innovative organizations that offer policies and practices that appeal to workers 50+, including flexible work options, training/earning opportunities, competitive health and retirement benefits, and age neutral performance and appraisal systems. Now entering its eight year, the AARP Best Employers search honored 50 employers last year, including three from Michigan.

Any employer with at least 50 employees and based in the United States is eligible to apply to the program. This includes for profit companies, not for profit organizations, educational institutions and local, state and federal government bodies.

An independent research firm and panel of judges comprised of outside experts score applicants. Final ranking is based on these scores after review by AARP. Best Employers honorees will be acknowledged at a recognition dinner, which will be followed by an international conference addressing best practices among international companies.

For more information or to apply for the AARP Best Employers for Workers Over 50 award, visit www.aarp.org/bestemployers.

Veterans' Affairs Office offers assistance to vets, family members

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, on Tuesday, Feb. 4 between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

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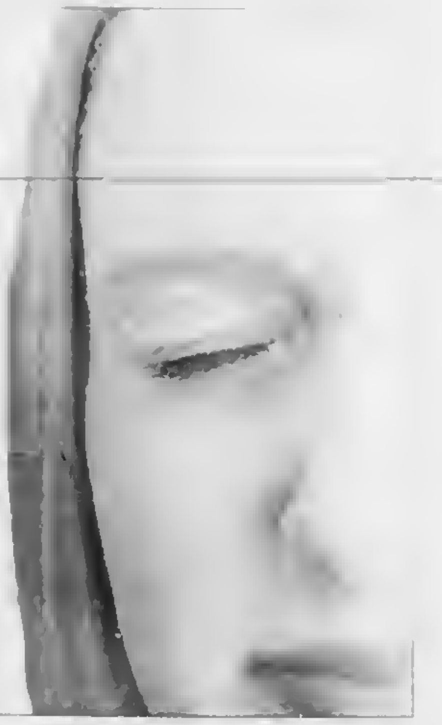

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FEB. 14 STORY-TIME

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FEB. 15 DISNEY TRIVIA GAME NIGHT

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FEB. 15 CHARLEVOIX INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES

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SATURDAYS STARTING FEB. 16 PAWS FOR A STORY

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FEB. 19 GERMANY: FROM THE ALPS TO THE RHINE, WITH MIKE ROSS

A photo journey that includes the North Sea, Munich, Berlin, the Black Forest, the Alps, Cologne and the Rhine. Mike Ross is a recently retired High School German teacher. He currently owns and manages Educational Travel Consultant Services, Inc. and Mike Ross Travel. He will present at 7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340.

MARCH 1 MOM-TO-MOM SALE

The annual Mom-to-Mom sale, a fundraiser for Charlevoix Elementary School, will be held at the school from 9 a.m. to noon. Vendor spaces are available for $20. Contact Beth Martin, (231) 547-1738, for mrore information.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

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BNI

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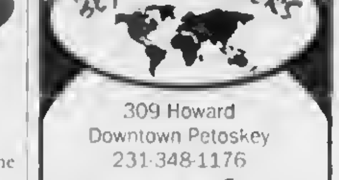

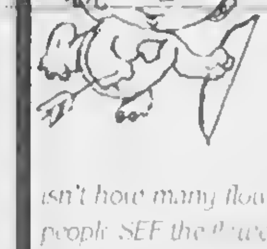

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Representatives from area law enforcement agencies participated in a multi-jurisdictional training regarding school safety, held at Charlevoix High School. Above, officers rush into a simulated gunfire incident in a hallway, armed with acting perpetrators waiting.

Officers train for school scares

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

"There is no sense waiting until Friday afternoon to practice for Friday night's football game."

That is the analogy offered by Mt. Pleasant Police Department Sergeant Doug LaLone in reference to training held last week regarding school safety. The multi-jurisdictional training, sponsored by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and provided by LaLone and his team, brought nearly every law enforcement agency in the county to one place — Charlevoix High School — to learn how to work together in the event of a school crisis.

"When you have an incident at a school, various agencies will be responding together," LaLone explained. "We are explaining how, when you have a deputy, a city officer and a tribal officer, people that don't normally work together, can arrive on the scene and immediately know their role."

On the heels of yet another deadly and highly profiled school shooting that took at least seven lives at Northern Illinois University last Thursday, and three other school shootings across the country last week alone, LaLone and Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater agreed a proactive approach is necessary in terms of school safety.

"These are skills and plans you need in place, but hope you never have to use," LaLone said. "But if you do you need to know how to narrow the window of opportunity that bad guy has."

Lasater emphasized his office's desire to be proactive, despite the lack of school incidents in the area to date.

"Just because you live in a small area doesn't mean it can't happen. We want to be ready, and we want our citizens and tax payers to know what we're doing to be ready," he said.

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$5.9 Mil bond request to be on May ballot

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A $5.9 million bond request to pay for technology, transportation and facility upgrades at Charlevoix schools is now up to the voters.

The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously last week, Tuesday, Feb. 12, to ask the voters in the May 6 election to cancel the last year of the current sinking fund and replace it with the bond.

"We are in a very unique and fortunate situation that we have an opportunity to generate $5.9 million worth of projects and actually lower people's taxes. If people vote yes, their taxes will go down," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik. "If it passes, it will have a tremendous impact on the school district."

The current sinking fund rate, set to expire at the end of 2008, is .86 mils. If voters approve the bond proposal, the .86 sinking fund will be canceled in lieu of the .55 mil bond.

"I don't believe the voters will find any controversy in any of the projects that we're proposing," Janik said.

Forums on the $5.9 million bond and other issues are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 and March 4 in the conference room of Charlevoix Middle School.

Charlevoix school board member Bo Boss said the district is entering a "crisis" situation.

"We're way behind in technology upgrades, we've got students in classrooms that don't even have books and we don't even have paper and pencils available," Boss said. "I hate to pay taxes as much as anyone else, but personally I'm going to bite the bullet to help the kids out."

He added, "On my own personal home it's going to (cost) about $50 (annually). If somebody has a better idea, I'm all for it. But I think this is a sound way to go."

If approved, the bond would provide enough money for a district-wide telephone system; replacement of technological components including desktop and lap

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on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Melissa Ann Garner, 43, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated: Second offense. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,380 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cas was recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Wayne Russell Eubanks, 36, Charlevoix. Stalking. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 90 days in jail; $680 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Reverend Computers, 400 State Street, Boyne City, by Christopher M. Kinner AKA Chris Martin

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Lighthouse Electric, 8175 Ferry Road, East Jordan, by Kevin Schlickau

Keehn's Handy Man Services, 6685 North M66 Lot 77 Charlevoix, by Allen Keehn

Panache Hair Studio, 101 Park Ave., Charlevoix by Susan Anthony

EZ Storage, P.O. Box 442, Charlevoix by Y & T Properties LLC and Gale Neff

Q & R Auto Repair, East Jordan Boyne City Road by Mark Alan Lambert

D & L Woodworking, 322 Griffin Road, East Jordan, by Shawn Donnellan

BIRTHS

Mary Elizabeth Jon Bartelli weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital February 11 to Barrett and Gretchen Bartelli of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Olivia, Elliot, Isabel and Anne.

Sophia Marie Coates weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital on February 11 to Kayla Leazier and Mitchel Coates of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Jane Furness and Mitchel Coates both of Boyne City and Chuck Leazier of Petoskey.

Samuel Jerrick Kopacki weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital February 10 to John F. Kopacki and Tessa Lou Hyde of Central Lake. His siblings are Evan, Johnny, Amanda, Alyssa, and Jacob. His grandparents are Hazel Hyde and Tiny Hyde both of Ellsworth and Mary Kopacki and the late Gilbert Kopacki of Warren.

Hannah Grace Essenberg weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital February 8 to Corey and Charlene Essenberg of Ellsworth. Her sibling is McKenzie. Her grandparents are Nancy Hext of Port Huron, Fred and Hellen Allen of Ellsworth and Jay and Sue Essenberg of Grand Blanc. Her great grandparents are Allen and Helen Potter of Ellsworth and Willard and Matilda Waldvogel of Monroe.

Still waiting for news on historic district

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The Charlevoix Historical District Study Committee, a sub-committee of the area Historical Society that is headed by Mary Adams, is in the process of studying the second area of Charlevoix it hopes to name a historic district while also waiting to hear from the State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Secretary of Interior on its application for a first district.

Adams said the first district the group hopes to designate is the east side of Bridge Street, from the bridge to Antrim Street. The group researched the district extensively, questioning which buildings were historic and would "contribute" to an historic district, Adams explained, before sending the application on to the Secretary of Interior and the State Historic Preservation Office. Once a response is received, which the group hopes will happen within the next few months, a public educational meeting will be held to answer any questions residents, business owners and others may have. From there, it is on to city council, who will make the final decision regarding the establishment of a district.

"This is all a ways away yet. It is a very involved process," Adams said.

An informational forum held in December did address a number of concerns and share information regarding the benefits of a district — such a district could potentially provide Charlevoix with access to a variety of grants as well as state and federal tax credit programs for facade and building improvement projects— and what would be involved in its establishment. Presenter Kristine Kidorf, owner of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, suggested maintaining those buildings that "add integrity" to a town's unique history.

Some of Kidorf's reasons for getting on board with the concept involved developing a downtown that is "full, vibrant, friendly and refreshing;" one that reigns "quaintness, uniqueness and historic character;" and one that maintains architectural styles within a theme. The value of historic places can be seen in their ability to tell "the story of place to current and future residents," Kidorf added, as well as create a unique setting and promote creative thinking. The Historic Commission will have DVD's of the forum made available for anyone who was unable to attend.

The second area currently under study is the west side of Bridge Street, including the side streets, from the bridge to Antrim Street. Again, the group is questioning which buildings could "contribute" to an historic district and which have been "altered too much," Adams said.

"We are working on the paperwork now. It will be several months before we are ready to submit the application," she said.

Adams said she is hopeful to hear soon from the state on the first submission, but "with the badget cuts and staffing issues" faced currently she is unsure of when to expect a response.

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>
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Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan agreed the proactive approach is best.

"Things like this it is best to prepare for, and you hope you never have to use it but if you do, you're ready," he said.

Lasater said every deputy in his department was at last Friday's training, in addition to members of the Charlevoix City Police Department, the East Jordan Police Department, and the tribal unit from the Little Traverse Bay of Odawa Indians. Those present learned "tactical entry," LaLone said, and learned how to develop and enact a QUAD — a Quick Unit of Active Deployment.

"These are school safety plans that teach tactical entry and how to avoid delay. These guys need to get in there before a SWAT team arrives, and know their roles before they get there," he said

Doan said working cooperatively is a benefit to all agencies.

"If there is an incident and the Sheriff's Department gets called, we'll be out there to assist them. Also, if we get a call, we'll be contacting them," he said, adding the opportunity to train together helps officers get to know one another.

"The Sheriff's Department has a lot of new officers, so this gave us a chance to get to know those new faces," he said.

Those present said the training was useful. Nicole Smith, school liaison and deputy with the sheriff's office, said the opportunity to work with other area departments was exciting. Charlevoix City Deputy Chief Scott Hankins said the approach of the training offered a necessary reality check.

"It is difficult to train a police officer for real gun confrontation because paper targets don't shoot back. With this simulated gun fire (used at the training) it puts more pressure on the officers," Hankins said.

Charlevoix Police officer Matt Umulis noted the events of last week — "Four school shootings in oen week," he said — made training for a school incident seem like an imminent need.

"It is scary. And it is good to work with the other departments," he said.

Photo by Erica Goff

Charlevoix City Police officer James Schlappi and Charlevoix County deputy Nicole Smith prepare for a training exercise.

Gaming revenue distributed in grants

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of their twice a year two percent gaming revenue allocation to local units of government.

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Has the king of the Gohs house been dethroned?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

If you're knee-deep in Whitman's Samplers, Kmart lingerie and dead flowers, you are not alone—the nation weeps over gutted wallets and lost greenbacks.

I caved to the emotional extortion after holding out for 14 years; The last time I took the wife on a date was 1994 to see Jack Nicholson's "Wolf."

Before I further expound on the scarcity of celebrating our love, I should probably mention the events which led to this matrimonial mire.

It all started 15 years ago when I tried to date my (now) sister-in-law Rachel. She resisted Gohs' charm, but thought me a match for her younger sister.

She pleaded for me to take her sibling on a date. I refused. She begged. I conceded, with one stipulation: It would cost her a case of Busch Light, for she was soon to turn 21.

A bargain was struck, one thing led to another and I eventually married the younger sister.

Fast forward to last week: The wife didn't push the issue leading up to Valentine's Day, but it was obvious she wanted acknowledgment that our marriage was more than a business that loses more money than it makes—I blame my children, who have yet to land their own Nickelodeon TV series or endorsement deal with Oscar Meyer bologna.

Once again I conceded and narrowed her gift ideas to a fishing pole, a stuffed gorilla and a trip to the movies. I chose the latter—hey, it got me through the first 14 years.

A box of goobers, a medium Diet Coke, 90 minutes of Hayden Christensen teleporting to and from Egypt and the wife was elated; I was sweaty and nervous.

Despite being the only two in the theater, I have an aversion to cavernous spaces and, with the rash of shooting sprees in past years, I am convinced I will someday be the target for a disgruntled mailman or distraught teen whose daddy didn't hug him enough.

I spent the entire movie creating a jail yard shank out of an ink pen and my empty Dots box while considering every hostage scenario imaginable. Steven Segal I'm not, but after six months of Tae Kwon Do, these stubby legs can execute enough awkward side kicks to leave any would-be assailant winded with laughter thusly eliciting our hasty departure.

With the movie finished and my blood pressure out of the danger zone, the wife thanked me and said, "Who are you and what have you done with my husband?"

I politely laughed then asked what she got me, "Seriously, where the hell's my gift?"

Despite being 0-2 for both B-day and V-Day, the wife said she would make it up by planning a trip for her and the kids to Disneyland in August. Of course, she wanted me to go but knew I'd rather gnaw off my big toe than board a plane.

I got a little misty just thinking about a week without the three of them, but protested such extravagance.

She reasoned the children would grow into maladjusted adults if such depravation was allowed to occur.

I felt nauseous, but It wasn't the money or the fact that my kids would be indoctrinated with mass marketing propaganda of an evil corporation; and it wasn't that they would be exposed to a soulless rat with a falsetto, a duck with a speech impediment who refuses to wear pants, a pair of criminally insane chipmunks and a baby elephant so whacked out on crystal meth he thinks he can fly.

OK, it was the money. But, in my defense, I could not justify spending thousands of dollars on something in which I had no interest; in the wife's defense she never once mentioned how I spend that much annually on an ever-growing car collection.

After days of deliberation, and not wanting to invite yet another karmic paddling for my misdeeds, I agreed to the trip. The wife explained that she wasn't asking my permission, but thanked me for the blessing.

Later, with a migraine, palpitations and pondering how this once mighty king got dethroned, I remembered I never even got the beer I was promised.

So Rachel, if you're reading this, I'm considering suing for breach of contract and getting out while I still have my boyish good looks.

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Weekly Poll

Should East Park get a new name?

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Charlevoix City Council is considering upo request to chang the park's name Any suggestions, contact city

Deep thoughts come from deep snow

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I have chapped hands, dry lips, and hair with enough static that I have acquired a few stray birthday balloons. Even my hot flashes aren't keeping me warm this winter. The frigid weather is affecting my husband's hearing as well. I picked up on this when I said I was off to school and he wondered why I thought we should build a loft with a pool. He claims he can't hear as well from snow blowing everyday. This continuous blizzard of snow we've been living in has turned some of us into philosophers, hermits, deep thinkers or worse yet, deaf. Living in this arctic like winter wonderland, I've begun to ponder a bit about coincidences, consciousness, and the meaning of life.

I've thought about how life has a way of putting people in front of you that you've been thinking about or meaning to call. No need to contact someone, just think about a situation involving the person or picture yourself talking to them and 'poof' they show up. Is this a coincidence or thoughtful messaging we didn't know we possessed?

Divine intervention, Karma, or statistical logic- no matter what your belief system, they exist. There is a plan for all of us. We are to meet certain people at specific times in our lives and whether or not you believe in God, we will continually come across situations throughout our lifetime that we won't be able to explain or understand. I feel it's important to have faith in what happens and that things happen for a reason. My left-brained, mathematical friends will be quick to point out that when certain events occur, it is a logical, statistical outcome that has brought the situation together. The odds of certain events occurring at any given point in time are a math problem not coincidence. At some point when remarkable things occur, which is daily, we only seem to notice the ones that get our attention.

Math is not a subject I embraced in school and being the right-brained child I am, I feel our lives have been mapped out by genetics and the grace of God. We are free to choose the direction we take but certain people and events are put in front of us so we may act upon them. Genetically we are already programmed to act and think a certain way. It might be good old great- grandpa that gave you your health problems or difficulties with personal relationships. Knowing that information, you can freely choose to do things differently that may have not been available years ago.

Karma says our actions create the cycle of cause and effect. I believe this to a point but why is it when I am thinking about someone I need to see or talk with, they show up where I am or better yet give me a call? Now I don't think that's coincidence, it's a blessing in disguise. It just saved me some time looking up their number and that's significant in time management with me. Maybe we really can send messages with our minds but we aren't cognizant of it

Elizabeth Kubler – Ross said, "There are no mistakes, no coincidences. All events are blessings given to us to learn from." Now there's a thought worth pondering while you are stuck in a snow bank.

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LETTERS to the editor

BAD ZONING PLAN

Dear Editor:

Coming...Next Door to You...a five-office professional building??!!! Monday night, February 11th, the Charlevoix Planning and Zoning Commission virtually rubber-stamped approval for commercial use of an R-1 residential-zoned property. Despite 15 or more letters of objections from neighbors and nearby property owners, (not one was in favor), the commission approved, with very few changes, special use of an R-1 residential property that allows the owner to build additions to and remodel a home into a five-office building including a hard-surfaced, nine-space parking lot in the front yard. Unbelievably, access to and from the parking lot is on a residential street (NOT off Petoskey Ave.). With such total disregard to surrounding neighbors' opinions and objections, I'm wondering why the commission even bothers to send out notices of special-use requests. I also wonder how many of the planning commission members would have voted for this.....if the building and parking lot were in the house and lot next door to theirs.

Dianne VanGulder
Charlevoix

NO SEX SHOPS IN CHARLEVOIX

Editor,

I would like to comment on "The Crying Towel" printed in your November 28, 2007 edition. After perusing the Internet regarding sex shops and pornography, I found a deluge of information regarding negative aspects.

Mr. Gohs states, "In case after case, sex shops lose to cities who cite fear of the unprovable secondary effects such as increased criminal activity." However, I found that Land Use Studies by the National Law Center for Children & Families show evidence of the correlation of adult businesses and crime. For example, in Phoenix neighborhoods where adult businesses were located, the number of sex offenses was 506 percent greater than in areas without such businesses. The number of property crimes was 43 percent greater and the number of violent crimes, 4 percent greater. Dr. Mary Anne Layden, Director of Education, University of Pennsylvania Health System, pointed out, "I have been treating sexual violence victims and perpetrators for 13 years. I have not treated a single case of sexual violence that did not involve pornography." This information came from just one Web site; there were many more.

There is a four-step progression among many who consume pornography: addiction, escalation, desensitization and acting out sexually (which in many cases goes from paper and computer images of porn into the real world, victimizing the innocent.) No, Mr Gohs, we are not "superstitious" and this is not "anecdotal propaganda."

Mr. Gohs states, "These things are as immoral as standing between your fellow man and the fiscal, physical and psychological pleasures which harm no one." I feel that few things are as immoral as making money off sex shops and pornography, which give physical and psychological pleasures that degrade, dehumanize and ruin innocent lives. As long as morality is taken lightly, our nation will continue its downhill spiral. Will we stand by and watch it die!

Kudos to the Planning Commission for their stance

Pat Bull
Hudsonville, MI

Courtesy photo

The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix is kicking off its annual rose sale fund raiser, which raises over $2,000 each year to help support youth programs in the area. (Pictured from left) Charlevoix Floral owner Lori Mitchell, Kiwanis Club President Ted Dumbauld and club members Suzanne A. Muma and Leah Olson pose with roses. Club members are taking orders for long-stemmed boxed roses from Charleviox Floral until March 1. Cost is $25 a dozen to be delivered by club members March 12 and 13. Orders can be placed with any member or by calling Ted Dumbauld (547-9373), Bob Rajewski (547-5364) or Suzanne Muma (547-2236). All proceeds raised will be used to help support a variety of local youth programs and projects.

Charlevoix to ask for $5.9 Mil BOND

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top computers, printers and a fiber optic cable system; the acquisition of several new buses; energy retrofitting and upgrades on the boiler system, windows and sensors; and various building improvement projects.

"We could save about $110,000 a year by doing energy retrofitting," Janik said. "Most of our buses were purchased in the 1990s and virtually all of our buses have over a 100,000 miles on them."

While Janik noted that voting "yes" on the proposed millage will lower your taxes for the remainder of 2008, it will run for up to six years longer than the current sinking fund was scheduled to last.

Issues to be discussed at the first forum include: declining enrollemnt, reductions in school funding allocated from the state,

The discussions at the second forum will be focused on the bond issue.

The tentative breakdown of projects and their costs are as follows:

- busing — $350,000 to $500,000
- Technology — $1.75 to $2.25 million
- Retrofitting and energy upgrades — $1 million
- Facility upgrades — $2.15 to $3.1 million

"The biggest issue... with a sinking fund is we cannot use those dollars for renovation or technology or purchasing of school buses," Janik said. "With a bond, we can."

He added, "We will likely come back in March with a fine-tuned list."

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Hospital awarded USDA telemedicine grant

Gene DeRossett, USDA rural development director for Michigan, presented a ceremonial $248,627 telemedicine grant check to Charlevoix Area Hospital at on Friday, Feb. 8.

"We are naturally thrilled that our application was approved and that we will be able to connect with our partner locations to provide telemedicine and teleradiology services' a great improvement in efficiency and patient care for our region," said Lyn Jenks, executive director of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. "We are deeply appreciative to the USDA, Dow and Frey Foundations for their support of this important endeavor."

The Charlevoix Area Hospital serves as a central site for digital X-Ray imaging, diagnostic reading of imaging and storage of records on Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS) for Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Boyne Area Medical Center, East Jordan Family Health Center and Bellaire Family Health Center. Charlevoix Area Hospital will also facilitate being the primary site for emergency telemedicine to occur with Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

Funds for the telemedicine project will be used based on both real time and store-and-forward concepts. Video conference equipment will be the technology utilized for synchronous telemedicine. The use of PACS and Digital Imaging (CR) will be the technology for store-and-forward. Both will need to be used for the complete holistic care in the communities being proposed.

"What this means is that we will no longer have to carry films from site to site," Jenks said. "This will assist patient care and hopefully reduce costs such as travel in the health care system. Obviously, all of our partners feel very pleased to get not only the USDA grant, but also grants from the Dow and Frey Foundations."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity, liquidity, and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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Recently, representatives from USDA Rural Development presented a ceramonial grant check for $248,627 to Charlevoix Area Hospital. Present were (pictured from left) Roger Srigley, Representative of Congressman Bart Stupak; Branden Fewins, Representative of Sen. Debbie Stabenaw; Donna Kubic, Director of Beaver Island Rural Health Center; Gene DeRossett, State Director, USDA Rural Development; Bill Jackson, CEO, Charelvoix Area Hospital; Harold Chase, representative of Sen. Carl Levin; Dan Mckinnon, Director of East Jordan Family health Center; Joe Schodde, CFO, Charlevoix Area Hospital; and Kevin Elsenhelmer, State Representative.

Local republican reps

Michigan Republicans met in Lansing Feb. 15 and 16 to elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention to be held in Minneapolis Sept. 1 through 4 to nominate the next President of the US Sen. John McCain of Arizona. At the Friday night 1st District meeting Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer of Belaire and John Haggard of Charlevoix were elected two of the six that are pledged to vote for Sen. McCain. This will be Haggard's fifth convention and Elsenheimer's first.

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Project Connects with success

Last week 24 area human service agencies and a number of business and service professionals gathered at the Emmet County Fairgrounds for the first ever Project Connect event, offering assistance to the area homeless. Individuals visited to get haircuts, receive donated clothing, get clothing repairs, get information and get "connected" with any service they may need. Event organizer Lorraine Manary, coordinator for the Char-Em Collaborative Council/Human Service Coordinating Body, said the event was busy throughout the day.

Photo by Erica Goff

Billie Jo Williams (left) and Shannon Smith from the Char-Em ISD volunteer at Project Connect, offering information about ISD, Head Start, Child Development Screenings and other information, also signing children up for pre-school. Smith said individuals she talked to wera "relieved" at finding services they needed, all under ona roof.

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Ginger Downey, a registered nurse with Community Free Clinic, offers information about the clinic's services. Her booth offered eligibility tests and health screenings free throughout the day.

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Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students took third place at the state competion last weekend with their piece, "The Spoon River Anthology." Pictured are (from left) Mac Ernst, Jennie Withers, Joel Curiel, Autum Atkins and Brian Whitley.

Performing Arts take 3rd at state

Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students earned a third place ranking with their performance piece "The Spoon River Anthology" at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association's state competition held Feb. 15 and 16.

The Rayder actors and actresses garnered numerous accolades to win their #1 rating at the regional competition held in Bay City Feb. 9, granting them the right to head to state.

The awards bestowed at the regional tournament include:

- Excellent acting performance — Jennie Withers, Jonathan Boyko, Mac Ernst and Logal Nuthall
- Multiple roles — Benjamin Pantier, Harry Wilmans, Fletcher McGee
- Technical — Alyssa Milazzo, Avery Jason, April Whitley

Students participated in the Class C-D level and recieved four individual awards for acting. Students were directed by Steve Kantola, who complimented the students on their ability to adjust.

"We had a few kids have to drop out right before performance because of illness. We recast and still did this good," he said.

Residents interested in viewing the show will have a chance when the group brings The Spoon River Anthology to the Charlevoix High School auditorium Feb. 23 and 24. A 7 p.m. show will be held Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for students and seniors. Phone Charlevoix High School at 547-3222 for more information.

Not mentioned in last week's story were regional Ensemble costume awards: Alyssa Millazzo, Katie Young and Avery Jason.

OBITUARY

FRANCIS G. "FRANK" LAGERMAN

Frank Lagerman, age 74, of Pensacola, FL, passed away Friday, February 8, 2008.

He was a U.S. Air Force retiree, with 22 years of service to his country. He retired from the State of Florida Job Service and was currently employed with Target. Frank was also a member of the Moose Lodge.

Lagerman has gone on to join his mother, father and three sisters. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Jacquelin; his sister, Ann Holfeld; his brother, Clifford; children and spouses, Diane and Jim, Bert, Brian, Bruce and Kim, Joy and Terry, Brenda and Weasel, Eddie and Amy, and Jenny and Ricky; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

Visitation for Mr. Lagerman was held Monday, February 11, 2008, at Lewis Funeral Home Peace Chapel.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jacquelin Lagerman, for Frank Lagerman.

Frank was a very loving, caring man and will be remembered for his generosity. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Winter weather chills blood collections

Bitter cold, snow and poor road conditions have forced the cancellation of 15 blood drives through the American Red Cross since the end of January.

The combined shutdown means the loss of 724 blood donations for the care of Michigan hospital patients—or slightly more than what the Red Cross collects on a typical day through the 65-county Great Lakes Region Volunteer donations have also been slow at other drives statewide, causing donations for the month of February to fall more than 15 percent.

"We rely greatly on schools, businesses, churches and community groups to host blood drives," said Sharon Jaksa, CEO of the American Red Cross Great Lakes Region. "When snow, sleet and ice cause these facilities to shut down, it takes away a valuable opportunity to collect blood."

The loss of donations can tip the delicate balance of the blood supply during the winter season, a time when donations typically decline. Patients in 127 Michigan hospitals depend on steady and consistent blood donations to ensure a safe and adequate supply for ongoing and emergency medical needs.

"It only takes about an hour to donate blood," said Jaksa "And your single blood donation can help save up to three lives. Please make it a point to give the 'Gift of Life' when you can."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive near you, call 1-800 GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org.

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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* County commissioner questions jail menu costs

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Pudding, pie, sausage, pepperoni and ham: Are inmates at the Charlevoix County Jail eating too well?

At around $1 per meal per inmate, with the average breakfast consisting of cereal, boiled eggs and dry toast; lunch consisting of grilled cheese and soup, jail officials say they don't have people lining up for dinner reservations, but one commissioner finds the fare extravagant.

"I'm shocked at the type of food and the amount of money the taxpayers of Charlevoix County are spending on feeding the prisoners," said District 4 Charlevoix County Commissioner Joel Evans. "I was elected by the people to serve the people and one of my duties is to see that the taxpayers' money is spent wisely and only as needed."

The jail served nearly 73,000 meals in 2007 for just over $90,000 at an average of $3.69 a day per inmate and, according to Charlevoix jail food service division worker Mike Davis, the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) requires a registered dietitian to approve the jail's menu.

"At our last review there was no indication of overfeeding or too diverse a menu," Davis said. "It's not the Ritz; no one is giving up their freedom to come eat a toasted cheese sandwich."

In addition to requiring a certain number of fruits, vegetables, starches and proteins for each meal, the recommended daily calorie count is 2,600 per inmate.

"At one point the MDOC had a large scope with very specific requirements," said acting jail administrator Derek Gaylord. "Now they have more basic requirements and they review or inspect our menu once every 12-month period."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Foodservice division worker Mike Davis of the Charlevoix County Sheriff Office prepares dozens of lunches for the inmates of the Charlevoix County Jail. The amount of money spent on food at the jail has come under scrutiny by Charlevoix County Commissioner Joel Evans, District Four.

He added, "They also have a maximum number of hours (14) that you can have between meals."

Evans said he does not intend to criticize the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office or any employee, but he is nonetheless concerned about the amount of money spent on food.

"The task is to fight crime. I believe that jail should be a place that nobody ever wants to return to, that prisoners should never live better in jail than they do on the outside," he said. "It is unfortunate they do live better in jail, often with all medical paid. I do not believe that throwing money at a problem automatically solves it."

Davis said he is very careful to adjust his purchases with the rate of inflation and food cost fluctuations and is not merely "throwing money" at the problem.

"We look at our bills all the time," he said. "We are very careful with the taxpayer's money."

Cost cutting measures include: Using inmate labor to wash dishes and help prepare meals; the jail belongs to a group purchasing program which saves money by buying in bulk with other organizations; and surplus fresh produce is routinely donated from local farm markets during summer months.

The jail once saved money by maintaining its own garden, but was forced to close by the State of Michigan because the produce had not been officially inspected.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said his office has standards by which it must adhere.

"It is very important that we keep the jail certified by the state of Michigan so they don't close it down," he said. "The menu is one thing they look at very seriously. We go by their standards which we have to by law."

He added, "By giving them decent meals, it helps us maintain a safe jail for inmates and also corrections officers."

Meal offerings must meet the standards of any physician required diet, religious tenet and the jail must maintain copies of the menus for a minimum of three years.

While the MDOC allows two meals to be served on weekends and holidays, Lasater has no intention of changing his three-meal-a-day policy.

Evans, who believes the inmates should be fed twice a day: Oatmeal and water in the morning, basic stew in the evening, said he believes in "humane treatment to a certain extent."

"And, I don't think they should have coffee," Evans said. "It's a frill and jail should be a place with absolutely no frills."

The lunch served on Thursday, Feb. 14 consisted of a toasted cheese sandwich, apple, granola bar and a cup of thick soup made of egg noodles, chicken gravy and canned carrots.

Gaylord was very clear that the jail does not condone, and it is illegal, to use meals as leverage—the only exception being "the loaf" a MDOC sanctioned practice where the meal in question is pureed and baked into a loaf for prisoners who are unruly at mealtime.

"We do not use food as a punishment. The loss of freedom is the punishment for the inmate," he said. "We do not have arbitrary punishment for inmates."

However, Evans said criminals have violated people's rights and they should be treated accordingly.

"I think jail should be an uncomfortable place, but not unsafe," he said. "That doesn't mean inmates should be treated cruelly or inhumanely."

He added, "The largest percent of criminals are really cowardly, stupid and vicious. I think they are treated too kindly in jails."

Lasater said most prisoners say they do not want to come back because he runs such a strict jail.

Mealtimes are 7:30 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Inmates are given an opportunity to eat their meal and any uneaten food must be turned back in to the kitchen.

"We respect his (Evans') opinion. Joel is a good commissioner, I think he's supportive with the sheriff office and one of his obligations as a commissioner is to look at the purse strings," Lasater said.

He added there is currently no intent to demure from the jail's current menu.

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Neighbors angered by special use permit

Planning cmnission OK's SUP request for 206 Petoskey Ave.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> CPA Sam Supernaw will remodel home to include nine parking spaces, five offices, and two entrances
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> Commissioners approved with seven conditions, hoping to address neighbors' concerns

Despite opposition from a number of neighbors – presented in written and verbal form – Charlevoix Planning Commission members granted local certified public accountant Sam Supernaw a Special Use Permit to transform a home on Petoskey Avenue into a CPA office.

Neighbors of the home, located at 206 Petoskey Avenue, cited safety, property value and parking issues as major contributing factors to their angst about the project, which would involve additions to the house and creation of a parking lot. While valid concerns commissioners noted empathy for, the group unanimously decided they were not valid enough to deny Supernaw's request.

"This project meets the requirements we have (for a Special Use Permit in a Residential 1 zone). If we deny someone's property rights we would lose a lawsuit. We've seen that before," said Commissioner Frances Flanders.

Following a public hearing and nearly two hours of discussion, Commissioner June Cross made a motion to approve the SUP request, with seven conditions that addressed the concerns opposers noted during the meeting. Cross' motion, unanimously accepted by the board, granted the permit under the restrictions that Supernaw:

- Remove three parking spots from the original plan, which included 12
- Establish a new vegetative hedge along the south side of the property (adding to the existing hedge of Cedar trees along part of the property line to extend the hedge across the entire lot)
- Follow procedures of Development Plan approval
- Make a sign restricting through traffic in the alley along the property (this will not be enforceable by law but is meant to deter traffic through the alley)
- Not light the parking lot
- Use downward lighting techniques on and around the structure
- and extend the buffer zone between the south hedge and the parking lot from 10 feet to 15 feet.

Supernaw has operated a CPA office in town, 808 Bridge Street, for eight years, and decided to expand the home into an office area to accommodate a business expansion. He said it was the most cost effective option for him — "I couldn't purchase another building and this office space for this cost," he told the Planning Commission — and he had not expected such opposition from neighbors. His original proposed plan, presented last week by Jodi Alger-Lyons of Home Planning & Design, Ltd, included remodeling work and three additions to the home. The 20,626 square-foot lot has an existing residential home and small garage, and Supernaw proposed a parking lot with nine parking spaces accessed from Nettleton Street and three spots adjacent to the nearby alley. Remodeling of the home would create five new offices, two covered entries, a break room, reception area and bathroom.

City Planner Mike Spencer received twelve letters of opposition from neighbors citing environmental concerns, safety concerns, and distaste for the project in general. Louis Warner, whose home at 211 Nettleton Street adjoins the residence in question along its south property line, is concerned about decreasing property values, increased traffic flow, water run off from the parking lot, snow removal, and landscape property.

"In the summer time we have many family gatherings and picnics in my backyard (and) it would make it very uncomfortable with the traffic and people in and out with no landscape fence," he stated in a letter to Spencer.

Commission members and Supernaw said they understood his concern, thereby developing the requirement for Supernaw to enhance the existing hedge of cedar trees and expand it across the full property line.

Vicki Seger spoke in opposition of the project, naming safety of her children as her main concern. The Seger family lives at 210 Lewis Street, near the alley frequently questioned in terms of the project.

"I have a five, six and nine year old. They play in our yard and they are not used to traffic going through that alley," she said.

She is also concerned about "the character of the neighborhood," because she and her husband "chose that location because of the quaint community there."

Other comments and letters expressed similar issues — "The house itself might not be changed much but with a parking lot there it does cause an aesthetic change," Diana Hilligan said; "We feel the spirit of a zoning ordinance is to separate incompatible land uses for the benefit of all citizens," stated Margaret and Jack Kronbert; "It (the project) will not be harmonious with the existing homes in the area," stated Ross and Miriam Winters; "This permit would make a mockery of the word residential," stated Barry Hilligan.

Supernaw told the audience and commissioners he is "more than willing to make whatever adjustments are necessary to move this project forward," emphasizing his interest in addressing his neighbors' concerns. Commissioners noted his statements.

"I know you will make this a benefit to our community. You are a good neighbor and I don't see a problem," Commissioner D.J. Way told Supernaw.

Commissioners agreed items Supernaw should address are the privacy hedge to accommodate a buffer between the business and Warner's property, limited use of the alley, a smaller parking lot that will be as environmentally and aesthetically pleasing as possible, and lack of lighting in the area. Supernaw also assured his business would only be in operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and would not be overly busy outside of tax season.

Commissioner Shane Cole said he owned a business near Supernaw for years (on Bridge Street) and never noticed an inordinate amount of traffic. Given the travel along US 31 as it is, commissioners agreed with Supernaw that traffic flow would not be affected noticeably. They also cited a report from Police Chief Gerard Doan regarding traffic history in that area, and only 6 crashes have occurred on Petoskey Avenue near Nettleton Street in the past 10 years. One involved a deer. Doan thus concluded it is not a dangerous traffic area.

The planning commission's approval of the SUP will now go to the city commission for final approval.

Slopestyle riding event

The Big Grin, an event organized through snowboarder John Curtis' Go Film Local, is coming to Mt. McSauba Feb. 24. Presented by gofilmlocal.com, Revolution MFG and Bandits International, this slopestyle event and trick riding competition begins at 1:15 p.m. with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entry fee is $10 with a sponsorship with Revolution Mfg up for grabs. Music will be provided by Charlie's Root Fusion. For more information call John Curis (435-655-5961) or Laura Stehe (231-675-4505) or visit gofilmlocal.com.

Dog License Reminder

Price of the Dog Licenses Doubles as of March 1st.

Prices will be as follows:
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Zoning Ordinance Amended- Notice of Adoption

Ordinance Number 021108 of 2008

An Ordinance to amend the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance, so that the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, as amended and to update the provisions related to Special Land Use and Planned Unit Developments; Zoning Board of Appeals; Administration and Enforcement; and Adoption and Amendments. The Township of Hayes Ordains:

Section 1. Amendment of IntroductoryStatement

Introductory Statement of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

PREAMBLE

An Ordinance to establish zoning districts in the unincorporated portion of Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and to provide for the regulation, government, and administration thereof, in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006 as amended.

Section 2. Amendment of Article I

Article I of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The Township of Hayes ordains:

Article I: Purpose and Authority

Section 1.01 - Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance", and will be referred to herein as "This Ordinance".

Section 1.02 - Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

A. Promote the public health, safety and general welfare:

B. Encourage the use of lands in accordance with their character and adaptability and to limit the improper use of land;

C. Avoid the overcrowding of population.

D. Provide adequate light and air;

E. Lessen congestion on the public roads and streets.

F. Reduce hazards to life and property;

G. Facilitate adequate provisions for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, education, recreation and other public requirements and to conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services to conform with the most advantageous uses of land, resources and properties:

H. Consider the character of each district, its suitability for particular uses, the existing property values and natural resources, and the general and appropriate trend and character of land, building and population development

Section 1.03 - Authority

This Ordinance is ordained and enacted into law pursuant to the provisions and in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended

Section 1.04 - Validity

This Ordinance and various parts, sections, subsections, sentences phrases and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, subsection, phrase or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. The Township Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part, section, subsection, phrase, sentence and clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, phrases, sentences or clauses be declared invalid

Section 3. Amendment of Article VI

Article VI of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Article VI: Special Use Permit and Planned Unit Development

Section 6.01 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Article to specify the procedure and requirements for the review of special land uses, as specified in this Ordinance. Uses classified as special land uses are recognized as possessing unique characteristics (relative to location, design, size, public infrastructure needs, and other similar characteristics), which require individual review and approval standards in order to safeguard the general health, safety, and welfare of the Township

Section 6.02 Uses Subject to Special Use Permit

Uses requiring special use permit shall be subject to the general provisions and supplemental site development standards of this Ordinance, the provisions of the Zoning District where located in addition to applicable provisions of this Article to prevent conflict with or impairment of the other uses or uses permitted by right of the district. Each use shall be considered an individual case

A. Application

Application shall be submitted through the office of the Zoning Administrator, to the Planning Commission, on a special form provided for that purpose, and shall include the following:

1. Site plan prepared under the requirements of Section 5.11 Site Plan Review Regulations
2. Name and address of applicant and owner of the premises
3. Anticipated description of proposed use, including parking facilities, if required, and any exceptional traffic situations
4. A statement by applicant appraising the effect on the neighborhood
5. The application shall be accompanied by the fee established by the Township Board of Trustees
6. A detailed written statement, with supporting evidence demonstrating how the proposed special land use will comply with the applicable general provisions, supplemental site development standards and the standards for special use permit of this Ordinance

B. Zoning Administrator's Review

1. The Zoning Administrator shall review the application and information submitted under Section 6.02 A above to determine if all required information was supplied. If the Zoning Administrator determines that all required information was not supplied he or she shall send written notification to the Applicant of the deficiencies. The application for the special use permit cannot proceed until all required information has been supplied
2. Once all required information is submitted, the Zoning Administrator shall forward the application to the Planning Commission for its review under the procedures of this Article

C. Notice Requirements for Planning Commission Public Hearings

The notices for all public hearings before the Planning Commission concerning requests for special use permits and planned unit developments shall comply with all of the following:

1. The content of the notice shall include all of the following information:

a. A description of the nature of the proposed special use or planned unit development request

b. A description of the property on which the proposed special use or planned unit development will be located. The notice shall include a listing of all existing street addresses within the property. Street addresses, however, do not need to be created and listed if no such addresses currently exist within the property. If there are no street addresses, other means of identification may be used, such as using tax parcel identification numbers or including a map showing the location of the property

c. The time, date, and place the proposed special use or planned unit development request will be considered

d. The address where written comments will be received concerning the proposed special use or planned unit development request and the deadline by which such comments must be received

2. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing

3. The notice shall be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to the owners of the property on which the proposed special use or planned unit development will be located not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing

4. The notice shall also be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property on which the proposed special use or planned unit development will be located and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property on which the proposed special use or planned unit development will be located not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the Township. If the name of the occupant is not known the term "occupant" may be used in making notification under this subsection

5. After providing the notice required under this section and without further notice except that as required under the Open Meetings Act, the Planning Commission may adjourn from time to time a duly called public hearing by passing a motion specifying the time, date, and place of the continued public hearing

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D. Standards for granting Special Use Permit

The Planning Commission shall approve, or approve with conditions an application for a special land use permit only upon finding that the proposed special land use complies with the following standards:

1. Allowed Special Land Use

The property subject to the application is located in a Zoning District in which the proposed special land use is allowed.

2. Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses

a. The proposed use subject to a special use permit shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as not to diminish the opportunity for surrounding properties to be used and developed as zoned.

b. The proposed special land use will not involve uses, activities, processes, materials, or equipment that will create a substantially negative impact on other conforming properties in the area by reason of traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, glare, odors, or the accumulation of scrap material that can be seen from any public road or seen from any adjacent land owned by another person

c. If deemed necessary by the Planning Commission, the hours of operation that the special use is allowed to operate, be open or otherwise occur, shall be imposed as a condition of approval to ensure compatibility with the surrounding land uses.

3. Public Services

a. The proposed special land use will not place demands on fire, police, or other public resources in excess of current capacity

b. The proposed special land uses will be adequately served by public or private streets, water and sewer facilities, and refuse collection and disposal services.

4. Economic Well-Being of the Community

The proposed special land use shall not be detrimental to the economic well-being of the surrounding residents, businesses, landowners, and the community as a whole.

5. Compatibility with Natural Environment

The proposed special land use will not involve uses, activities, processes materials, or equipment that will create a substantially negative impact on the natural resources of the Township or the natural environment as a whole.

6. Compliance with Specific Standards

The proposed special land use complies with all applicable specific standards required under this Ordinance.

E. Conditional Approvals

The Planning Commission may impose reasonable conditions with the approval of a special use permit, pursuant to Section 8.03 of this Ordinance.

F. Performance Guarantee Required

The Planning Commission may require an applicant to provide a performance guarantee in connection with the approval of a special use permit, pursuant to Section 8.06 of this Ordinance.

G. Amendment of Approved Special Use Permits

Amendment of an approved special use permit shall be permitted only under the following circumstances:

1. The owner of property for which a special use permit has been approved shall notify the Zoning Administrator of any desired change to the approved special use. Minor changes may be approved by the Zoning Administrator upon determining that the proposed revision(s) will not alter the basic design and character of the special land use, nor any specified conditions imposed as part of the original approval. Minor changes shall include the following:

a. Reduction of the size of any building and/or sign.

b. Movement of building and/or signs by no more the ten (10) feet.

c. Landscaping approved in the special use that is replaced by similar landscaping to an equal or greater extent.

d. Changes in floor plans that do not exceed five (5%) percent of the total floor area and which do not alter the character of the use or increase the amount of required parking

e. Internal re-arrangement of parking lots which does not affect the number of parking spaces or alter access locations or design.

f. Changes related to item a. through e. above, required or requested by Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, or other state or federal regulatory agencies in order to conform with other laws or regulations; provided the extent of such changes does not alter the basic design and character of the special land use, nor any specified conditions imposed as part of the original approval.

g. All amendments to a special land use approved by the Zoning Administrator shall be in writing. After approval by the Zoning Administrator, the applicant shall prepare a revised site plan showing the approved amendment. The revised site plan shall contain a list of all approved amendments and a place for the Zoning Administrator to sign and date all approved amendments.

2. An amendment to an approved special use permit that cannot be processed by the Zoning Administrator under subsection G.1 above shall be processed in the same manner as the original special land use application.

H. Expiration of Special Use Permit

1. An approved special use permit shall expire one (1) year following approval by the Planning Commission, unless substantial construction has begun pursuant to the permit prior to the expiration, or the property owner applies to the Planning Commission for an extension prior to the expiration of the special use permit. The Planning Commission shall grant the requested extension for an additional one year, if it finds good cause for the extension and that the zoning regulations governing the special use permit approval have not changed since the approval.

2. If the special use permit expires pursuant to subsection H.1 above, no work pursuant to the special use permit may be undertaken until a new special use permit is obtained from the Planning Commission following the procedures for a new special use permit

I. Reapplication

No application for a special use permit which has been denied, wholly or in part, by the Planning Commission shall be re-submitted for a period of one (1) year from the date of such denial, unless a rehearing is granted pursuant to this Ordinance

J. Jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have no jurisdiction over decisions of the Planning Commission in regard to matters concerning the granting of special use permits.

K. Inspection

The Zoning Administrator shall have the right to inspect any special use permit use, to ensure continued compliance with the conditions of the special use permit.

Section 6.03 Planned Unit Development (PUD)

A. Intent and Purpose

As used in this section, "planned unit development" (or PUD) means cluster zoning, planned development, community unit plan, planned residential development, and other planned development. The purposes of a PUD are:

1. To accomplish the objectives of the Zoning Ordinance through a land development project review process based on the application of site planning criteria to achieve integration of the proposed land development project with the characteristics of the project area.

2. To permit flexibility in the regulation of land development.

3. To encourage innovation in land use in variety and design, layout, and type of structures constructed.

4. To achieve economy and efficiency in the use of land, natural resources, energy, and the provision of public services and utilities.

5. To encourage usable open space and provide better housing, employment, and shopping opportunities particularly suited to the needs of the residents of the Township.

6. To encourage the clustering of development to result in the preservation of larger areas of open space

B. Use and Area Regulations

1. Planned Unit Development Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for a planned unit development, a parcel shall meet all of the following:

a. The parcel shall be ten (10) contiguous acres or more in area. Provided, however, if the proposed PUD will contain a mixture of residential and non-residential uses, the parcel shall be twenty (20) acres or more in area. For purposes of this subsection, recreational amenities, such as health clubs and facilities providing swimming pools or tennis courts, and commercial activities customarily incidental to a residential use shall not be considered non-residential uses.

b. The parcel on which the proposed PUD will be located shall be served by public water and sanitary sewer facilities, if available.

c. The parcel on which the proposed PUD will be located shall be under single ownership, or the PUD application shall be filed jointly by all property owners.

d. The proposed uses within the PUD shall be consistent with the Hayes Township Master Plan for the subject parcel.

2. Permitted Uses. Planned unit developments shall be permitted in any Zoning District according to the following:

a. Farm Forest (CR, A-1, FF) and Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, RR-1) Districts - Except as noted, PUD uses shall be limited to the range of uses provided for within the underlying Zoning District classification. Such uses may be placed either singularly or in combination. Institutional and commercial uses determined by the Planning Commission to be compatible with the character of the PUD and surrounding neighborhood may also be permitted, provided the total area devoted to institutional and commercial uses shall not exceed twenty (20%) percent of the PUD development area (i.e. the gross land areas less the protected open space)

b. Commercial & Business (C-1, C-2, C-3) District - Except as noted, PUD uses may include any of the range of uses provided for within the underlying Zoning District classification. Such uses may be placed either singularly or in combination. Residential uses determined by the Planning Commission to be compatible with the character of the PUD and surrounding neighborhood may also be permitted provided the total area devoted to residential uses shall not exceed forty (40%) percent of the PUD development area (i.e the gross land areas less the protected open space).

c. Industrial (I-1, I-2) District - Except as noted, PUD uses shall be limited to the range of uses provided for within the underlying Zoning District classification. Such uses may be placed either singularly or in combination. Commercial uses determined by the Planning Commission to be compatible with the character of the PUD and surrounding area may also be permitted provided the total area devoted to commercial uses shall not exceed twenty (20%) percent of the PUD development area (i.e. the gross land areas less the protected open space).

In approving a PUD with mixed uses, the Planning Commission may stipulate the sequence in which said uses, or portions thereof, are constructed.

3. Area Regulations. Except to the extent that a PUD or a portion of a PUD is subject to area regulations mandated by a state agency, a PUD shall meet the following area regulations.

a. Perimeter Setbacks. The setback maintained along the perimeter of the PUD shall equal or exceed the required setback of the underlying Zoning District, provided:

1) Any portion of a commercial or industrial use shall maintain a perimeter setback of not less than fifty (50) feet from any adjoining or abutting property which is developed residential or is located in a zoning district that permits residential development

2) With the exception of access drives, parking areas, lighting, sidewalks and curbing, the perimeter setback shall be landscaped.

b. Density and Bonus Units: A PUD project shall be permitted an initial number of units equal to the number of lots possible based on the applicable zoning district and the gross property acreage. For each ten (10) acres of contiguous protected open space within the PUD, excluding state regulated wetlands, other areas characterized with hydric soils and areas with slopes of greater than 25 percent, the PUD project shall be eligible for one (1) additional bonus unit

c. Open Space. A PUD project shall have open space totalling no less than fifty (50%) percent of the entire project area. The PUD project required open space is encouraged to be contiguous, and the open space shall have a minimum width of 100 feet and is subject to approval by the Planning Commission. This required open space shall be dedicated to the public or set aside for the common use of the owners and users within the PUD, and shall remain perpetually in an undeveloped state. Dedicated open space does not include parking lots, roads, and public rights-of-way, but may include flood plain areas and wetlands up to a maximum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the required open space and landscape area devoted to perimeter setbacks.

The required open space shall be protected by the developer in a conservation easement, or other legal means acceptable to the township. Said conveyance placed on the property shall specify that the open space is an integral component in the overall development for the use and enjoyment of the public or the residents within the Planned Unit Development.

Such conveyance shall:

1) Provide for the privately owned open-space to be maintained and the provisions of the conservation easement or deed restriction to be enforced by the private property owners.

2) Provide maintenance standards and a maintenance schedule.

3) Grant the Township the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of the conservation easement or other legal means, if in the Township's opinion such provisions are not adequately enforced by the property owners.

4) Be held by two entities, one being the Hayes Township and the other the landowner's association, land conservancy or other entity found acceptable to the Hayes Township Planning Commission.

d. Height Regulations. The height of all buildings and structures within a PUD project shall not exceed the height limit of the underlying Zoning District.

e. Other Dimensional Regulations. To promote creativity and flexibility in site design, the Planning Commission may, subject to the following limitations, reduce the other dimensional regulations, as required by the underlying Zoning District, including but not limited to minimum lot size, density, and setbacks within the PUD project, upon a finding that the proposed dimensional regulations will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of future occupants of the PUD, the surrounding neighborhood, or the Township as a whole.

Any reductions by the Planning Commission shall be limited as follows:

1) Underlying Zoning District Setback requirements shall not be reduced by more than fifty (50%) percent. Perimeter setbacks as specifically required by the PUD regulations may not be reduced.

2) Required parking shall not be reduced by more than sixty (60%) percent of the parking normally required of the proposed use. In no case shall a single-family home, mobile or modular home, or other such detached-single-family dwelling have less than two (2) on-site (off-street) parking spaces. In reducing the required parking, the Planning Commission may require the reservation of a portion of the PUD site for future parking.

Prior to approving a reduction in dimensional regulations, the Planning Commission may require the applicant to demonstrate through bonafide documentation, including but not limited to traffic impact studies, environmental impact studies, market needs assessments, and infrastructure impact studies, that the reduction will not result in significant impacts to the PUD project and PUD occupants, the surrounding area, and the Township as a whole.

4. Pre-application Conference.

a. A pre-application conference shall be held with the Planning Commission or its representative, unless waived by the applicant, for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the proposed PUD application and to review the procedures and standards for PUD approval. The goals of the pre-application conference are to acquaint the Planning Commission, or its representative, with the applicant's proposed development, assist the applicant in understanding new or additional information which the Planning Commission will need to effectively consider the application, confirm that the application and all supporting documentation is ready for a public hearing, and to acquaint the applicant with the Planning Commission's initial, but unofficial reaction to the application. In no case shall any representations made by the Planning Commission, or its representative, at the pre-application conference be construed as an endorsement or approval of the PUD.

b. A request for a pre-application conference shall be made to the Zoning Administrator who shall schedule a date and time for the pre-application conference. As part of the pre-application conference, the applicant shall submit five (5) copies of a conceptual plan which shows the property location, boundaries, significant natural features, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and land use for the entire site.

5. PUD Application Requirements. An applicant seeking approval of a PUD shall submit a complete application to the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall then forward the application to the Planning Commission for its review under the procedures of this section. The application shall include all of the following:

a. A completed application form, supplied by the Zoning Administrator

b. Payment of a fee as established by resolution of the Township Board.

c. A narrative statement describing:

1) The objectives of the proposed PUD and how they relate to the Intent of the Zoning Ordinance as described in subsection 1), above.

2) The relationship of the proposed PUD to the Hayes Township Master Plan.

3) Phases of development, if any, and the approximate time frame for the start and completion of construction of each phase.

4) Proposed master deed, deed restrictions, covenants or similar legal instruments to be used within the PUD.

5) Anticipated dates for the start and completion of the PUD construction

6) The location, type, and size of areas to be dedicated for common open space.

6. The PUD application shall include all information required by Sections 5.11 and Section 6.02, and the following:

a. Required setbacks of the Zoning Districts.

b. The area (and square footage) percentage of subject property to be covered by buildings.

c. Percentage of the total site devoted to open space and the proposed uses of that open space.

d. Such other information regarding the development area that may be required to determine conformance with this Ordinance.

7. Public Hearing on PUD Request. Notice

See Section 6.02.C

8. Planning Commission Review of PUD. Following the public hearing the Planning Commission shall review the PUD application and shall approve, deny, or approve with conditions the PUD application based on the standards for PUD approval contained in subsection 9. below. The Planning Commission's decision shall be in writing and shall include findings of fact, based on the evidence presented at the public hearing, on each standard.

9. Standards for PUD Approval; Conditions; Waiver of PUD Standards.

a. General Standards. The Planning Commission shall approve, or approve with conditions, a PUD application if the Planning Commission finds that the proposed PUD meets the standards of Section 5.11 and Section 6.02.D and all of the following.

1) The planned unit development shall be consistent with the Hayes Township Master Plan

2) The planned unit development shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in a manner harmonious with the character of adjacent property and the surrounding area. Landscaping shall ensure that proposed uses will be adequately buffered from one another and from surrounding public and private property and will be consistent with outdoor pedestrian movement. Vegetation proposed by the developer or required by the Planning Commission shall be maintained in a healthy living condition and such vegetation if dead shall be replaced

3) The planned unit development shall not change the essential character of the surrounding area, unless such change is consistent with the Township's current master plan

4) The planned unit development shall be designed to preserve public vistas and existing important natural, historical, and architectural features of significance within the development.

5) The planned unit development shall be designed so that its pedestrian, non-motorized and automobile circulation systems are safely and conveniently integrated with those of abutting property and any linear trail or park systems intersecting or abutting such development.

6) The planned unit development shall provide that vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the site shall be safe and convenient and that parking layout will not adversely interfere with the flow of traffic within the site or to and from the adjacent streets. Safe and adequate access for emergency vehicles to or within the development and adequate space for turning around at street ends shall be provided.

7) The planned unit development shall not result in any greater storm water runoff to adjacent property after development, than before. The open space shall be provided with ground cover suitable to control erosion, and vegetation which no longer provides erosion control shall be replaced.

8) The design of the planned unit development shall exhibit a reasonably harmonious relationship between the location of buildings on the site relative to buildings on lands in the surrounding area, and there shall be a reasonable architectural and functional compatibility between all structures on the site and structures within the surrounding area. It is not intended that contrasts in architectural design and use of facade materials is to be discouraged, but care shall be taken so that any such contrasts will not be so out of character with existing building designs and facade materials so as to create an adverse effect on the stability and value of the surrounding area.

9) The planned unit development shall be designed such that phases of development are in a logical sequence, so that any one phase will not depend upon a subsequent phase for adequate access, public utility services, and drainage or erosion control.

10) The planned unit development shall provide for underground installation of all utilities.

b. Conditions. The Planning Commission may impose reasonable conditions with the approval of a final site plan, pursuant to Section 8.03 of this Ordinance.

c. Waiver of PUD Standards. The Planning Commission may waive any of the standards for a PUD contained in subsection 9 above where all of the following findings are documented along with the rationale for the decision:

1) No good public purpose will be achieved by requiring conformance with the standards sought by the applicant to be waived.

2) The spirit and intent of the PUD provisions will still be achieved

3) No nuisance will be created.

10. Planned Unit Development Permit. Following final approval of a PUD application, a permit shall be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. The issuance of this permit, however, shall not relieve the applicant from complying with applicable county, state, and federal permit requirements. The failure of the applicant to obtain any required county, state, or federal permit shall render the PUD permit issued under this subsection void

11. Continuing Adherence to Approved PUD Application. Any property owner who fails to develop and maintain an approved PUD according to the approved PUD application and conditions, if any, shall be deemed in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the penalties provided in this Ordinance.

12. Recording of Action. The applicant shall record an affidavit acceptable to the Township with the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds that contains the full legal description of the project site, specifies the date of final Township approval, specifies the description or identification number which the Township has assigned to the PUD project, and declares that all improvements will be carried out in accordance with the approved PUD application. If the Planning Commission approves an amendment to the PUD, the applicant shall record an amended affidavit acceptable to the Township that contains all of the information described above, describes the amendment, specifies the date the Planning Commission approved the amendment, and declares that the improvements will be carried out in accordance with the approved PUD, as amended. Finally, all deed restrictions and easements shall be duly filed with the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds and copies of recorded documents filed with the Zoning Administrator.

13. Amendment of an Approved Planned Unit Development. Amendments to an approved PUD shall be permitted only under the following circumstances:

a. The owner of property for which a PUD has been approved shall notify the Zoning Administrator of any desired change to the approved PUD. Minor changes may be approved by the Zoning Administrator upon determining that the proposed revision(s) will not alter the basic design and character of the PUD, nor any specified conditions imposed as part of the original approval. Minor changes shall include the following

1) Reduction of the size of any building and/or sign

2) Movement of buildings and/or signs by no more than ten (10) feet.

3) Landscaping approved in the PUD plan that is replaced by similar landscaping to an equal or greater extent

4) Changes in floor plans that do not exceed five (5%) percent of the total floor area and which do not alter the character of the use or increase the amount of required parking.

5) Internal re-arrangement of a parking lot which does not affect the number of parking spaces or alter access locations or design.

6) Changes related to items (a) through (e) above, required or requested by Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, or other state of federal regulatory agencies in order to conform with other laws or regulations; provided the extent of such changes does not alter the basic design and character of the PUD, nor any specified conditions imposed as part of the original approval

b. All amendments to a PUD approved by the Zoning Administrator shall be in writing. After approval by the Zoning Administrator, the applicant shall prepare a revised development plan showing the approved amendment. The revised development plan shall contain a list of all approved amendments and a place for the Zoning Administrator to sign and date all approved amendments

c. An amendment to an approved PUD that cannot be processed by the Zoning Administrator under subsection 1) above shall be processed in the same manner as the original PUD application.

14. Expiration of Approved PUD, Extension.

a. An approved PUD shall expire one (1) year following final approval by the Planning Commission, unless substantial construction has begun on the PUD project prior to that time or the property owner applies to the Planning Commission for an extension prior to the expiration of the PUD. The Planning Commission may grant one (1) extension of an approved PUD for an additional one (1) year period if it finds:

1) The property owner presents reasonable evidence that the development has encountered unforeseen difficulties beyond the control of the property owner; and

2) The PUD requirements and standards that are reasonably related to the development have not changed.

b. If the PUD approval expires pursuant to subsection 1) above, no work pursuant to the PUD plan may be undertaken on the project until a new PUD approval is obtained from the Planning Commission following the procedures for a new PUD application. In addition, if the PUD approval expires, the property shall again be subject to the zoning classification of the property which existed prior to the PUD approval as if no PUD approval had ever been granted

15. Performance Guarantee.

The Planning Commission may require the applicant to obtain and maintain a performance guarantee in connection with the PUD project pursuant to Section 8.06 of this Ordinance

Section 4. Amendment of Article VII

Article VII of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Article VII: Zoning Board of Appeals

Section 7.01 Zoning Board of Appeals Creation and Membership

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall perform its duties and exercise its powers as provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110, of Public Acts of 2006, as amended, and in such a way that the objectives of this Ordinance shall be observed, public safety secured, and justice done. This Board shall consist of five (5) regular members, appointed by the Township Board.

A. The first member shall be a member of the Township Planning Commission for the terms of his/her office.

B. The remaining members must be selected from the electors of the Township residing outside of incorporated cities and villages and shall be representative of the population distribution and of the various interests present in the Township. One (1) member may be a member of the Township Board.

C. An elected officer of the Township shall not serve as chairman. An employee or contractor of the Township Board may not serve as a member or an employee of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

D. The Township Board may appoint not more than two (2) alternate members for the same term as regular members to the Zoning Board of Appeals. An alternate member may be called as specified to serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in the absence of a regular member if the regular member will be unable to attend one (1) or more meetings. An alternate member may also be called to serve as a member for the purpose of reaching a decision on a case in which the member has abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. The alternate member appointed shall serve in the case until a final decision has been made. The alternate member shall have the same voting rights as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 7.02 Meetings

Meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be held at the call of the Chairman and at such other times as such Board may determine or specify in its rules of procedure. All hearings conducted by said ZBA shall be open to the public. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall adopt its own rules of procedure and keep a record of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating said fact; and shall file a record of its proceedings in the office of the Township Clerk, and shall be a public record. The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Zoning Administrator, or to decide in favor of an applicant any matter upon which they are required to pass under this Ordinance or to effect any variation of this Ordinance.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not conduct business unless a majority of the Board of Appeals regular members are present.

Section 7.03 Jurisdiction

A. Except for Planning Commission decisions concerning special use permits and Planned Unit Developments, an appeal concerning the administration of the provisions of this Ordinance may be taken to the Zoning Board of Appeals within the timeframe defined in the general rules and procedures adopted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. If such a timeframe is not specified, appeals shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the decision of the official or body from which the appellant seeks relief

B. The ZBA may hear appeals made by any person who alleges he or she has been aggrieved by a decision of the official or body, except for Zoning Administrator decisions regarding enforcement of this Ordinance.

C. The ZBA may grant variances as provided for in Section 7.07 Variances

D. The ZBA may also interpret the location of Zoning District boundaries and may interpret the provisions of this Ordinance

E. An appeal may be made by any person, firm or corporation, or by any Officer, Department or Board of the Township. The appellant shall file with the Zoning Board of Appeals, on blanks or forms to be furnished by the Zoning Administrator, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds for the appeal

F. The Zoning Administrator shall transmit to the Zoning Board of Appeals all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken. The final decision of such appeal shall be in the form of a resolution either reversing, modifying or affirming, wholly or partly, the decision or determination appealed from. Reasons for the decision must be stated.

G. Any person may appear and testify at the hearing either in person or by duly authorized agent or attorney.

Section 7.04 Exercising Power

In exercising the above powers, the Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from and may make such order, requirement, decision or determination as ought to be made, and to that end shall have all the powers of the official or body from whom the appeal is taken.

Section 7.05 Application requirements

The applicant shall submit seven (7) copies of a completed application, with associated fee, surveys, plans and data as required under Section 5.11: Site Plan Review, or other information deemed reasonably necessary for making any informed decision on his or her appeal, not less than thirty-one (31) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Section 7.06 Notice Requirements for Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The notices for all public hearings before the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning appeals, interpretations, and variances shall comply with all of the following applicable provisions:

A. For an appeal or a request for an interpretation, the notice shall comply with all of the following:

1. The content of the notice shall include all of the following information:

a. A description of the nature of the appeal or interpretation request.

b. If the appeal or interpretation request involves a specific parcel, then the notice shall describe the property involved. The notice shall also include a listing of all existing street addresses within the property. Street addresses, however, do not need to be created and listed if no such addresses currently exist within the property. If there are no such street addresses, other means of identification may be used, such as using tax parcel identification numbers or including a map showing the location of the property

c. The time, date, and place the appeal or interpretation request will be considered.

d. The address where the deadline when written comments will be received concerning the appeal or interpretation request.

2. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

3. The notice shall be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to the person filing the appeal or requesting the interpretation and if the appeal or interpretation request involves a specific parcel, to the owners of the property involved not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

4. If the appeal or interpretation request involves a specific parcel, then the notice shall also be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property involved and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property involved not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing, regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the Township. If the name of the occupant or tenant is not known, the term "occupant" may be used in making notification under this subsection

B. For a variance request, the notice shall comply with all of the following:

1. The content of the notice shall include all of the following information:

a. A description of the nature of the variance request

b. A description of the property on which the requested variance will apply. The notice shall also include a listing of all existing street addresses within the property. Street addresses, however, do not need to be created and listed if no such addresses currently exist within the property. If there are no street addresses, other means of identification may be used, such as using tax parcel identification numbers or including a map showing the location of the property.

c. The time, date, and place the variance request will be considered.

d. The address where and the deadline when written comments will be received concerning the variance request.

2. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

3. The notice shall be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to the owners of the property seeking the variance not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

4. Then notice shall also be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property on which the requested variance will apply and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property to which the requested variance will apply not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing, regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the Township. If the name of the occupant is not known, the term "occupant" may be used in making notification under this subsection.

C. After providing the notice required under this section and without further notice, except that as required under the Open Meetings Act, the Zoning Board of Appeals may adjourn from time to time a duly called public hearing by passing a motion specifying the time, date, and place of the continued public hearing.

Section 7.07 Variances

The ZBA may grant dimensional variances when the applicant demonstrates in the official record of the hearing that the strict enforcement of this Ordinance would result in practical difficulty. To establish practical difficulty, the applicant must establish all of the following:

A. The need for the requested variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property involved that do not apply generally to other properties in the surrounding area and/or zoning district, such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, or topography and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic hardship.

B. The need for the requested variance is not the result of action of the property owner or previous property owners (self-created).

C. That strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

D. Whether granting the requested variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether granting a lesser variance than requested would give a substantial relief to the property owner and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.

E. That the requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or Zoning District.

Section 7.08 Conditions of Approval

The ZBA may impose such conditions or limitations in granting a variance as deemed necessary to protect the character of the area, as provided for in section 8.03 of this Ordinance.

Section 7.09 Expiration of ZBA Approvals

No order of the Zoning Board of Appeals permitting the erection or alteration of a building shall be valid for a period longer than one (1) year, unless a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within such period and substantial construction has occurred

Section 7.10 Reapplication

No application for a variance, interpretation, or appeal which has been decided, in whole or in part, by the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be re-submitted for a period of one (1) year from the date of such decision, unless a rehearing is granted pursuant to section 8.04 of this Ordinance.

Section 7.11 Stay

An appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals and an appeal of a decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals to Circuit Court stays all proceedings of the action appealed from, including the effectiveness of any zoning permit issued, unless the Zoning Administrator certifies to the Zoning Board of Appeals after such appeal has been filed that a stay would cause imminent peril to life or property, in which case the proceedings shall not be stayed, unless ordered stayed by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Circuit Court.

Section 5. Amendment of Article VIII

Article VIII of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Article VIII: Administration and Enforcement of Ordinance

Section 8.01 Zoning Administrator

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by a Township Zoning Administrator, appointed by the Township Board of Trustees for such term and subject to such conditions and at such rate of compensation as said Board shall determine as reasonable.

The Zoning Administrator shall have the power to grant Zoning Permits and to make inspections of buildings or premises necessary to carry out the duties in the enforcement of this Ordinance. It shall be unlawful for the Zoning Administrator to approve any plans or issue any Permits for the excavation or construction until such plans have been inspected in detail and found to conform to this Ordinance.

The Zoning Administrator shall under no circumstances be permitted to make changes to this Ordinance or to vary the terms of this Ordinance in carrying out the duties of Zoning Administrator.

The Zoning Administrator shall not refuse to issue a Permit when conditions imposed by this Ordinance are complied with by the applicant despite violations of contracts, such as covenants or private agreements that may occur upon the granting of said Permit.

Section 8.02 Zoning Permit

A. No building or structure subject to the provisions of this Ordinance shall hereafter be erected, structurally altered, reconstructed, used, or moved, nor shall any associated excavation or filling of land commence until a Zoning Permit application has been filed with the Township Zoning Administrator and a Zoning Permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator, except as otherwise permitted for in this Ordinance. No Zoning Permit shall be required for any lawful use of any building or structure in existence as of the adoption date of this Ordinance. No Zoning permit shall be required for an accessory structure without a permanent foundation and which is less than two hundred (200) square feet in size. All structures shall comply with applicable district setback requirements regardless of whether a zoning permit is required.

B. The application shall be signed by the owner of the premises or his agent and shall certify that all provisions of this Ordinance and other applicable laws and requirements are to be complied with. Any application requiring approval from the Planning Commission must be submitted not less than thirty-one (31) days prior to a scheduled meeting for consideration at that Planning Commission meeting. The application shall be accompanied by:

1. A site plan, if required, or a sketch in duplicate, in a scale sufficient to clearly detail as determined by the Zoning Administrator, the location and dimensions of the premises including the boundary lines of all parcels of land under separate ownership contained therein; the size, dimensions, location on the premises, and height of all buildings, structures or other impervious surfaces in existence, to be erected and/or altered; the width and alignment of all abutting streets, highways, alleys, utility locations, easements and public open spaces; the front yard dimensions of the nearest building on both sides of the proposed building or structure; the location and dimensions of sewage disposal facilities both on adjoining land or lots and those to be erected on the lot under consideration; and the location of all wells on adjoining lands or lots and those to be erected on the lot under consideration.

2. Properties under two (2) acres in size may be required to submit a legal survey, sealed by a professional surveyor (not a mortgage survey). The Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to require such a survey in the cases where there may be encroachment on the setbacks by the proposed structures or when the exact locations of lot lines are not known.

3. Copies of permits or waivers of permits by other agencies as may be required by statute and/or by the Zoning Administrator of this Ordinance.

4. Such other information as may be required to determine compliance with the Ordinance.

C. A Zoning Permit may not be issued until all other necessary permits required by statute have been obtained or waived with exception of those permits issued by the Charlevoix County Building Department.

D. The location of the property boundaries and all structures shall be staked on the ground for Zoning Administrator approval prior to the issuance of the Zoning Permit.

E. Any Zoning Permit under which substantial construction has not started or if no substantial construction has been done in the furtherance of the zoning permit, the zoning permit shall expire after twelve (12) months from date of issuance.

F. The Zoning Administrator shall have the power to revoke or cancel any Zoning Permit in case of failure or neglect to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance, all other necessary permits have not been obtained or in the case of a false statement or misrepresentation made in the application. The owner shall be notified of such revocation in writing.

G. No Zoning Permit shall be valid until the required fees have been paid. Except for an accessory building or structure less than two hundred (200) square feet in size (which does not require a zoning permit pursuant to Section 8.02.A of this Ordinance), no separate fee shall be required for accessory buildings or structures when part of the application for the principal building or structure. Applications and petitions filed pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be accompanied by the filing fees as specified by the Township Board of Trustees.

Section 8.03 Conditions

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals may attach reasonable conditions on discretionary zoning decisions under their jurisdiction. These conditions may include those necessary to insure that public services and facilities affected by a proposed land use or activity will be capable of accommodating increased service and facility loads caused by the land use or activity, to protect the natural environment and conserve natural resources and energy, to insure compatibility with adjacent uses of land, and to promote the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner. Any conditions imposed, however, shall meet all of the following requirements:

A. Be designed to protect natural resources, the health, safety, welfare, as well as the social and economic well being of those who will use the land under consideration, residents and landowners immediately adjacent to the proposed land use, and the community as a whole

B. Be related to the valid exercise of the police power, and purposes which are affected by the proposed use or activity

C. Be necessary to meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, be related to the standards established in the Ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration, and be necessary to insure compliance with those standards

Section 8.04 Rehearing Process

A. Final Decisions: Except as provided in this section, a decision of the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals shall be final. The Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a rehearing under exceptional circumstances for any decision made by it. Exceptional circumstances shall mean any of the following:

1. The applicant who brought the matter before the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals made misrepresentations concerning a material issue, which was relied upon by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals in reaching its decision.

2. There has been a material change in circumstances regarding the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals' findings of fact, which occurred after the public hearing.

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3. The Township Attorney, by written opinion, states that in the Attorney's professional opinion the decision made by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals or the procedure used in the matter was clearly erroneous.

B. Rehearing Procedure: A rehearing may be requested by the applicant or by the Zoning Administrator, or a rehearing may be granted by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals on its own motion.

1. A request for a rehearing which is made by an applicant must be made within twenty-one (21) days from the date of approval of the Planning Commission's or Zoning Board of Appeals' minutes regarding the decision for which the rehearing is being requested.
2. A request for a rehearing made by the Zoning Administrator or a rehearing granted by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals on its own motion may be granted at any time as long as the applicant has not been prejudiced by any delay.
3. Whenever the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals considers granting a rehearing, it shall provide written notice to the applicant that a rehearing will be considered. The notice may be served upon the applicant by first class mail at the applicants' last known address, or may be served personally on the applicant. The notice must be served at least nine (9) days before the time set for the hearing if served by mail, or at least seven (7) days before the time set for the hearing if served by personal service. Service by mail shall be complete upon mailing. In addition to serving the above notice on the applicant, all other notice requirements for the type of decision being heard shall be completed before the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals holds a meeting at which it considers whether to grant a rehearing.
4. If the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals grants a rehearing, then the rehearing shall not be held until all applicable notice requirements have been satisfied.

Section 8.05 Fees

A. To assist in defraying the costs of investigating, reviewing and administering zoning applications, appeals, rezoning requests from individual property owners, and other types of decisions which result in extra costs to the Township, the Township Board may from time to time adopt by resolution a fee schedule establishing basic zoning fees, such as those fees related to the following:

1. Zoning permits.
2. Special land use permits.
3. Ordinance interpretations by the Zoning Board of Appeals, appeals of administrative interpretation or request for interpretation. Appeals and requests for interpretation initiated by the Township Board, the Planning Commission, or the Zoning Administrator shall not be subject to a zoning fee.
4. Classification of unlisted property uses.
5. Requests to change a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use.
6. Requests for variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
7. Requests for rezoning of property by individual property owners or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance text. Rezoning of property or text amendments initiated by the Township Board, the Planning Commission, or the Zoning Administrator shall not be subject to a zoning fee.
8. Site plan reviews.
9. Requests for a planned unit development (PUD)
10. Any other discretionary decisions by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals.

The amount of these zoning fees shall cover the costs associated with the review of the application or appeal, including but not limited to the costs associated with conducting public hearings, publishing notices in the newspaper, sending required notices to property owners, postage, photocopying, mileage, time spent by zoning staff, and time spent by the members of the Planning Commission and/or Zoning Board of Appeals. The basic zoning fees shall be paid before any application required under this Ordinance is processed. The basic zoning fees are non-refundable, even when an application or appeal is withdrawn by the applicant.

B. If the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals determines that the basic zoning fees will not cover the actual costs of the application review or appeal, or if the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals determines that review of the application and/or participation in the review process or appeal by qualified professional planners, engineers, attorneys, or other professionals is necessary or advisable, then the applicant shall deposit with the Township Treasurer such additional zoning fees in an amount determined by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals equal to the estimated additional costs. The additional zoning fees shall be held in escrow in the applicant's name and shall be used solely to pay these additional costs. If the amount held in escrow becomes less than ten (10%) percent of the initial escrow deposit or less than ten (10%) percent of the latest additional escrow deposit and review of the application or decision on the appeal is not completed, then the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals may require the applicant to deposit additional fees into escrow in an amount determined by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals to be equal to the estimated costs to complete the review or decide the appeal. Failure of the applicant to make any escrow deposit required under this Ordinance shall be deemed to make the application incomplete or the appeal procedurally defective thereby justifying the denial of the application or the dismissal of the appeal. Any unexpended funds held in escrow shall be returned to the applicant following final action on the application or the final decision on the appeal. Any actual costs incurred by the Township in excess of the amount held in escrow shall be billed to the applicant and shall be paid by the applicant prior to the issuance of any permit or the release of a final decision on an appeal.

Section 8.06 Performance Guarantee

In connection with the construction of improvements through site plan approval, special land use approval, or a PUD project, the Planning Commission may require the applicant to furnish the Township with a performance guarantee in the form of a cash deposit, certified check, irrevocable bank letter of credit, or surety bond acceptable to the Township in an amount equal to the estimated costs associated with the construction of public and site improvements. Public improvements mean by way of example and not limitation roads, parking lots, and water and sewer systems which are located within the development or which the applicant has agreed to construct even though located outside the development. Site improvements mean landscaping, buffering, and the completion of conditions imposed by the Planning Commission which are located within the development. For purposes of this section, the costs covered by the performance guarantee shall include all of the following: (1) the purchase, construction, and/or installation of the improvements, (2) architectural and engineering design and testing fees and related professional costs, and (3) an amount for contingencies consistent with generally accepted engineering and/or planning practice. The performance guarantee shall be deposited with the Township Clerk at or before the time the Township issues the permit authorizing the development, or if the development has been approved in phases, then the performance guarantee shall be deposited with the Township Clerk prior to the commencement of construction of a new phase. The performance guarantee shall ensure completion of the public and site improvements in accordance with the plans approved by the Planning Commission. Any cash deposit or certified funds shall be refunded for the development or each phase of a multi-phase development in the following manner:

A. One-third of the cash deposit after completion of one-third (monetary value), of the public and site improvements;

B. Two-thirds of the cash deposit after completion of two-thirds of the public and site improvements, and

C. The balance at the completion of the public and site improvements.

Any irrevocable bank letter of credit or surety bond shall be returned to the applicant upon completion of the public improvements. If a development is to be completed in phases, then the Planning Commission may require the applicant to furnish a performance guarantee as provided in this section for each phase of the development. If an applicant has contracted with a third-party to construct the public and site improvements and the third-party has provided a bond meeting the requirements described above and the bond also names the Township as a third-party beneficiary of the bond, then the Planning Commission may accept that bond as meeting all or a portion of the performance guarantee required by this section.

Section 8.07 Violations and Penalties

Section 8.07.1 Nuisance per se

Any land, dwellings, buildings or structures, including tents and trailer coaches, used, erected, altered, razed or converted in violation of this Ordinance or in violation of any regulations, conditions, permits or other rights granted, adopted or issued pursuant to this Ordinance are hereby declared to be a nuisance per se.

Section 8.07.2 Inspection

The Zoning Administrator shall have the duty to investigate each alleged violation and shall also have the right to inspect any property for which a zoning permit has been issued to ensure compliance with the plans and conditions of the zoning permit or approved site plan.

Section 8.07.3 Penalties

A. Any person, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association or other entity who creates or maintains a nuisance per se or who violates or fails to comply with this Ordinance or any permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 ($500.00) Dollars. Every day that such violation continues may constitute a separate and distinct offense under the provisions of this Ordinance. Nothing in this section shall exempt the offender from compliance with provisions of this Ordinance or prohibit the Township from seeking additional and/or equitable relief from any court to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

B. The Township Zoning Administrator is hereby designated as the authorized Township official to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court. The Township Board may also designate from time to time other officials to issue municipal infraction citations on behalf of the Township in connection with alleged violations of this Ordinance.

C. In addition to or in lieu of enforcing this Ordinance, as a municipal civil infraction, the Township may initiate proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to abate, eliminate, or enjoin the nuisance per se or any other violation of this Ordinance.

Section 8.07.4 Stop Work Order

If construction or land uses are being undertaken contrary to a zoning permit, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act or this Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator or Deputy of the Zoning Administrator or any other official authorized by the Township Board is authorized to post a stop work order on the property at a suitable location, such as at an entrance, in order to prevent the work or activity from proceeding in violation of the Ordinance.

A person shall not continue, or cause or allow to be continued, construction or uses in a violation of a stop work order, except with permission of the enforcing agency to abate a dangerous condition or remove the violation, or except by court order. If an order to stop work is not obeyed, the enforcing agency may apply to the circuit court for an order enjoining the violation of the stop work order. This remedy is in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other remedy provided by law or ordinance, and does not prevent criminal or civil prosecution for failure to obey the order.

Section 8.08 Conflicting Regulations

In the interpretation of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall control unless there exists a conflict with any other Township Ordinances, in which case the more stringent regulations will rule.

Section 6. Amendment to add Article IX

The Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add Article IX to read in its entirety as follows:

Article IX: Adoption and Amendments

Section 9.01 Amendment to this Ordinance

A. The Township Board is authorized and empowered to cause this Ordinance to be amended, supplemented, or changed, pursuant to the authority and according to the procedures set forth in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended.

1. The regulations and provisions stated in the text of this Ordinance and the boundaries of Zoning Districts shown on the Hayes Township Zoning Map may be amended, supplemented or changed by action of the Township Board following a recommendation from the Township Planning Commission.
2. Proposals for amendments, supplements or changes may be initiated by the Township Board on its own motion, by the Township Planning Commission or by petition of one (1) or more owners of property to be affected by the proposed amendment.
3. The procedure to be followed for initiating and processing an amendment shall be as follows:

a. Each petition by one (1) or more persons for an amendment shall be submitted by application to the Zoning Administrator on a standard form provided and shall be accompanied by the fee as prescribed by the Township Board. No part of such fee shall be returnable to a petitioner if the public hearing is held.

b. The Zoning Administrator shall notify, in writing, the Township Clerk and Chair of the Planning Commission at or before the time he or she transmits the amendment request to the Planning Commission.

c. The Planning Commission shall consider each proposal for amendment on particular factors related to the individual proposal and in terms of the likely effect on the community's physical development. The Planning Commission may recommend any additions or modifications to the original proposal.

d. Before ruling on any proposal the Planning Commission shall conduct at least one (1) public hearing, notice of which shall be provided as specified in Section 9.02 of this Ordinance.

e. The Planning Commission shall review and apply the following standards and factors in the consideration of any rezoning request.

1) Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the Hayes Township Master Plan?

2) Is the proposed rezoning reasonably consistent with surrounding uses?

3) Will there be an adverse physical impact on surrounding properties?

4) Will there be an adverse effect on property values in the adjacent area?

5) Have there been changes in land use or other conditions in the immediate area or in the community in general which justify rezoning?

6) Will rezoning create a deterrent to the improvement or development of adjacent property in accord with existing regulations?

7) Will rezoning grant a special privilege to an individual property owner when contrasted with other property owners in the area or the general public (i.e. will rezoning result in spot zoning)?

8) Are there substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with its present zoning classifications?

9) Is the rezoning in conflict with the planned use for the property as reflected in the Land Use Plan?

10) Is the site served by adequate public facilities or is the petitioner able to provide them?

11) Are there sites nearby already properly zoned that can be used for the intended purposes?

12) Are other local remedies available?

f. Following the public hearing the Planning Commission shall submit the proposed amendment including any Zoning Map changes to the County Planning Commission. If the recommendation of the County Planning Commission has not been received within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the Ordinance by the County, it shall be conclusively presumed that the County has waived its right for review.

g. The Planning Commission shall submit a final report/recommendation to the Township Board along with a summary of the comments received at the public hearing.

h. The Township Board may hold additional public hearings if they decide it is necessary. Notice of such hearing shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.02 of this Ordinance.

i. Once adopted by the Township Board, amendments to this Ordinance shall be filed with the Township Clerk, and one (1) notice of adoption shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days after adoption. Any amendments to this Ordinance shall take effect eight (8) days after publication or at a later date as may be specified by the Township Board at the time of adoption.

j. No application for a rezoning which has been denied by the Township shall be resubmitted for a period of one (1) year from the date of the last denial, except on grounds of newly discovered evidence or proof of changed conditions found valid upon inspection by the Township Planning Commission.

Section 9.02 Public Hearing Notice Requirements for Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The notices for all public hearings before the Planning Commission or Township Board concerning proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments (zoning text or map amendments) shall comply with the following applicable notice provisions:

A. For a proposed amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance, the notice shall comply with all of the following:

1. The content of the notice shall include all of the following information:

a. Adescription of the nature of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

b. The time, date, and place the proposed Zoning Ordinance will be considered.

c. The places and times at which the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment may be examined.

d. The address where and the deadline when written comments will be received concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

2. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

3. The notice shall be given by first-class mail to each electric, gas, and pipeline public utility company, each telecommunication service provider, each railroad operating within the district or zone affected, and the airport manager of each airport, that registers its name and mailing address with the Township Clerk for the purpose of receiving the notice of public hearing.

B. For a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment rezoning an individual property or 10 or fewer adjacent properties, the notice shall comply with all of the following:

1. The content of the notice shall include all of the following information:

a. Adescription of the nature of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

b. Adescription of the property or properties proposed for rezoning. The notice shall include a listing of all existing street addresses within the property or properties. Street addresses, however, do not need to be created and listed if no such addresses currently exist within the property or properties. If there are no street addresses, other means of identification may be used, such as using tax parcel identification numbers or including a map showing the location of the property or properties.

c. The time, date, and place the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be considered.

d. The places and times at which the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment may be examined.

e. The address where and the deadline when written comments will be received concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

2. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

3. The notice shall be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to the owners of the property or properties proposed for rezoning not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing.

4. The notice shall also be sent first-class mail or personal delivery to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property or properties proposed for rezoning and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property or properties proposed for rezoning not less than 15 days before the scheduled public hearing, regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the Township. If the name of the occupant is not known, the term "occupant" may be used in making notification under this subsection.

5. The notice shall be given by first-class mail to each electric, gas, and pipeline public utility company, each telecommunication service provider, each railroad operating within the district or zone affected, and the airport manager of each airport, that registers its name and mailing address with the Township Clerk for the purpose of receiving the notice of public hearing.

C. For a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment rezoning 11 or more adjacent properties, the notice shall comply with all of the following:

1. The content of the notice shall include all of the following information:

a. Adescription of the nature of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment.

b. The time, date, and place the proposed Zoning Ordinance will be considered.

c. The places and times at which the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment may be examined.

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D. After providing the notice required under this section and without further notice, except that as required under the Open Meetings Act, the Planning Commission may adjourn from time to time a duly called public hearing by passing a motion specifying the time, date, and place of the continued public hearing.

Section 9.03 Enactment and Effective Date

A. This Ordinance was originally adopted on July 2, 1979 by the Hayes Township Board of Trustees.

B. Following a public hearing before the Planning Commission, and adoption by the Township Board (according the procedure specified in Section 9.01.C), amendments or revision to this Ordinance or Map of Zoning Districts shall become effective eight (8) days after publication, or a specified later date, of a notice of adoption of said amendments or revisions within fifteen (15) days of adoption in accordance with Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of Public Acts of 2006, as amended

Section 7. Severability.

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance. The Township Board hereby declares that it would have passed each part, section subsection, phrase, sentence, and clause irrespective of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, phrases, sentences, or clauses be declared invalid

Section 8. Conflicts.

If any provision of the Hayes Township Ordinance conflicts with this Zoning Ordinance Amendment, then the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance Amendment shall control.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township, unless later date is specified.

Township of Hayes
Ethel Knepp, Supervisor Marlene Golovich, Clerk

Adoption date: February 11, 2008
Effective date: February 28, 2008

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Top Left to right Paul Stolt, Casey Riley, Christian Morrison, Nick Cook and Crew Advisor Lynda Stolt *Front left to right* Jake Waterman and Gui Awada *Not Pictured* Aaron Malewitz, Brennan Stebe, Brain Shutler, Trevor Currier, Associate Advisors, Jon Baughan, Scott Stebe, Glen Stolt and Sandy Malewitz

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Two area businesses going green together

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> "Without a doubt we want to give back to the community..."
>
> **Corey Ostrum**
> MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR, SITE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT INC.

Going green.

It is a phrase heard often these days, perhaps too often to know or understand what it really means. For two local businesses however — Harbor Industries, Inc. and Site Planning Development, Inc. — it means partnerships and making plans.

Mike Shaw, director of continuous improvement at Harbor Industries, said the idea of going green fits right in with the company's vision of being a "preeminent leader" in the industry and community. In the spring of 2006 Harbor acted on its environmentally conscious stance by forming a "Green Team," an initiative to design, manufacture and deliver sustainable business practices. Using ideas such as substituting non-biodegradable materials in products with something less damaging to the environment, the Green Team has really taken off.

Shaw said the partnership with Site Planning was initiated last spring when he approached Corey Ostrum, maintenance director at Site Planning, to learn how the landscaping firm could assist with Harbor's efforts.

"We had been working with Site Planning for a number of years, and I asked what they could do to help with our efforts in the area of lawn maintenance," Shaw said.

Ostrum said the vision of Site Planning, as developed by owner John Campbell, is to offer everything a client needs, from design to consulting to building, for landscape and architectural needs. Building new homes, remodeling or creating and maintaining landscape and outdoor spaces is the firm's specialty, and more and more the idea of sustainability began to creep into those efforts.

"A big thing for us right now with the economy down the way it is, there is even more emphasis on going green. When the economy makes a turn around we believe there will be a certain requirement on the contractor to make efforts to protect our natural resources, like water," Ostrum said, noting Site Planning is making the effort now to be "the head of the pack" in the realm of green.

Shaw noted the same emphasis in the manufacturing industry, and Harbor also desires to gain headway early in the race. The two companies share another trait: Both offer "whole package" services covering everything their customers may need — Harbor offers design, engineering, manufacturing and installation of point-of-purchase displays while Site Planning offers "whatever needs may arise" in building, remodeling or landscape architecture. That, combined with their shared interest in environmental protection, made the partnership an easy venture.

"Without a doubt we want to give back to the community," Ostrum said in reference to Site Planning's efforts to be more environmentally friendly. "This is also another way to separate ourselves. We will work with you (on green efforts) because we are concerned about you and the community's future."

Shaw said utilizing a local partnership is also important.

"We like to keep our business local and Site Planning is local and advanced in a lot of ways," he said.

Fertilization was the first major focus for the partnership, and Shaw said following his initial meetings with Ostrum, research began to find the most sustainable fertilization program. Ostrum said low-phosphorous, combination organic fertilizer was found to be the best choice, and the new fertilization template was put to use on Harbor lawns in both Charlevoix and Grand Ha-

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Harbor Industries, Site Planning share environmental concerns

GREEN

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Water consumption is another major concern, and Site Planning has taken the steps to pilot a system new to northern Michigan that has been successful in Grand Haven: Shaw said technology that utilizes satellite information can offer controlled irrigation that utilizes up to 50 percent less water than what was previously used in Charlevoix.

"Site Planning may not be the lowest priced (service) but they are advanced, offer quality service, and have the resources and advancement to be able to pilot this type of technology," Shaw said.

Water consumption is a red flag in terms of green efforts, Shaw noted, because of the "surprising" amount of water used on irrigation. Last season, he said, 3.5 million gallons of water were used at the Charlevoix location. The goal is to cut that amount by 50 percent using the new technology, a feat already achieved in Grand Haven.

Harbor's Green Team Initiative, which has been meeting regularly for two years, has accumulated a number of green accomplishments:

The established recycling program has diverted 733,000 pounds of plastics, corrugated metal, plastic film and vinyl from the land fill to the recycling station;

The conversion of in-house lighting in Charlevoix from metal halide high bay lights to fluorescent fixtures resulting in an energy savings of 973,000 kilowatt hours of electricity; Installation of a new control dust collection system in Charlevoix that resulted in an energy savings of 905,500 kilowatt hours of electricity; Installation of water filtration systems in Charlevoix and Grand Haven and distribution of water bottles to all employees to reduce waste.

Shaw said "green" bulletin boards have been installed at both facilities to offer news and information about green concepts, and employees can post questions the company will answer in newsletters. Harbor's Green Team is also "continually researching alternate materials for use in our products that have less impact on our environment," Shaw stated.

Both Ostrum and Shaw are excited about the partnership between their companies, and both hope to develop similar collaborations with other local entities concerned about environmental issues. Both site Planning and Harbor Industries are working towards Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications and are working together to achieve their goals. Site Planning used their expertise to help with outdoor concerns such as storm water run off, environmentally-friendly equipment use, planting of native species and the use of shade trees to cool the indoor environment, the clean air produced by turf areas, pest control measures, landscape waste solutions, fertilizer use, irrigation management and concerns with snow removal chemicals.

"In this day and age where the nation is becoming more aware of protecting our natural resources, Site Planning plans on being on the cutting edge of protecting the environment in an industry that is often portrayed as harmful to the environment," Ostrum stated.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation
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Site Planning Development supports community

Site Planning Development, Inc. recently presented the final installment of a $25,000 pledge to Charlevoix Area Hospital. Presenting the payment to CAH president Bill Jackson are SPD president John Campbell and management team members Traver Wood, Jamie Monteith, Susie Mailloux, Wes Fogle and John Donahue.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Conference show-down for Lady Rayders

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Senior Murphy Gillespie is one of myriad scoring threats for the Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team, which is scheduled to open the Class C district today, Wednesday, at Traverse City St. Francis.

BY ANDY SNEDDON
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS EDITOR

Another showdown. And this time, there is no tomorrow.

The Charlevoix and East Jordan girls' basketball teams find themselves in the same Class C district at Traverse City St. Francis, and the Rayders are scheduled to play today, Wednesday, against either East Jordan or Mancelona.

The Red Devils, 16-4, were scheduled to play Mancelona, 1-19, in the district opener on Monday, with the Rayders, 17-2, awaiting the winner. Tonight's game is scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. Tonight's winner moves on to the championship game at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at St. Francis against Maple City Glen Lake, Suttons Bay, or the host Gladiators.

The Rayders, who wrapped up the regular season last week with a 68-27 non-league whupping of Gaylord, have split their two games with East Jordan, winning 47-31 on Dec. 12, then falling, 39-37, at home on Jan. 17. It was Charlevoix's only Lake Michigan Conference loss of the season. The Rayders' only other loss, league or not, came to Petoskey, which finished the regular season 16-4.

"East Jordan played a lot better that second game, especially defensively," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said.

East Jordan followed that initial loss with one to Kalkaska, but after that has won 11 straight games and was 15-4 with one game left in the regular season."

"After we started out 2-3, we found our identity," East Jordan coach Sean Ferguson said. "We decided to take care of ourselves first and hope that everything would fall into place, and it has. We're playing very, very unselfishly right now, and everyone is playing to their strengths."

One of the main strengths for East Jordan is its inside-outside offense around 5-foot-11 senior Katherine Rowley, with the perimeter threats of Meghan Thomas, Cassie Crick and Andi Chew.

The Rayders have trademark depth, and it's not uncommon for every player in the book to end up in the scoring column.

"When everyone gets involved offensively, we do really well," said Erskine, who guided the Rayders to their fourth straight Lake Michigan Conference title in his first season as coach.

Charlevoix's leading scorers on the year are posts Tammy Potter and Murphy Gillespie, guard Desi Faust and forward Murphy Gillespie, all seniors. But it's not unheard of for junior forwards KC McCary and Meridith Rich to come off the bench and hit double figures, usually creating offense from their defense. Which is the m.o. that has worked for the Rayders for years.

"We play our best when the defense gets the other team to make mistakes they usually wouldn't," Erskine said.

Erskine is no stranger to the postseason, having been on the bench as an assistant when Charlevoix's boys' and girls' teams played in state championship games.

The winner of the St. Francis district advances to the Gaylord regional, where it will play a regional semifinal game on Tuesday, Feb. 26, against the winner of the Beaverton district. Winners from district tournaments at Harbor Springs and Kingsley will meet in the other regional semifinal on Feb. 26, with the championship slated for Thursday, Feb. 28.

Becca Madison and Brooke Whittaker scored 10 points each to lead the Rayders by Gaylord last week, while Desi Faust added nine, Olivia Catt had eight points and eight rebounds, KC McCary added eight points and six rebounds, Meridith Rich had nine rebounds and five assists, and Murphy Gillespie added seven boards.

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The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday March 10, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2008, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., and on Wednesday March 12, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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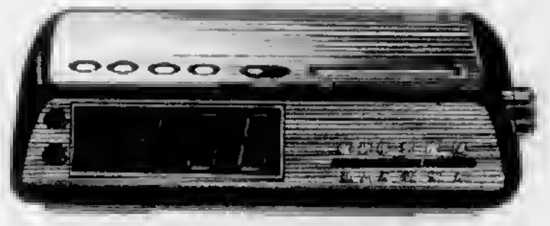

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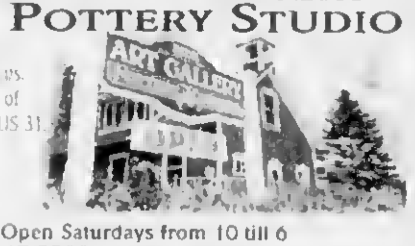

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SPORTS reviewing the action

ACTION ON THE SLOPES: Race results

Results of the Northern Michigan Ski Academy Saturday, Feb. 16 Giant Slalom Race at Boyne Mountain

GIRLS:

7 and under: 1-Annika Bergquist, Boyne City, 2-Abbey Scholten, Charlevoix, 3-Jenna Good, Charlevoix

8 and 9: 1-Winter Vinecki, Gaylord, 2-Kylee Scholten, Charlevoix, 3-Abby Bohnet, Petoskey

10 and 11: 1-Mia Ciccoretti, Boyne Falls, 2-Stephanie Sylvain, Harbor Springs; 3-Brigitte Bonter, Harbor Springs

12 and 13: 1-Lacey Hofweber, East Jordan, 2-Reilly Philliben, Boyne Falls; 3-Lexi Harding, Boyne City

14 and over: 1-Ganae' Zettle, West Branch

BOYS:

7 and under: 1-Ethan Siegwart, Charlevoix, 2-Keon Taylor, Charlevoix, 3-Riley Norton, Petoskey

8 and 9: 1-Matt Good, Charlevoix, 2-Brad Klinger, Charlevoix, 3-Griffin Powers, Boyne City

10 and 11: 1-Shea Luhrman, Harbor Springs; 2-Kory Skop, Boyne Falls; 3-Brent Siegwart, Charlevoix

12 and 13: 1-Ben Loomis, Petoskey, 2-Brian Erhart, Petoskey, 3-Collin Kruzel, Boyne City

14 and over: 1-Dean Hague, Boyne City; 2-Neil Anderson, Boyne City, 3-Joe Loomis, Petoskey

Four Rayder wrestlers advance

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix's Trevor Cole (from left), Mat Golovich, Zeke Daman and Greg Bishaw medaled Saturday at the Division IV district tournament in Munising. The quartet will wrestle at the regional tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Rogers City.

Four Charlevoix wrestlers placed in the top four in their respective weight classes Saturday at the Division IV Individual District Tournament at Munising High School.

Those four — Greg Bishaw, Zeke Daman, Mat Golovich and Trevor Cole — advance to the Individual Regional at Rogers City on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Golovich, 130 pounds, and Daman, 119, each placed third, while Bishaw, 103, and Cole, heavyweight, were fourth. Nobel and Robinson each placed fourth at 152 and 189 pounds, respectively.

Daman, a junior, opened with a pin in 1 minute, 15 seconds of Bill Krehbiel of Manistique then lost, 10-5, to Josh Duncan of Munising. Daman then defeated Keegan Urban of Rogers City, 8-1, and won the third-place match with a 6-3 decision over Dillon Carr of Iron Mountain.

Golovich, also a junior, pinned Norway's Josh Bozzo in 1:11 in his opening match, then fell to Jordna Paulson of Newberry. In the wrestlebacks, Golovich pinned Alan Honeycutt of St. Ignace in 53 seconds, then defeated Nick Schiavo of Iron Mountain, 12-5, in the third-place match.

Bishaw, a freshman, opened with a 10-7 win over Tom McDade of Onaway, then lost to Shawn Horn of St. Ignace to place fourth.

Cole, a senior, opened with a pin in 46 seconds of Andrew Porter of Gwinn, then fell to Nick Wollum of Iron Mountain. In the wrestlebacks, Cole pinned Josh Enos of Onaway in 1:43, then lost to Dylan Tulgetske of Rudyard in the third-place match.

"Hard work of all the wrestlers, especially outgoing Seniors Clint Longley, and Nate Tripplehorn, Tony Munkmarun and Jacob Roach also gave it their best shot," coach Greg Golovich said.

Coach happy with Rayder performance

COURTESY PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW

Imagine that. One winner, one loser, and two happy coaches.

"I'm just glad to get out of here with a win," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said after the Rayders' boys' basketball team beat East Jordan, 73-70, on Friday.

Charlevoix clinched at least a share of its second straight Lake Michigan Conference title. The Rayders are 16-2 overall, 12-1 in the league, one game ahead of Traverse City St. Francis with one conference contest left for both.

"As ugly as our game was against Boyne City to come back and play well against a team like Charlevoix, we're pretty upbeat right now," East Jordan coach Darrin Weber said.

Charlevoix never trailed after the first quarter, but the Rayders couldn't pull away, either. Adam Danell hit two 3-pointers in the final 1 minute, 20 seconds, the second banking in to cut Charlevoix's lead to 72-67 with 10.5 seconds to go. Justin Friske made a free throw for the Rayders at the other end to make it 73-67, then Scott Hansen put down a bomb at the buzzer for the final margin.

"If there was a four-point shot, we would have lost," Haske said, admiring the East Jordan senior's range.

With starting center James Brown in foul trouble, East Jordan juniors Darryl Bingham and Beau Fuller both contributed off the bench, scoring nine and 10 points, respectively.

Charlevoix had some answers of its own.

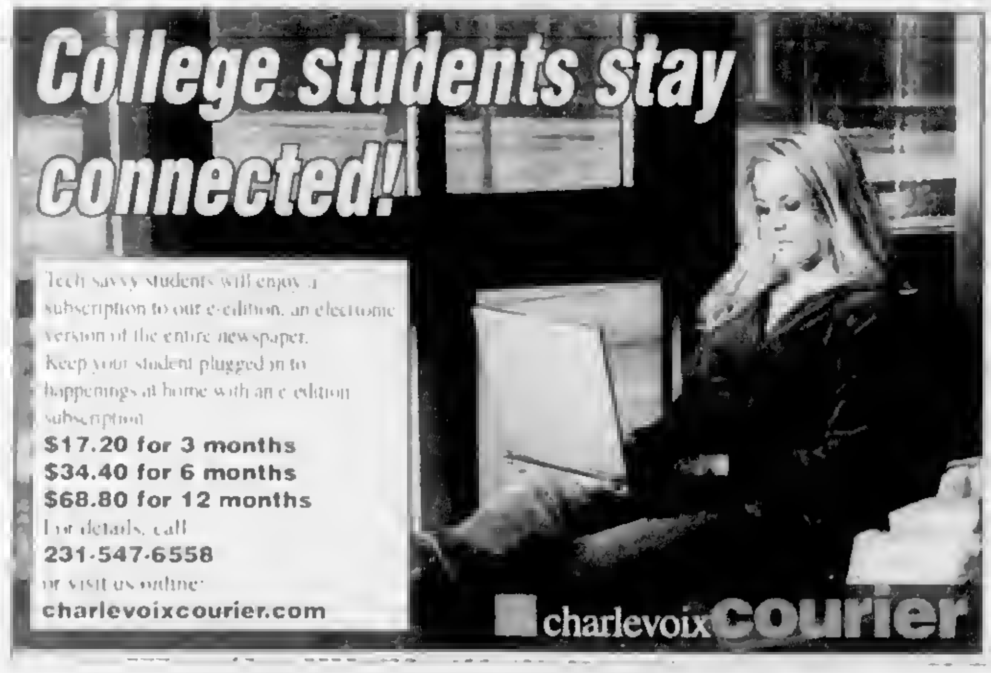
"Corey (Gotshall), Nate, Austin (Wilhelm) and Justin were all outstanding," Haske said. "The interior passing, with Justin and Corey, got us some good looks against the zone. It was nice to see Nate get out of his slump."

LaBlance led all scorers with 22 points. Gotshall had 20, and Friske and Wilhelm 10 apiece.

Danell scored 17 for East Jordan, while Scott Hansen scored 10 and Michael Hines 8. Danell's final 3-pointer gave him 103 for his career, setting the school record, held by Parke Bluhm.

The Rayders were helped by quantity, if not quality, at the line, making 21-of-39 free throws. East Jordan was 9-of-18. Charlevoix shot 41 percent from the field, 24-for-59, and East Jordan 51 percent, 28-of-55.

The Red Devils are 11-7, 7-6 and tied with Boyne City for third place in the league.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Board of Education: Two step down, two step up

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Just as two members of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education opted not to run for reelection, two members of the community filed for the empty seats.

Judith Ivan and Valerie Snyder were the only two people to file by the Feb. 13 deadline to fill the seats which will be left by five-year board member Diane Kilkenny and 20-year board member Larry Levengood when they end their respective terms this June.

"I'm not going in with a specific agenda," said Snyder. "I'm running, really, just to be involved."

She added, "I always thought I would be doing something like this as my kids went through school, and this is probably a little sooner than I planned ... but I think the timing is good."

The 38-year-old attorney and mother of two has previously served as a county commissioner, city council and city planning commission member.

Snyder

"This seems a natural fit for me right now. My kids are in elementary school and hopefully I will stay on the board while they're in school," she said.

Snyder said her experience on government boards will make her a better servant of the school district.

"I understand how boards work and some of the hoops you have to jump through to get things done," she said. "I think people should give back to the community in some way and this, I feel, is a way I can do that."

Snyder is a past member of both Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

Ivan

Outgoing board member Kilkenny responded with a written statement to questions via e-mail.

"The experience has been extremely rewarding, and even though it is always sad to end something like this, my work requirements have escalated, and I can no longer devote the time to the school district that it deserves," she stated. "Without question, my association with students through school assemblies, presentations to the board, graduation ceremonies, and sporting events has been a rewarding experience and one that I will always treasure."

Kilkenny further stated, "Additionally, the professional contact with so many intelligent civic minded community leaders on the board, and in the community just serves as a reminder of the unique and special population that makes Charlevoix so wonderful."

Happy with what she sees as a high quality of education despite the constant decreases, stagnation and proration of per pupil funding by the state, Kilkenny is dismayed the old administration building and funding issues have yet to be resolved.

But, she added, "This community has so many willing and able citizens looking for the opportunity to serve, surely those problems will soon be overcome."

School board candidate Ivan decided to run after decades as a school teacher.

"Several citizens asked me and I have a history in education," she said. "I feel I have some experience that would be useful to the school board in these very difficult times."

Ivan added, "I just want to help with tough decisions and I will try to serve the board ... as well as those have in the past."

The 54-year-old wife and mother of two is a librarian and assistant adult services worker at the Charlevoix Public Library and has lived in Charlevoix for 23 years full-time and was a summer resident for all her years.

Ivan worked for Pellston schools for nearly 20 years directing 29 plays in 17 years as well as serving on the school improvement committee for 10 years and she was a sponsor for the National Honor Society for 10 years.

Outgoing board member Levengood said there really is no specific reason he decided not to run.

"I've been there 20 years and thought it was time for a change," he said. "Maybe it's time I find something else to do."

He added, "It's been good. It's kind of had its ups and downs and challenges and frustrations, but it has been a good experience."

Levengood's advice to the incoming board members, "Fight for what you believe in, fight for what's best for the community and kids. Take on challenges and do the best you can."

Levengood, who said things have changed much over the last two decades, would like to see more local control restored to individual school districts.

"Thanks for the opportunity to serve," he said. "It's been really a pleasure working with them (students and staff) over the years and, who knows, maybe I'll be back in some capacity."

Gravel mine slated for another rocky hearing

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Heralded by some, hated by many, the man of the mine is at it again.

For the second time in three years Wayne Wynkoop is seeking permission from the Norwood Township Planning Commission to operate his limestone gravel operation.

"Anyone who is concerned with the makeup of the Village of Norwood ... or really anyone in Norwood Township that has any interest in land rights, property development, allowed uses or pretty much anything that has to do with zoning ... should attend," said planning commission secretary Denny Way. "I think we'll start with statements from the applicant as well as statements from the opposing group's attorney."

He added, "And then we'll ask for input from any group opposed to the application and we ask for input from anyone in favor of the application."

The public hearing on the mine issue is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library in the community room.

The general consensus of letters from nearly a dozen concerned citizens to the planning commission so far is that allowing operation of the mine is a poor idea.

"The problem that I have with this request and the reason that I am opposed is that a limestone quarry is not a permitted use. To try and say this is a sand and gravel operation is a total misrepresentation of the facts," stated John Laney in a letter to Way. "I would suggest that rather than continue with this misrepresentation that the township be allowed to vote on whether limestone quarrying is an allowed special use."

He further stated, "Regardless of which way the vote goes there would be clarity on the will of the majority of the people in Norwood township."

Norwood resident Yasmin Richmond is worried about health problems, noise, improper use of agricultural land and traffic hazards becoming a reality if the mine is allowed to operate.

"Neither has the issue of conflict of interest disappeared just because he has stepped down as Supervisor," she stated in a letter to Way. "All the concerns voiced during prior hearings regarding the inappropriate steps he took in order to curry favor with the board members are still 'in effect'."

Richmond further stated, "Unless the board members are different than those who were there when he was Supervisor, these concerns and perceptions will continue to persist. I urge you and the membership of the Board to put side personal and self-concerns and to do what is right

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Municipalities collaborate for 'smart' growth

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

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At an organizational meeting last week, individuals representing six municipalities gathered to discuss collaborative growth planning. The effort received funding support – a $5,000 grant – from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Above, Charlevoix Township Supervisor Oale Glass accepts the check from Maureen Radke from the Foundation while (from left) Oianna Gully of the Charlevoix Planning Commission, Joe VanderMeulen, Land Information Access Association executive director, Norwood Township Supervisor Tim Boyko and Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel stand by.

Branching off work completed two years ago by a group of about 30 local government representatives, municipalities gathered last week in an organizational meeting to spark further discussion regarding cooperative planning efforts.

Hoping to "foster smart growth land use policies in the Charlevoix community," Joe VanderMeulen, executive director of the Land Information Access Association, joined representatives from Hayes, Marion, Norwood and Charlevoix townships, the City of Charlevoix and the county — Eveline Township is also involved in the endeavor but could not attend last week's gathering due to a township meeting — to discuss ways to work together.

"We want to start making some headway on working cooperatively," VanderMeulen said.

While local efforts began two years ago when municipalities developed a structured report, the Charlevoix Area Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Smart Growth Land Use Initiative, VanderMeulen's agency, referred to as LIAA, did not become involved until a later request was made for funding and services. The agency works cooperatively with municipalities through the Partnerships for Change program, which seeks to support multi-jurisdictional efforts to develop and adopt local land use polities. It encourages the preservation of cultural and natural resources as well as urban redevelopment, and discourages inefficient, low-density development.

VanderMeulen noted success stories from the 13 other communities that have partnered with Partnerships for Change, which include Harbor Springs, Howell, Newaygo and others. He said in regard to the Charlevoix community, much of the "ground work" was laid by the previous efforts but now those involved need to act on the information gathered.

"These are all excellent principles (established) and now I challenge you as a community to continue down this difficult road that can mean these come true," he said referring to the guiding principles noted as prior ventures in the earlier report:

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- Preserve visual character and beauty
- Insure that economic development is appropriate for this place
- Maintain the unique "small-town character"
- Cooperate in the delivery and use of services
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Charlevoix Planning Commission secretary Dianna Gully noted each of the principles are, to some degree, important to each municipality, but the "level of interest may be different" for various entities. Thus discussion of what is important to each and to what degree was sparked.

"The challenge now is to be able to be on the same page in terms of these topics and goals," VanderMeulen said.

Discussion ranged from desire to collaborate on alternative energy laws — "I think we should talk about a multi-jurisdictional plan for things like wind energy," said Norwood Township Supervisor Tim Boyko — to plans for potential authority creations for things like recreation or fire safety — Charlevoix Township Supervisor Dale Glass noted caution should be used with authorities to ensure governments retain some level of control — and intergovernmental agreements.

VanderMeulen noted this was the first of what will be a number of regular, monthly meetings, to be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on a rotating basis in the township halls. The project is intended to advance in phases, the next being to compare analysis and research options (March to May), then find common ground for further work (June to July), then implement and adopt policy (August). What that policy, or mulutude of policies, becomes is up to the municipalities involved. He hopes to create a group that continues to meet regularly and continues to work cooperatively.

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- Minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected
- Motion approved Resolution #08-012 Approve County Expenditures
- Motion approved Resolution #08-013, Grandvue Operating Transfer and authorizing the Treasurer to make the transfer
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 11 50 a m

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by GREGORY J VEREYKEN and CRYSTAL J VEREYKEN Mortgagors to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated January 16 2003, and recorded January 22, 2003, in Liber 513, Page 341, Charlevoix County Records on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $117,535.05, including interest at 7% per annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1 /4 lying Southwesterly of Highway M 66, Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 17; thence along the North line of said Section 17, South 87°22'09" East 992.30 feet, to the Southwesterly right of way of Highway M 66, for the Point of Beginning, thence continuing along said North line, South 87°22'09" East 434.76 feet, to the West 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence along said West 1/8 line, South 03°41'03" West 1325.31 feet, to the North 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence along said North 1/8 line, North 87°18'45" West 378.06 feet, thence North 03°41'03" East 1285.27 feet, to the Southwesterly right of way of Highway M 66; thence along said Southwesterly right of way, North 52°02'57" West 68.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

Date February 15, 2008

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY:
Allon R. Telgenhof (P43114)
Running Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
201 State Street, PO Box 490
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Telephone: (231)547-8990
(02/20, 02/27, 03/05, 03/12)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 29, 2005, by Caryn S Jensen, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 177, Charlevoix County Records, which mortgage was assigned to The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC, by an assignment of mortgage dated June 29, 2005, and recorded on July 11, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 194, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $261,479.77; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 20, MOUNTAIN GRAND LODGE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 6.50% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale

Dated. January 16, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC Mortgagee

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
406 Bay Street
Petoskey MI 49770
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
P.O Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988
(L-01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Country Days, Inc., a Profit Sharing Plan UTAD dated May 7, 1998, a Michigan Trust, of 105 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, of 200 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, dated December 20, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 5, 2004, in Liber 592 Pages 343 through 351, Charlevoix County Records, and which was assigned to MICHAEL BRODE, of 25855 Franklin Park Drive, Franklin, Michigan 48025, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 2, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on October 3, 2006 in Liber 768, Page 626, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $5,138,352.24

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 14th day of March, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises

The premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, as is described as follows:

PARCEL ID. Formerly 052-123-058-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence 1981 feet West of the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, thence South 330 feet, thence West 263.2 feet, more or less, to a point 130 feet East of the East line of Meech Street, thence North parallel with said Meech Street 330 feet to said quarter line; thence East on said Quarter line 263.2 feet, more or less to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West. The above described land is subject to the right of way of Division Street along its North boundary. The aforesaid East line of Meech Street being established as intersecting said quarter line at a point 2374.2 feet West of said East quarter post.

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-054-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning 1805.875 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and 330 feet South; thence South 483.25 feet to the centerline Petoskey Avenue, City of Charlevoix; thence Southwesterly along center of said Avenue 168.3 feet; thence North 549 feet to a point due West of place of Beginning; thence East 161.625 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-053-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Commencing at a point 1849 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence East along the center line of Division Street 132 feet to the Place of Beginning; and being a part of the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; SUBJECT to the right of way of said Division Street.

EXCEPT:

In the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, as established by D.C. Nettleton, past Deputy County Surveyor; thence along the East and West quarter line of said section, as established by D.C. Nettleton, North 89°53'29" West 1849.24 feet (recorded as West 1849.00 feet); thence South 00°11'29" East (recorded as South) 33.00 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the South line of Division Street; thence continuing South 00°11'29" East 297.37 feet (recorded as South 297.00 feet) to a 1" rod; thence South 89°59'30" East (recorded as East) 44.00 feet to a 1/2 " re-rod recorded as being 1805 and 7/8 feet West and 330 feet South of said quarter corner; thence South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 183.26 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 257.26 feet to a 1/2" rod, thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 3.75 feet to the Northerly line of Petoskey Avenue (Highway U.S. 31); thence continuing South 01°44'35" East 34.89 feet to the center line of said highway; thence along said center line, South 69°18'34" West 418.97 feet (recorded as 420.70 feet); thence leaving said center line, North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 34.90 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the Northerly line of said avenue; thence continuing North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 409.84 feet to a 3/4 " pipe; thence South 89°53'29" East 396.16 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and containing 3.367 acres. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale

Dated: February 4, 2008

BODMAN LLP
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
229 Court Street
P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan MI 49721
(231) 627-8000
(L-2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/05, 3/12)

MORTGAGE SALE

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID LOSEE, a married man, Mortgagor, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49525, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006 and recorded February 23, 2006 in Liber 732 of Mortgages, Page 399. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 10/100 ($357,983.10) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on March 14, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)] the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a, MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Boyne Falls, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Unit 97, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the master deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, page 53 inclusive, and first amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 421 page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and second amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 571, page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. P.P #002-390-097-00

Date: February 1, 2008

INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN
a Michigan banking corporation,
Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by The Amended and Restated Thomas L. LaVanway Declaration of Trust dated October 9, 1998 to Aden State Bank of PO Box 39, Alden, MI 49612 dated March 22, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 24, 2006 in Liber 737 of Mortgages, Page, 287 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine and 03/100 ($149,299.03) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, County building, 301 State St., City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 21, 2008, at 11:00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 7.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Unit 314, HARBOR PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Consolidating Master Deed recorded in Liber 423, Page 493 through 536, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plan No. 88. Together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978 as amended.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a.

Dated. February 7, 2008

Alden State Bank
Mortgagee
Leon W Sluyter, Vice President

For Alden State Bank
Business Address:
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Elk Rapids, MI 49629
(231)264-6972
(L-02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/05)

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Official Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARLEVOIX SOUTH PIER LIGHTHOUSE PHASE 1 - CONSTRUCTION

OWNER -The Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix, Michigan, hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received for the project described as follows:

PROJECT -Work includes:
Repair 4 existing steel windows, Fabricate and install 2 matching steel windows, Remove rust & repair steel plate skin (exterior), Install steel floor grating lower level, Install perimeter drainage both enclosed levels, repair lantern roof & base flashing, replace lantern glass panels & repair frame, clean & repair of existing ventilation measures. All work to be completed by June 30, 2008.

BIDS/TIME -Firm, fixed-price sealed bids, in duplicate, for the Charlevoix Historical Society will be received at the Harsha House Museum, Attn: Mary Adams/Mike Bergeon P.O. 525, 103 State Street Charlevoix, MI 49720. All bids must be received no later than Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. ET after which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING - All General Contractors shall attend a pre-bid meeting on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the Charlevoix South Pier Lighthouse, to review the scope of work/become familiar with existing conditions

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS -Bidding documents can be reviewed at Harsha House Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. M - F; McGraw Hill Construction Dodge reports online; Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan, Construction News Service.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS -Copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained at mandatory pre bid meeting or Harsha House Museum, for bidders who have attended the Pre Bid meeting. All questions regarding scope of work must be directed in writing to Mary Adams, adamsc@troeway.net. Questions will be responded to in writing via email and distributed to all potential bidders.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or bank draft equal to 5% of the bid amount, or satisfactory bid bond executed by the Bidder & Surety shall be submitted with each proposal. Proposals shall be guaranteed for a period of 90 days after the time set for receipt of proposals

CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
The Charlevoix Historical Society reserves the right to reject any, or all, proposals and to waive irregularities in the interest of the Client.

The Owner intends to award a contract pending approval from the State Historic Preservation Office.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS -No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening.

FUNDING -This project is funded in part by a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant through the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations is required. All work shall comply with the Michigan Lighthouse Assistence Program Grant agreement between the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
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Charlevoix couple gives back to humanity

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Jim and Anne Fiedler just want to help people.

It is a simple idea, giving to those who need, but this Charlevoix couple has taken that idea a bit further than some, having made 15 trips to Central American countries in the last 10 years on various missionary trips.

"We go with different church groups, and Anne usually works on a medical team or a bible team and I do repair (construction) work," Fiedler said.

The couple returned from a trip to northern Nicaragua in January, having spent 12 days in the impoverished country offering aid.

"We just want to help people. They are very grateful and glad we're there," Fiedler said of the experience.

While they have traveled with their own church, the Nazarene Church of Charlevoix, they've gone with other churches and other missionary groups. They've hooked up with familiar faces a number of times, and joined a reporter from Colorado, Tom Munds, on this trip who they have worked with before. Fiedler said he and his wife usually do some research on which groups are going where and chose "where we want to go." So far they have traveled to Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Belize and Guatemala.

"I want to keep going to these places. There is enough need there, we want to stick with these areas," he said.

Fielder generally works on schools and churches under construction while on the mission trips. This last trip was made with two medical doctors, two EMT's and seven nurses, as well as others. A total of 18 individuals went on the trip.

"A year ago in Panama, all women and men did construction work mixing cement and carrying cement blocks," he explained.

The trips generally cost about $1,300, and individuals pay their own way. Only about a third of that expense goes toward room, board and airfare, while the rest covers medical supplies and building materials.

Anyone interested in joining the Fiedler's on a trip or getting more information about such ventures can call Fiedler at 547-9750.

Courtesy photo

Jim Fiedler works on a church in northern Nicaragua during a missionary trip this winter.

Governments working together

GROWTH

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"If we can complete this project with one good cooperative effort that is a success, it can lead to further cooperative successes in the future," he said.

While potential outcomes vary from keeping out Big Box stores to keeping spending local to water protection, representatives involved seemed keen on the idea of working together.

"What I'd like to see as tax dollars get tighter and tighter is an elimination of duplicating services (among municipalities). Any time you can stop that unnecessary waste is a benefit and an efficiency," said Charlevoix City Council member Lyle Gennett.

The next meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. March 25, and by that time local municipalities are expected to provide information on their zoning ordinances and master plans to Harry Burkholder, community planner with LIAA, so he can start developing options. VanderMeulen said the work must now begin.

"Sooner or later we are going to have to take a very hard look at your zoning ordinances, master plans and other information and ask, what is alike and what is different among them," VanderMeulen said.

Based on the earlier report, VanderMeuelen said LIAA estimated cost of the project at $27,500. Partnerships for Change funders and the Frey Foundation have contributed $19,500, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation contributed $5,000, and the seven municipalities involved will contribute a total of $3,000.

Local essay contest winners

Three students from Charlevoix Middle School have been named local winners in the 39th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school, are: Madison Zimmerman, first; Kristen Mielke, second; and Anne Dipert, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Zimmerman's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Zimmerman's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from $500 to $1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2007-2008 American & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2007-2008 contest was "My Personal Hero."

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Summit to address non-motorized trail issues

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What: Open meeting to discuss trail use
When: 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 27
Where: Hagerty Center, Northwestern Michigan College

Government officials and anyone concerned about the development of non-motorized trail systems from 13 counties including Charlevoix are invited to attend an upcoming summit.

According to the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, the summit will feature a presentation on the draft of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.

"This project will help guide the Michigan Department of Transportation's investment in a non motorized transportation system," Thomas White Public Information Specialist with the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments in a Feb. 6 press release. "Local elected and appointed officials, trail organizations, developers, planning and design professionals, businesses and others who are interested in non-motorized transportation are encouraged to attend."

The development of non-motorized trails is something Charlevoix County Planner Larry Sullivan said should be of concern to all.

"That type of trail would be used by walkers, joggers, rollerbladers, bicyclists, cross-country skiers," he said. "There is a recreation aspect to it and a health aspect to it ... and also an economic aspect to it."

Sullivan said unscientific surveys of the trail showed people from all over the country and all over the state of Michigan utilize the Little Traverse Wheelway which stretches from Charlevoix to Petoskey.

The counties expected to participate include: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford.

The summit, scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Hagerty Center of Northwestern Michigan College will feature bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the Michigan Department of Transportation Josh DeBruyn who will speak on Michigan Department of Transportation's technical report, and there will be an update on work to connect Michigan trails with one another by Barbara Nelson Jameson of the National Parks Service.

This free event offered by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, which was founded in 1973 to facilitate and manage programs and services for a 10-county region, will also feature the following speakers: Anne McDevitt of the Top of Michigan Trails Council, Russ La Rowe of the Kalkaska Area Recreational Trails, Bob Otwell of the Traverse Area Recreational Trails, Bill Olsen of the Betsie Valley Trail and Bill Manson and Bill Lucas of the White Pine Trail.

Those interested in attending must first register by calling Patty O'Donnell, the Regional Planner with the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments at (231) 929-5039 or by e-mailing her at pattyodonnell@nwm.cog.mi.us.

Sullivan said there are efforts to connect the Traverse City trails with Charlevoix as well as a desire to build a trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix.

"That is definitely a future possibility," he said. "There is even effort to get a trail from Petoskey to Mackinaw City so people will be able to virtually travel all over by bikes."

But, he added, "There needs to be active participation in these (movements)."

Wynkoop's request

MINE

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by the people who elected you to office."

Ruth Hoppe, a doctor and professor at Michigan State University and resident of Norwood, stated that, "There are proven health hazards in the vicinity of limestone mining operations. These include short-term effects on lung passages which worsen asthma and chronic lung disease in children and adults. They also include longer term effects which include lung cancer and other cancers."

Hoppe further stated, "These health effects are not mitigated by washing the quarried material. In addition, the health effects caused by the mining operation are likely to be magnified by the presence of limestone-rich dust particles aerosolized by the truck traffic in and out of the area."

As a matter of public health, Hoppe explained, the mine must be stopped.

"I would further caution township officials about potential liability from adverse health consequences of township citizens, if they approve this permit," she stated. "An 'outbreak' of lung disease in the future, if found attributable or even aggravated by limestone dust particles in the environment, might place the township in a very risky financial situation."

Wynkoop did not return calls to comment on the accusations by press time, but has in the past denied all claims of his operation's negative impact on the health, safety and enjoyment of property of his neighbors.

Way said the public hearing, though not a first for Wynkoop, will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

"We're going to treat it like it is a new application because it is," he said. "We are going to go step by step through the ordinances to see what lines up."

He added, "This is probably going to encompass two days. I anticipate it taking at least that long to accomplish this."

Photo by Erica Goff

Workera remove trees in East Park last week, a move made after city council approved a request from Street Superintendent Pat Elliott to remove one tree from the center of the park and two from the south side because of damage and disease.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2007, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

FEB. 19
TAI CHI CLASSES

Sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, these classes began yesterday at the Charlevoix Public Library. The beginner classes will begin at 10 a.m. Continuing or intermediate classes will be at 11 a.m. The cost for the six week program is $12 for age 60 and over, $40 for those 59 and under. Classess will be taught by Meg McClorey, Tai Chi instructor. For registration and information call the Commission on Aging, (231) 237-0103.

FEB. 20
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors at your library at 1 p.m. for this community work session. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 21
SHARE THE WARMTH BENEFIT SOUP SUPPER

Soup, salad, dinner rolls and homemade dessert will be served, provided by favorite area restaurants to support the Good Samaritan's Utility Help Fund. From 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth Elementary School, the dinner will be offered by donation. Sponsored by Good Samaritan Family Services.

FEB. 21
QUILTERS AND FRIENDS

Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors at your library at 10 a.m. for this community work session. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 21
STORY-TIME

All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350

FEB. 21
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COMPUTER BASICS 2: MANAGING YOUR COMPUTER

If you have some basic knowledge about your computer – but would like to take that next step, this class will help.

Call for a reservation: 237-7340. Begins at 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 23
PAWS FOR A STORY

Come visit the library to give your child an opportunity to read aloud to a dog. The library's certified PAWS teams of trainer and dog will be ready and waiting at 10:30 a.m. Register for a spot by calling or stopping by the youth desk, 237-7350. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St., 237-7350

FEB. 26
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the film "Mad Hot Ballroom" at the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. The film is free (donations appreciated) and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

MARCH 1
MOM-TO-MOM SALE

The annual Mom-to-Mom sale, a fundraiser for Charlevoix Elementary School, will be held at the school from 9 a.m. to noon. Vendor spaces are available for $20. Contact Beth Martin, (231) 547-1738, for mrore information.

MARCH 6
LAKE CHARLEVOIX WATERSHED PROJECT MEETING

The meeting will discuss Stover Creek erosion control, a rain barrel sale and a new website for Friends of the Boyne River. 10 a.m. to noon at the Charlevoix Public Library.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS: NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

French Conversation Circle: Tuesdays at noon

Spanish Conversation Circle: Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Writer's Group: Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Hosted at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

DIVORCECARE

A free, non-denominational support group, open to everyone, will offer help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Organized through the Community Reformed Church DivorceCare program, the group starts Feb. 1 and lasts for 13 weeks. Call (231)675-1925 for more information.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

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Charlevoix among schools affected by meat recall

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The recent recall of millions of pounds of beef, some of which fed to students of Charlevoix Public Schools, allegedly poses a "low" health risk.

While 300 to 400 pounds of the recently recalled 143,383,823 pounds of Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing's raw and processed beef resides in Charlevoix Schools, one of nearly 150 affected districts nationwide, officials are working to dispose of it and assure parents the voluntary recall is merely a precautionary measure.

"Some of it is raw beef to make into patties and some of it is processed meat in the form of spaghetti sauce and taco meat," said Charlevoix Public Schools Business Manager Shawn Biddle. "We got word on February 17 and we actually got the e-mail (recall notice) on the February 19."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The Charlevoix School District was among the 150 districts nationwide affected by the recent recall of millions of pounds of beef. An estimated 300 to 400 pounds were recalled from the local school system.

This Class II recall, classified by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as "a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product," is between the more serious Class I— "a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death" — and the less serious Class III— "a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences"— according to the USDA.

This isn't the school district's first dealing with food recalls as fresh and canned vegetables have been subject in the past, but Biddle said she has never seen anything recalled on this scale.

Biddle is unaware of any incidents where students or staff became physically ill after eating from food lots later recalled.

This Hallmark/Westland, Chino, Calif. recall stems from an investigation into improper practices on the beef supplier's part.

Some of the recalled beef products include cheek meat, tongue trimmings, small intestines, loin, spleens, salivary glands, flank steak, ribeye roll, sausage, meatballs and burrito filling mix.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) found the beef "unfit for human food" after cattle were not properly inspected.

"Through evidence obtained by FSIS, the establishment (Westland/Hallmark) did not consistently contact the FSIS public health veterinarian in situations in which cattle became non-ambulatory after passing ante-mortem inspection, which is not compliant with FSIS regulations," stated Amanda Eamich with the Congressional and Public Affairs. "Such circumstances require that an FSIS public health veterinarian reassess the non-ambulatory cattle which are either condemned and prohibited from the food supply, or tagged as suspect. Suspect cattle receive a more thorough inspection after slaughter than is customary."

She further stated, "This noncompliant activity occurred occasionally over the past two years and therefore all beef products produced during the period of time for which evidence indicates such activity occurred has been determined by FSIS to be unfit for human consumption, and is, therefore, adulterated."

Since Charlevoix Schools belong to a government commodity program from where they receive meat, cheese and peanut butter, they do not choose which cattle producer supplies their beef.

"Right now we will be changing our menu, taking spaghetti off and tacos off for now," Biddle said. "We're still working through the MDE (Michigan Department of Education) to find out how they're going to replace the products or reimburse us."

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City Council considers renaming East Park

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Could East Park get a new name with its new look? City officials say maybe, but let the public decide.

"I'm not advocating for it to be named after a person or an event, but this is something that was brought up to me and a number of council members," Mayor Norman Carlson said of recent discussions about changing the name of the park currently under construction.

Carlson said the idea to change the park's name was a "seed planted" early on in the construction phase, almost at the beginning of conversations to initiate the renovation project. Now, anticipating the June unveiling of the new park which he said essentially brings together two former parks — East Park on the north side of what was Mason Street and Chamber Park on the south side — and creates a new identity. Along with that, Carlson added, comes opportunity.

"If we are ever going to do this, now is the time. We'll never be in this position again (having a new park constructed,)" he said.

Any suggestions?
Contact City Hall or attend the public hearing, 7 p.m. March 3 at City Hall

A public hearing will be held in city hall at 7 p.m. March 3. The city is soliciting suggestions for a new name for the park, encouraging anyone with ideas to call city hall (547-3270) or e-mail the city with suggestions. Some ideas discussed so far include City Park, Harbor Park, The Park and Mariners' Park.

"I like that one," Carlson said in reference to Mariners' Park, one of the more recent suggestions. "It obviously has related meaning with the park being by the harbor with the boaters and sailors coming in, and we have the Submariners' Memorial right there."

Naming the area after a person or an event, such as Venetian Festival, have also been suggested but council members and Carlson noted at last week's council meeting they would prefer to give the park a name with a broader meaning.

"I don't think it's most appropriate to name it after one person," Carlson said. "It is

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Mitchell Ryan Berg, 30, Petoskey. Motor vehicle: Operator without security. Pay $315 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Chad Walter Bannister, 17, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession/purchase/consumption of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. $300 in fines and costs.

Andrew Douglas Wiser, 19, East Jordan. Minor operating with any blood alcohol level. Serve 10 days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days: $630 in fines and costs.

Brian Thomas Kuhs, 29, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Paul Richard Moody, 47, Bloomfield Hills. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $980 plus $2,552.89 in fines and costs.

Gregg Michael Evans, 49, Beaver Island. No operator license on person. $100 in fines and costs.

Melanie Ann Malpass, 44, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 12 days in jail; 65 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend impact weekend; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Devin Blaine Kurzhals, 18, East Jordan. Operating with the presence of drugs. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 87 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $650 in fines and costs.

Edward J. Coffman IV, 27, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,005 in fines and costs; 77 days held in abeyance.

Richard Dale Massey, 42, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for one day in jail; 334 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Melissa Ann Garner, 43, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; 304 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,380 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Jerry Wayne Quance, 52, Boyne Falls. OUIL, third offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 38 months to a maximum of 60 months in a Michigan Correctional facility with credit for 70 days in jail; $370 in fines and costs.

Margaret Robin Baldwin, 37, Harbor Springs. Two counts embezzlement of an agent or trustee, $20,000 or more. Sentenced to a minimum of 30 months to a maximum of 10 years in a Michigan Correctional facility; credit for one day in jail; $200,180 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Preserve, 116 Court St., Boyne City, by Karen McKinnon and Fred P. and Karen T. Gamber

Kornoely Enterprises, 1024 Charlevoix St., Boyne City, by Stephanie Kornoely

Northern Michigan Cleaning Company, 04481 Brock Road, Charlevoix, by Andrea Eakes

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Keith Daniel Parish, 31, Boyne City and Jessica Robyn Seibert 27, Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jeffrey A. Eaton vs. Geraldine Mae Eaton

Nathan Matthew Bell vs Marrietta E. Bell

Charlevoix Elks Lodge formed

A decision to proceed with the organization of a Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Charlevoix was reached at a recent meeting.

The group formed themselves into an Organization Committee led by Christopher Jones, Chairman; John T. Hess, Vice Chairman; Edward Rogalla, Secretary; Rochelle Roerig, Treasurer; Luke LaBlance, Travis Blissett & Bruce Beaudoin serving as Guidance Consul.

All are residents of the Charlevoix area.

There were 47 people who attended the meeting held at the American Legion Post in Charlevoix. They heard Lynn Cook and Randell Jackson, Special Representatives from the Elks Grand Lodge, tell of it's founding and growth, and describe some of the charitable and patriotic programs on which Elks nationwide expend more than $1 million annually. They also explained the procedure for forming the new Lodge and outlined the geographical area over which it would have jurisdiction.

This would include Boyne City, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Charlevoix and Petoskey.

Plans were made to push the organization work rapidly, with another meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., March 5 at the American Legion Post in Charlevoix (106 East Garfield Ave.), where applications will be received and processed for membership in the new Lodge. For persons who where not able to attend the previous meetings, they will cover all aspects of Elkdom and answer any questions they may have.

For more information: Chris Jones (231) 675-6440, John T. Hess (231) 675-2961, chxelks@yahoo.com, or www.geocities.com/charlevoixelks.

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Charlevoix's old high school and grade school, circa 1906, is an example of the historical resources available at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House museum.

Historical Society to present research program

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present a program on the resources available at its Harsha House Museum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 at the Depot.

The program will be hosted by Harsha House Co-Director Steve Goslee with the assistance of David L. Miles and Past Director Betsy Reynolds. Examples of research tools available at the Harsha House will be on discussed--Charlevoix property tax rolls from 1900 to 1980, Abstract of Title ledgers dating back to the late 1800s, Sanborn fire insurance property maps, plat maps, family history binders, and genealogy sources. A very brief PowerPoint program will also be shown illustrating the 115 categories into which the Society's photo archives are being digitally placed, to date 9,650 scanned with 7,700 having search capability and minimum five-minute waiting period from search to final print. What is available in the Society's extensive document files, artifact collection, and the museum library will also be explained, and how the Society can interact with other organizations to share information.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Light refreshements will be served. For more information call 547-0373 Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Input sought for new park name

PARK

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everyone's park."

He said he would like to have a decision made on the issue by the second week of March.

In other news, council members gave approval to design and wording of a variety of plaques to be placed within the city. Recognizing land donations, financial contributions, planning and design commitments and general dedication to the City of Charlevoix were deemed reasoning for the plaques, which include:

East Park Renovation 2001-2008 Plaque: To be located on the exterior of the Harbor Master's building. The plaque recognizes mayors, council members, Downtown Development Authority members and city staff along with contractors, architects and engineers. Recognition of funding by the DDA and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources/Waterways grant is also included.

Park Acquisition Plaque. This recognizes the land donations of private landowners that helped establish East Park. Extensive research was done by city staff to include all Charlevoix residents—past and present - who have donated land. Location of the plaque is yet to be determined.

Wharfside Building Acquisition Plaque: This plaque lists the granting agencies and private donations that led to the purchase and subsequent demolition of the Wharfside Building. Location is yet to be determined.

East Park Fountain of Youth Plaques: The fundraising committee for the fountain will be working on the names of the benefactors that donated to the interactive water fountain. The plaques will be located somewhere near the new fountain. No content language has yet been determined.

Robert Bridge Memorial Park Plaque: The Charlevoix Historical Society informed the city recently there was to be a plaque recognizing former mayor Robert Bridge for his efforts in creating parklands along the west boundary of Round Lake. Draft language has been created for a memorial which will also include a pictorial image of Robert Bridge. The plaque will be located somewhere in Bridge Park, which is named in his honor, not after the bridge.

Don't eat the meat! Beef recalled

BEEF

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Charlevoix Schools have been directed to soak all suspect raw meat in chlorine bleach before wrapping and discarding it.

"We're still holding the processed meat and waiting for further instruction from MDE on how to dispose of it and what documentation they're going to need for us to be reimbursed or how to get a replacement of those items," Biddle said.

Biddle is unsure how long the school has been using the suspect beef or how many pounds have been ingested at the local level.

None of the grocery stores in Charlevoix were subject to the beef recall, but if you fear you may have a product, look for "EST. 336" on the USDA mark. The beef of concern would be from Feb. 1, 2006 to Feb. 2, 2008.

No disease has been found, but the biggest worry officials look for is Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, also known as Mad Cow Disease.

For more information, call the USDA at (888) 674-6854.

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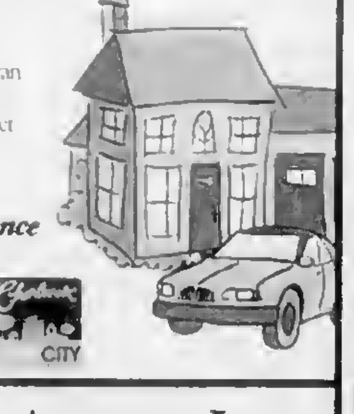

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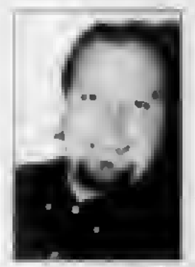

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

So I'm flipping through the latest copy of "O" (that's The Oprah Magazine to all you godless heathens) and I come across a piece by Dr. Phil, you know, that bald chick with the mustache who dispenses painfully obvious advice to the fat and the married.

He tells a woman the reason hubby says nasty things to her is because he hasn't reconciled her doing the hunka-chunka with a coworker; as if she needed both hands and a flashlight to find that one.

While reading Phil's response to the 58-year-old obese woman who couldn't understand why overeating made her fat, I had to ask myself just what in the Funk & Wagnalls I was doing.

How did it come that this once relatively manly man was reduced to spending his day off browsing a magazine for bored housewives?

I wasn't raised in a tutu. I grew up shooting frogs, burning bugs and playing tackle football.

I blame the baseball strike of 1994.

Getting paid to do what you love seemed blessing enough, but not for these guys.

But, as so many unbelievable things do, it happened. I was 19 the year we had no World Series and so angry I sold my card collection and vowed never to watch the game again.

So began the descent into the bowels of metrosexuality.

Long gone were boyhood summer days in the outfield shielding my face from the sun with the only evidence of the father who left when I was 7: a Phil Rizzuto shortstop mitt that was far too big for my hand.

Gone was the sweet smell of old leather and scrounging quarters to buy packs of Topps from the lonely display case so out of place at the neighborhood hardware store.

Gone were the nights spent flipping through price guides and trying to calculate how much a boy of 14 was worth.

Gone were the afternoons with Alan Trammell and Kirk Gibson cards, both badly dog-eared from one too many Saturdays spent sorting them in front of the black and white TV with the tinfoil antenna while the boys of summer did their thing.

I did a fine job of abiding my oath all these years until 2006, when my Bless You Boys made it all the way to the World Series.

Sitting alone, (the wife has never known me as a "sports guy" and I know how she looks at men who are hooked on NASCAR and the NFL, so it was best kept secret) I watched every winning game with glee and the last games of the series in agony as loss after loss stacked up.

Even though they lost, watching the Tigers back in action awakened something inside me. Suddenly I found myself sneaking part of a game here and there. Then came the steroid scandals, talk of adding disclaimers and asterisks to the records of athletes who had not been found guilty and now the government inquests into what private citizens do with their respective bodies.

America's pastime may not have had any dignity left to lose, but I was not going to let another self-inflicted black eye stop me from watching the game I love.

I justified the alleged actions of MLB with the theory that, while steroids can make a person stronger, pills and serums are no substitute for dedication, training, sacrifice or talent.

Players who take drugs do so often at great risk and at very least they should get the accolades they've earned without fear of municipal witch hunts.

Besides, we all take steroids, it's just a matter of to what degree—The U.S. Olympic team must take its own food to China this year because Chinese meat is so loaded with growth hormones, our athletes would test positive for steroids if they ingested it.

Though perhaps to a lesser degree, American livestock and produce are also on the juice: One-pound chicken breasts and bulletproof tomatoes are not natural.

Whether it's the World's Strongest Man competitors, pro wrestlers or even baseball players, I just don't care what they put in their bodies.

I made the mistake of giving up a lifelong love (and a portion of my manhood) over dubious behavior once, I'm not going to let it happen again.

Now if you'll excuse me, the Tigers are already in spring training and I have to get started rebuilding my card collection from scratch.

Weekly Poll

Should dogs be allowed in East Park?

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Burlap before the saw: How to save the trees

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Commenting on the trees that were cut down in East Park surely comes under the category of locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen, but I do have a couple of stories about how other people in other places have dealt with missing trees. Not everyone considers trees to be impediments to future greatness. However, it is true that I have seldom seen a landscaping plan for some planned development that did not include removing all the trees currently present and replacing them with a fine collection of small guy-wired trees and some attractive shrubs. Let it be clear at the beginning: I like trees, and the older and larger they are the more I like them. It is almost impossible to get a century-old tree without the passage of 100 years.

The first tree management story comes from the University of Washington in Seattle. Our family spent five months there about 25 years ago. I walked three miles to the Botany Building from our rented basement apartment, and each day viewed what was a truly magnificent approach to the campus. A long, mall-like space with grass and seasonal blooming flower beds culminated in a very large circular pool and fountain at the university entrance. Looking away from the university buildings to the south, the mall framed Mount Ranier— a truly spectacular public space. There was already an underground parking garage located below the central quad of the campus. That one was a marvelous use of space without compromising the appearance of the campus, and we hoped that the new one would be equally inconspicuous when completed.

There was one problem. The eastern edge of the mall space included a magnificent Redwood tree. It was nearly one hundred feet tall, beautifully shaped and almost as old as the university. What did a university board, traditionally short of money, decide to do? I am sure cutting down the tree was considered, as the least expensive option. But the decision was to move it out of the construction zone. Imagine moving a hundred foot tall tree for several hundred yards! Since I walked to the campus down that mall six days a week. I had an opportunity to watch the process. The grounds crew separated a ball of earth the size of a small house from the surrounding soil, wrapped it in burlap and a web of steel cable (a lot of burlap) and called in the two largest construction cranes on the west cost to lift the tree and its earth ball onto a large half-inch thick steel plate and pull it with two bulldozers to its new location, where a suitable hole had been provided. The process took more than two weeks in total and cost tens of thousands of dollars from an already stressed university budget.

Such costly care for a tree in the way of construction may be unprecedented. All that it really demonstrates is that if you care enough it is not necessary to cut down inconvenient, old trees. I do not suggest that an identical solution was available for our local officials, only that if you care enough for old trees, they could be saved in SOME way.

The second tree story involves the largest hemlock tree in North Georgia. I never got to see the tree. But Gaither Plummer, a professor at the University of Georgia, led a group of students, including me, on a half-mile walk up a narrow mountain valley to where the tree had once stood. It had been removed, but it was clear that Professor Plummer could still see it. He discoursed at length about how it had taken six people with arms outstretched to enclose its circumference, and how it had towered over its surroundings. I thought at the time that Professor Plummer was just a little bit crazy to take us on a lengthy, uphill hike to look at the place where a tree had once been. But now I can imagine myself with a couple of grandchildren, next summer or the one after, telling them, "There used to be a wonderful, tall, old spruce tree, right here by the memorial." They will look at me with as much doubt about my connection to reality as I did at Professor Plummer.

It turns out that once you have cut it down and removed it there is no way to get an old tree back, no matter how vivid are y[illegible] memories or how good y[illegible] imagination.

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Exercise is a great way to maintain our health. As a walker enjoying the outdoors, why are our sidewalks such a hazard to our health?

Sidewalks are full of snow clumps causing a twisted ankle, falls, slips. It seems the only people who are concerned are homeowners.

Granted we walkers could go to a mall or other indoor places for exercise. Why can't we walk along our sidewalks and enjoy the snow, and most of all the fresh air.

The City has a machine, "The holder," that maintains sidewalks. It doesn't seem to be used much this year. Why?

Martha Burger
Charlevoix

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WINDMILLS

Editor:

I do not wish to be confused with Don Quixote. However, the issue of wind generators in Charlevoix should concern all citizens.

First, let me say that I am not opposed to wind power. We obviously need alternatives to fossil fuel.

But, before we allow structures which I've heard may reach 400 feet high, a full and open public discussion and disclosure of the entire proposal is needed. There are many rumors floating about. I've heard varying estimates of how much money various people will make but I don't know the truth.

This is not a township issue. It concerns all of Charlevoix and will have a great impact upon the future of our local environment. As some wise folks once said, we do not own the land. We are caretakers, let us take care.

Thomas F. Conlan
Charlevoix

COA DOING WHAT IT CAN

Editor:

After reading numerous articles in the newspaper regarding the Commission On Aging, and being a member of this board myself, I feel it important to express the issues that the current COA board is addressing. The COA is working diligently to improve the services for our senior citizens. We are working together to solve the problems that we have found with the recent survey. We are evaluating our staff and will have quarterly personnel meetings to address any concerns and to improve our services in all areas. We are in the process of computerizing our accounting system, which will enable us to provide necessary monthly reports to be accountable to our taxpayers.

Our main concern is our senior citizens. We want to do our best to provide our seniors with the help they need.

Bob Drebenstedt,
Commission on Aging Board Member

CONGRATS PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

Editor:

PA Students Excel and Amaze!

Recently, Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students competed at district and regional levels with their play, "Spoon River Anthology." They did an awesome job and advanced to state finals. Congratulations to the students! I am so proud of you and I know that Connie Ford would be proud too - her legacy of student success lives on in all of you…

The educational benefits of performing arts programs include teamwork, responsibility, diligence, organization, leadership, communication, public speaking skills, self esteem, confidence, creativity, and maturity. These students will be well equipped as the future leaders of tomorrow. Although it takes an incredible amount of work, these PA students always seem to have fun doing it. That is the best part!

For the readers, do yourself a favor and get involved - these young people will amaze you. Support your school PA program by attending performances, making a donation, or get involved with set building, fund raising, etc. There is a lot to do and in these financially troubled times the students need your support in order to succeed. They work hard at raising funds all year long for costumes, props, makeup, set building materials, paint, show programs and hotel and food costs associated with travel. A special thanks to the coaches and teacher who give so much of their personal time and energy to cultivate success in our students. It truly is a wonderfully enriching program.

CHS PA students: Thanks for letting me share in your success! You rock!

Caron Withers
Charlevoix

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Water fountain gets boost from local grant

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Efforts to bring an interactive water fountain to Charlevoix's newly renovated park, set to open this summer, are enjoying success, emphasized by the award of a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

"We are one for one as of now in terms of grants," Downtown Development Authority Director Keith Carey said.

The local funding award was in the amount of $2,000, which will be put toward the $380,000 price tag for the fountain. Private funds, solicited by the Fountain of Youth fund raising committee, are hoped to equal $100,000, while DDA has pledged $200,000 and the city Marina Fund will contribute $80,000. In addition to contributing grant funding, the Community Foundation is also acting as fiduciary for the other four grants applied for: The Frey Foundation, the Dow Foundation of Midland, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chipewa Indians and the Great Lakes Energy People's Fund. Carey is hopeful about hearing from the other grant sources soon.

Success is also noted in collection of private donations, he said, with pledges still coming in.

"I still get a few calls a week from people wanting to contribute. Many are non-Charleviox residents who either own a second home here or visit frequently that want to support our community and this project," he said.

Fundraising for the interactive water fountain is coming to a close, but Carey said he has turned his sights to grant opportunities for other components of the park, also remaining optimistic about those newer endeavors.

"I can't let the cat out of the bag yet, but we're working on some things," he said.

At last estimate, the park was set for a June opening.

Sheriff warns: Protect yourself from car theft

Sheriff George T. Lasater warned recently about the threat of car theft during winter months.

"During the extreme cold Michigan has been experiencing recently, there is increased temptation to start your vehicle and go back inside to let it warm up," Lasater said. "The problem is that crooks may target people who do this."

Crooks have been known to "patrol" neighborhoods looking for unoccupied running vehicles. They may work in teams, with one person driving the car and the passenger prepared to jump out when an unattended, running vehicle is spotted. Some thieves target only unlocked cars, but others will break out a window, if necessary.

If warming up your car is absolutely necessary, Lasater recommends you invest in a remote car starter. These are designed to allow your car to start and warm up without the key, but disable the vehicle if anyone tries to put the car in gear before inserting the key.

If a remote car starter is not an option for you and you insist on staying inside your home while your car warms up, Lasater recommends you follow these important tips.

Keep a watchful eye on your car from inside the house.

Make sure you have a backup key so you can lock the door to your car.

Don't keep your "warm up" key on a ring with your house keys. If you do, the thief will also have access to your home.

If you leave your car running in the garage, partially close the garage door. This will still allow the exhaust fumes to escape but serve as a deterrent to the thief.

"It is very easy to avoid falling victim to this crime," Lasater said. "By remaining with your vehicle during warm up, you will deter thieves who are looking for an easy mark."

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Dan Farmer

Dwayne, David & Darrin Farmer and their families invite you to congratulate their parents, Phillip Dan & Janice Carol (Cunningham) Farmer, as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 22, 2008.

In their honor, please join us at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 9 at the Charlevoix Senior Center on Carpenter Street. No gifts please.

Annual Firefighters' Ball on tap March 8

The ninth annual Firefighters' Ball will take place at Mahogany's, at the Charlevoix Country Club Saturday, March 8. The party starts at 8 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m. Ticket prices are $40 per single and $70 per couple. The ticket includes a chance to win a trip to Vegas. There will be door prizes, a silent auction and a live auction. There will be hors d'oeuvres along with a cash bar. Music will be provided by Ray Jay the DJ.

Sheriff program utilizes wanted posters

Sheriff George T. Lasater recently announced a new program where a citizen behind in child support payments and current warrant for their arrest has been authorized, their photograph will appear on a 'Wanted' poster, posted in various areas along with news media.

Lasater said this is an attempt to bring these citizens who are not paying child support to justice.

Information may be forwarded to Lasater, Undersheriff Don Schneider or Acting Jail Administrator Derek Gaylord at 547-4461.

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As your children begin to heal from the pain and confusion, their relationships with you, God and others will grow healthy and strong.

DC4K group meetings are offered each **Thursday, from 4-5:30p.m.** at the Charlevoix Elementary School starting March 13th for 13 weeks.

Please note that if school has 1/2 day, snow day or it's a holiday, there will be NO class.

Connect your children with our DC4K group today! Heal together by attending our DivorceCare groups for Adults.

For more information on either program call Amy, our DivorceCare Facilitator at

231-675-1925

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Rd., Tuesday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2008 assessment roll.

Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 10th, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 11th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

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Carol Martin,
Charlevoix Township Clerk

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'IN STITCHES' AT LIBRARY

The Charlevoix Public Library hosts a knitting community working the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. (March 3). Bring knitting, crocheting, or stitching of any kind, and work while you learn and share with others.

Each meeting will feature an optional class (kit fee required) and a workgroup area. Local knitter Chris Abramowski will lead the group. In response to the resurgence of knitting, the Charlevoix Public Library has added many new knitting resources to their collection. A sampling of those books include:

Son of stitch 'n bitch: 45 projects to knit & crochet for men, by Debbie Stoller offers many projects to work on that men will love. Stoller knows that at least half the projects women knit are intended for the men in their lives. She also knows that knitting for a boyfriend, husband, or father is full of pitfalls. The solution is this hip, smart knitters guide to knitting for men.

Kristin knits: 27 inspired designs for playing with color, by Kristin Nicholas provides confidence to work with many different colors for a fantastic result. Nicholas is a noted knitwear designer and color connoisseur. She encourages readers to conquer their color inhibitions, learn a little basic color theory, and create personally satisfying fiber palettes. The fresh collection of 25 designs showcases her extraordinary talent for color.

Many fiction books with a knitting theme are also part of the collection. Check out the library catalog at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call for more information about these or other knitting favorites, 237-7340.

Charlevoix Middle School Band receives top honors at festival

Straight ones are the highest rank that bands can receive at this festival. The Charlevoix Middle School Band, under the direction of Jayne Bennett, achieved this honor at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival Saturday, Feb. 23 in Petoskey.

There were three judges listening to each band perform a march, a piece taken from a required list and a third song of their choosing. Each judge gave the band grades of all A's, adding up to a first division rating for the concert portion of the program. The band then went into the sight reading room where they performed two new pieces of music. They had seven minutes to prepare the music and then perform for another judge. The band also received all A's for this performance and another first division rating. Since all judges gave the band first division ratings, or "ones," we call this Straight Ones, which is a great accomplishment. Out of the 19 bands performing at the festival, Charlevoix Middle School was one of three to receive this high ranking. This is the first time in about 12 years that Charlevoix Bands have received Straight Ones ratings.

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Computer Basics 2: MS Word for Beginners
Thursday, February 28, 6:00 pm
A program for people with a bit of computer knowledge and ready to sharpen word processing skills

Story-Time
Thursday, February 28, 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Thursday Night Open Mic! *Thursday, February 28, 7:00 – 9:00 pm*
Performers and audience welcome to this family friendly performing arts show including dance, song and readings.

PAWS for a Story
Saturday, March 1, 10:30
Come visit the library to give your child an opportunity to read aloud to a dog. The library's certified PAWS teams of trainer and dog will be ready and waiting. Register for a spot by calling or stopping by the youth desk, 237-7350

Monday Movie Matinees
Monday, March 3
1:00 pm Singin' in the Rain, with Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds 1952
3:30 pm The Pacifier, Middle School age kids invited to this comedy about a retired Navy SEAL who is assigned what he deems to be a babysitting job for the five Plummer children

"Stitches" Knitting Group
Monday, March 3, 6:00 pm
Bring your own project and join in for a community knitting session.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, March 4, noon a noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

Sleepy-Time Stories
Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 pm
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OBITUARIES

CHARLES J. BLEHA

Charles J. Bleha, 98, passed away in Charlevoix February 2, 2008.

Born in Detroit on June 10, 1909, Charlie came with his parents, John and Anna (Kinski) Bleha to Charlevoix County in 1914. After his father's death in 1916, he and his mother moved to Charlevoix.

He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1929. Charlie played center on the football team and played trombone in the high school and city bands.

Shortly after graduating from high school Charlie took a job with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, better known as A&P. He worked for A&P in Charlevoix, Sault Ste. Marie, Harbor Springs and Petoskey until drafted into the army in 1942. He served with the 13th Armored Division, a part of General George Patton's Third Army, that fought it's way through France and Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Charlie returned to Charlevoix and managed the A&P store. When A&P decided to close its Charlevoix store, he opened his own grocery store, Food Port, on Bridge Street. He sold Food Port in 1957 and went to work for Kroger in Charlevoix and Petoskey until his retirement in 1971.

After living on Nettleton Street in Charlevoix from boyhood, Charlie moved with his family in 1957 to Pa Be Shan Lane on North Point where he trapped and hunted as a youth.

Charlie was an active, lifelong member of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Charlevoix. He participated in many civic organizations, including treasurer of the Charlevoix County Hospital Board when the present hospital was approved, funded and built; trustee of Charlevoix Township; board member of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce; and Cub Scout Master.

Charlie was an avid hunter and fisherman, but his real passion was golf. Beginning as a youngster with five wooden-shaft clubs, he competed as an 18-year-old amateur in the 1927 Great Lakes Open. He worked on both the Charlevoix municipal golf course and the Belvedere, where he helped lay the greens. After playing well for nearly 80 years, he gave up golf at age 87 because he could no longer walk the course.

His wife of 66 years, Ester (FitzGerald) Bleha passed away in 1999. He is survived by his two sons and their wives, Thomas Bleha and Natasha Simes of Arlington, Virginia and John and Penny (Gibelyou) Bleha of Charlevoix; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1 at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Charlevoix. The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Charlevoix or Charlevoix Area Hospital. The Winchester Funeral Home served the family.

EVELYN ENG ELLIOTT

Three days after celebrating her 87th birthday, longtime Charlevoix resident Evelyn Eng Elliott passed away Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007.

Born Dec. 19, 1920, in Carroll, Iowa, to E.J. and Maude Kratoska, Evelyn was preceded in death by her brothers, Jim and Bob and her sister, Vivian. After graduating from the Creighton University nursing school, she served as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Nurses Corps in World War II. There, she cared primarily for the injured of the Pacific Theater while stationed at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif. There, she married Seaman John Giles Eng, a short marriage that produced two sons.

After the war, she received her master's degree on the G.I. Bill in nursing administration from the University of Iowa in 1952 and became the director of nursing and dean of students at Broadlawn Polk County Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

In the pioneering days of the University of Missouri medical center, Evelyn accepted the position of director of nursing services in 1960, bringing her and her two sons to Columbia, MO.

She authored a book and many articles on nursing and public health, and in 1969 she served as president of the Missouri Nurses Association. In the early 1970s, Evelyn left Columbia to become the director of nursing for Cabrini, Columbus and Cunio hospitals in Chicago. She retired in 1976.

In 1954, she met and later married her soul mate, James Lee Elliott, with whom she enjoyed 30 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in May 2005. They were "snowbirds" residing in Charlevoix, Mich., and escaping the harsh winters in Naples, Fla.

She will be remembered as the life of the party, a hard-nosed but fair administrator, and a force to be reckoned with. A woman before her time, she was a champion of the rights of women in general, and especially in the workplace, long before it was popular and often to the risk of her own career. And if that wasn't enough, her efforts in single-handedly raising the "Eng boys" have earned her a free pass to all the good things in the hereafter. She is survived by her sons Michael and Patrick Eng and his wife, Mary Del Eng, all of Columbia; and her three grandchildren, Jennifer and Matthew Eng of Columbia, MO and Allen Russell of Kansas City.

Per her wishes, there will be no service. A family gathering will be held in Naples, Fla., where her ashes will be spread outside her door in Doctor's Pass, where she loved to watch the dolphins swim.

A celebration of her life is being planned for spring in Columbia.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BETHLEHEM REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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03833 M-66
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 547-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
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Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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June, July & August [illegible]
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Pastor: Harold F. Kruse 599-2321

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Sunday Worship [illegible]
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street
[illegible]
Pastor Duane O'Dell 231-347-6651

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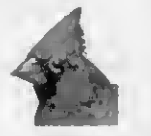

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10 things you never knew about Scott Hankins

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February's 10 Things features 42-year-old Deputy-Chief of Charlevoix City Police Scott Hankins.

In addition to being a husband and father of two, Hankins plays bass, drums and mandolin in his spare time and plays guitar in the band In Service which performs everything from gospel and country to rock-n-roll; is an auctioneer and a farrier (one who fits and removes horse shoes); and was even an MP in the military.

Hankins has been a musician for nearly 30 years and an officer for nearly 18 years.

Q 1. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

A. My favorite food to eat is BBQ ribs or pizza.

Q 2. What are your hobbies?

A. The band and we have four horses of our own. We ride 'em and have buggies. We drive them into town every once in a while to get Dairy Queen.

Q 3. What's the toughest AND BEST part of your job?

A. The toughest part of my job is when it involves a case where a younger person has been hurt or killed and having to deal with their family. The best part of my job is when you get to see a positive resolution to a case and you know you've done the best you can to help somebody else.

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A. I would enact federal legislation to limit the presidential campaigns to three-month periods.

Q 5. If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A. Vince Gill. He just won his 19th Grammy. He is, I think, one of the best song writers and guitar players known to man.

Q 6. What is something nobody knows about you?

A. When I was in high school I wanted to be in radio broadcasting.

Q 7. Favorite movie of all time?

A: Mel Brooks' Blazing Saddles.

Q 8. What is the biggest misconception in your line of work?

A. I think it can be summed up in one question I have been asked I don't know how many times: People say, "Why were you following me last night?"; and my response is, "I was going in the same direction."

I think officers forget that people get nervous with a cop car behind them. To us, it's just a means of transportation.

Q 9. What really makes you mad?

A. If I have failed to meet my obligations with my family or work or something I've committed to and I haven't followed through with.

10. Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: I will be ... still working for the Charlevoix City Police Department.

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Area departments train with Coast Guard

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The Charlevoix Station of the United States Coast Guard held a training exercise last week, inviting surrounding police, fire and rescue departments to learn about their equipment and procedures. Departments worked together on training and simulated rescue exercises.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Hoping their faces, equipment and procedures will become more familiar with neighboring law enforcement, fire and rescue agencies, the United States Coast Guard Charlevoix Station held a collaborative training exercise last week.

Officer in Charge BMC Scott Boop said the training was organized to help boost efficient response to emergencies, and help various officers — from Elk Rapids to Emmet County— become familiar with each other.

"We have a rather large coverage area (as the Coast Guard) and we wanted to be familiar with these folks and have them familiar with us," Boop said.

Emmet County Sheriff, East Jordan Fire Department, Elk Rapids Fire Department, Charlevoix County Dive Team, Resort Bear Creek Township and the Coast Guard Auxiliary attended the event, which involved hands-on demonstrative training as well as a simulated helicopter rescue, demonstrated by the Air Station Traverse City. Boatswain Mate 3rd Class Frank Wehher said the event was of benefit for all involved.

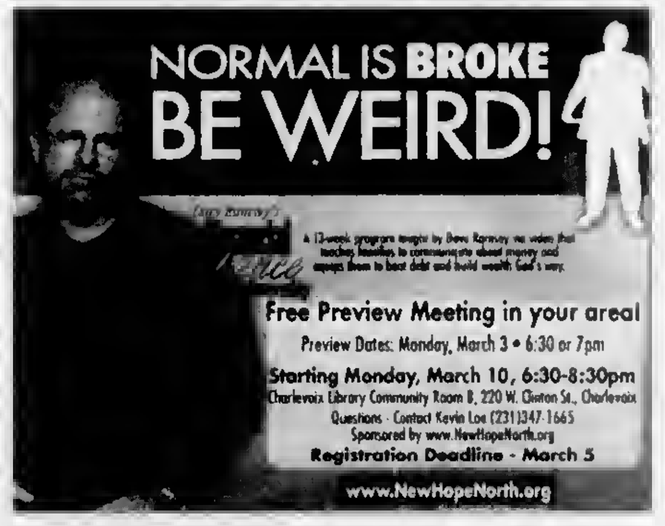
"This can help us put some names to faces. We're comparing equipment used, showing them our policies, procedures, training and rescue techniques," he said.

While only in Charlevoix for eight months, Wehher spent time serving in the Coast Guard in other areas such as Washington state, Alaska and up and down the East Coast, and he learned how important it can be to work closely with neighboring agencies.

"When you respond to a scene, it helps to know what other agencies have as resources, what they do, and have them know what we can do to help," he said, noting as the only federal agency in the area and the first likely called to ice rescue events, the Coast Guard will be seen by other agencies.

Boop said the exercise will become an annual event in Charlevoix, and he hopes every agency can attend at some point.

"This will help bolster a greater partnership. In case you have an incident, each department will know each other's capabilities and call upon those assets," he said. "When you know other departments' capabilities, you can offer a quicker, better response."



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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:
Held a public hearing on the 2007-08 Budget Ordinance Amendment
Held a public hearing on the proposed 2008-09 Budget Ordinance
Directed staff to research prohibiting the use of "jake brakes" in town
Motion passed setting a public hearing on March 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to consider revision of the dog ordinance prohibiting dogs in East Park
Motion passed setting a public hearing on March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input on renaming East Park
Motion passed to approve change order #2 for the Ferry Beach Boat Launch project in the amount of $11,000
Reviewed proposed downtown park plaques
Motion passed setting a public hearing on March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to close out the Community Development Block Grant
Ordinance 725 of 2008 adopted, 2007-08 Budget Ordinance Amendment
Ordinance 726 of 2008 adopted, 2008-09 Budget Ordinance
Council adjourned at 8:21 p.m.
A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk
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BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 4, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. to review the Assessment Roll in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 210 State Street.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 10, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2008, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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FEB

SPORTS reviewing the action

Photo courtesy Petoskey News-Review

The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team celebrates its Class C district championship Friday at Traverse City St. Francis. Team members are front (from left) Ericka Faust, Olivia Catt, Shauna Spencley, Emily Foster, Brooke Whittaker; second row, Desi Faust, Meridith Rich, KC McCary; back row, Bridget Peters , Sarah Potter, Murphy Gillespie, Becca Madison, Kandis Way, Tammy Potter, Alyssa Smith.

Lady Rayders win districts

There was no running clock this time. After beating Traverse City St. Francis in their second regular-season meeting, 63-17, it took everything it had for Charlevoix's girls' basketball team to get by the Gladiators in Friday's Class C district final.

The Rayders trailed at the half and at the end of three quarters, before winning 57-43.

It's the fourth straight district title for Charlevoix, 19-2. St. Francis finishes 8-15.

"We finally got the right combination on the floor," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "We play so many (players), sometimes it takes a while to find. We put Shauna Spencley in there at the end of the third quarter and she got us going. She ran the show, hit a big 3 and played great defense."

Desi Faust, who scored 10 points, hit a 3-pointer on the opening play of the fourth quarter. That put Charlevoix up, 36-34, and gave it the lead for the first time since the first quarter.

Then Becca Madison, with four fouls, came back on the floor with 6 minutes to play. She scored two straight buckets for a 43-37 lead with 5 minutes, 7 seconds to go. Spencley's 3-pointer came midway through the fourth for a 47-39 lead and Charlevoix was able to maintain a cushion the rest of the way.

Madison led the Rayders with 18 points. Murphy Gillespie had eight points, five rebounds and five assists, and Tammy Potter eight rebounds.

"She (Madison) had a tremendous second half," Erskine said.

For its part, St. Francis had a tremendous first half. Charlevoix thrives on its defensive pressure, but it is hard to press when you can't score. For much of the game, the Gladiators saw to that.

"Our half-court defense is our strength, that's what gave us a chance," St. Francis coach Sue Nissen said.

What happened to the team that lost by 40 the last time?

"That was just one of those games, that wasn't really us. We put it behind us," Nissen said.

"We knew St. Francis was going to come out and give us a tough game, they didn't want to lose their last game on their floor," Erskine said. "The score of that last game doesn't reflect how good they really are. But we were still tentative in the first half."

Lyndsay LaCourse was particularly good for the Glads, beating Charlevoix's pressure despite being St. Francis' tallest player, and scoring a team-best 13 points.

"She's only a sophomore," Erskine said. "St. Francis has a great future."

Charlevoix's future is 6 p.m. Tuesday in a regional semifinal at Gaylord against McBain, 20-

See GIRLS, page 21

Wrestlers qualify for state

Two Charlevoix High School wrestlers qualified for the Division IV Individual State Finals after placing third in their respective weight classes at the individual regional tournament Saturday at Rogers City High School.

Charlevoix's Zeke Daman, 119 pounds, opened the regional with an 11-6 victory over Chris Weber of Farwell, then dropped a 13-3 major decision to T.J. Sobeck of Rogers City.

Daman came back to defeated Josh Chartier of Mio then downed Weber in the third-place match by a 10-1 major decision. Daman improved to 42-6 on the season

Charlevoix's Mat Golovich dropped his opening match, a 12-3 major decision to Travis Perkins of Blanchard Montabella, then won three straight matches in the wrestleback bracke to finish the day 3-1 and claim the third-place medal.

Golovich pinned Jared Prusick of Traverse City St. Francis in 51 seconds, pinned Tanner Colantonio of Gwinn in 3:33, then topped Billy Preston of Kingsley, 4-1, in the third-place match. Golovich is 41-9 on the season.

Charlevoix senior Trevor Cole and freshman Greg Bishaw also competed in the tournament for Charlevoix. Cole went 0-2 at heavyweight, while Bishaw was 0-2 at 103.

The Individual State Finals are March 6-8 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Daman and Golovich each placed third at 119 and 130, respectively, at the Division IV regional at Rogers City.

Rayders on to next step

One title locked away forever. Another on the horizon?

Corey Gotshall scored 23 points and Nate LaBlance added 19 Thursday as Charlevoix put the finishing touches on an 18-2 regular boys' basketball season with a 77-63 non-league win at Cheboygan. Now, the Rayders, who won their second straight Lake Michigan Conference title in 2007-08, set their sights on more hardware.

The Rayders begin their state tournament run with the Class C district tournament at Traverse City St. Francis where they will

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
RENAMING OF EAST PARK
Monday, March 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The City of Charlevoix is seeking public input on the possible renaming of East Park. A public hearing will be held consider renaming East Park at the Monday, March 3, 2008 City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Council meeting will be held in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Supreme Court raises smoking gun at litigation

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

As Michigan Supreme Court justices question an aspect of Charlevoix's smoke ban, local commissioners consider rescinding it.

The fact the justices asked interested parties to submit briefs on the matter last month is noteworthy, say legal representatives on both sides, not because the court cares about tobacco use regulations, but whether health departments in general have the right to pass codes which supersede state law

"You have a right to go to the court of appeals. You do not have a right to go to the Supreme Court," said Sam Frederick, a Lansing attorney representing five local plaintiffs in the case. "They (justices) said they would like to hear more about this issue of improper delegation of authority."

He added, "Health departments can enact these types (Charlevoix's Clean Indoor Air Act) of laws, but the question is: 'Are they delegated too much power from the state legislature?'"

The Supreme Court's curiosity stems from the case filed by Kent McNeil, Franklin Fisher and Roger "Archie" Griffin in July 2005, and which later added plaintiffs Scott Way and Jeff Legato, but not because of any arguments raised by the plaintiffs.

Regardless of which course the Supreme Court chooses, some Charlevoix County Commissioners intend to bring the matter up for a vote once again.

"We're taking a hard and fast look at all the rules that apply to private citizens," said District Two Charlevoix County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board Chris Christensen "Micromanagement is what we're trying to avoid."

He added, "This should be on the agenda for the next meeting (7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27)."

The plaintiffs, who originally lost their case in Charlevoix Circuit Court, lost again in state appeals court last June, but then, last month, the Michigan Supreme Court asked the plaintiffs, defendants, the Michigan Attorney General's office, the Michigan Association of Counties and the Michigan Township Association.

"The Supreme Court, on its own initiative, asked the parties ... to file supplemental briefs on whether the public health code contains sufficient guidelines for the delegation of rule making authority by the legislature to state agencies," said Jim Young, attorney for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "This principle applies to any health department regulation whether it relates to septic systems, tattoo parlors, wells, it literally has nothing to do at all with the fact that we're regulating tobacco"

As all briefs in the matter have been filed with the high court, the defendants and plaintiffs now must wait for the justices to decide one of several possible scenarios including. Choosing not to hear the case; choosing to hear oral arguments on the case; or giving a decision based on the supplemental briefs

"They were invited to do that because of the tremendous statewide impact that an adverse ruling would have," Young said. "If that happened I would expect the legislature to pass emergency legislation to try to bring order out of potential chaos."

He added, "On the other hand, if the legislature drafted the statute poorly then the legislature should be told. I don't have a problem with them looking at the issue"

The significance of the court ruling against the health department "is, if the Supreme Court finds that the public health code is defective and health departments should be treated as state agencies, then the very ordinances passed by health departments in this entire state would be invalid," Young said.

He added, "This would create chaos."

The argument laid out in Frederick's brief is that, while local health departments have a right to pass laws more stringent than state law, they may not pass laws which override different laws and that the appeals court erred by ruling the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency did not have an improper delegation of authority from the legislature

"What I would like to see is the court grant oral argument on the issue. This is an issue of public concern, not just for Charlevoix County, but all counties in the State of Michigan, and I think it serves the public to have discourse from both sides," Frederick said. "Hopefully the court would issue decisions, opinions that would acknowledge there is improper use of power at the local health department level."

Both attorneys said the Supreme Court operates on its own timeline and therefore a decision will be forthcoming at an indeterminable date

Rayders ranked eighth in AP Class C state poll

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play either Maple City Glen Lake, 11-9, or Suttons Bay, 9-11, in a semifinal game 7:45 p.m. today, Wednesday, Feb. 27. The winner advances to the championship game 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29. If the Rayders make the final, they could very well meet Traverse City St. Francis in what promises to be another classic showdown between the two schools.

The Gladiators, 17-3 and second to the Rayders, at 12-2, this year in the Lake Michigan Conference, are one of only two teams to beat Charlevoix this season. The Gladiators won on their home court — remember, also the site of the district — on Feb. 11, 74-61. Charlevoix topped the Glads, 55-46, on Dec. 18. Charlevoix's only other loss this season came to Class B Petoskey, 56-55.

The Rayders, who are ranked eighth in the Associated Press Class C state poll, opened the season with seven straight wins, won seven in a row after the non-league loss to Petoskey, and have won four in entering Wednesday's district game. Included in that season-ending four-game win streak was a 104-55 shellacking of Harbor Springs, and the 77-63 win over Cheboygan, in which the Rayders outscored the Chiefs, 32-17 in the fourth quarter to win going away.

"They're pretty good and it was a very physical game," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. Charlevoix made 10 of its 12 fourth-quarter free throw attempts with Gotshall going a perfect 4-for-4.

Weston Bryan added nine points and Thomas Parrish had eight for Charlevoix, while Justin Friske grabbed nine rebounds and dished out four assists, and LaBlance added five assists.

John Lafrniere scored 20 points, Trevor Closs had 13

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Third candidate files in school board race

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Native Kevin Pearsall is the third candidate vying for a seat on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during the upcoming election

As a lifelong resident of Charlevoix, Pearsall is a 39-year-old father of two children and professional landscaper.

"My kids were in school and I wanted to get a little bit more involved," Pearsall commented when asked what motivated him to run for the office. "I think it will be something different, exciting. I basically think my past business experiences and past life experiences will help me make good decisions."

He added, "And, I know a lot of people in the county and I talk to a lot of people and I don't think anyone is afraid to come up and talk to me."

Pearsall

Pearsall said he understands the schools face various issues, but that he will come into this position with no political agenda.

Any other resident of the Charlevoix Public Schools District interested in running for the two seats which will be vacated by Larry Levengood and Diane Kilkenny, may file as write-in candidates by filing a declaration of intent form available at the Charlevoix County Building.

The deadline for write-in candidates is 4 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

For more information about the open seats, call 547-3200.

Water Works Coalition meeting

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

What is the Water Works Coalition? Why is it important? What does it mean to Charlevoix?

These are some of the question visiting Director of Environmental and Energy Policy for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Doug Roberts, Jr. will answer when he addresses local Chamber of Commerce members Friday.

Roberts handles a wide range of key environmental and energy issues for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and because wa-

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The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2007 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix. Ordinance No. 718 of 2007, Budget Appropriation Act of 2007-2008 is hereby amended as follows

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund	RV Taxes	2 118,300	2 148,750	30 450
	RV State Grants	281 300	273 044	(8,256)
	RV Licenses & Permits	6 200	5 600	(600)
	RV Charges for Services	649 600	585 292	(64,308)
	RV Fines & Forfeits	28,300	19 425	(8,875)
	RV Interest & Rents	131,900	145,440	13,540
	RV Other	5,100	5 276	176
	RV Fund Transfers	82,300	82 300	0
Total Change in Revenues - General Fund		3,303,000	3,265,127	(37,873)
General Fund	EX Public Works	197 100	229 358	32,258
	EX Public Safety	1,201,600	1,169,342	(32,258)
Total Change in Expenses - General Fund				0
Major Street	RV Total	624,500	242 815	(381,685)
Major Street	EX Total	604,500	217,776	(386 724)
Airport Fund	RV Total	1,112,100	1,057,756	(54,344)
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total	835,100	1 139 100	304,000
PI#2 Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	RV Total	54,000	35 000	(19 000)
PI#5 Sewer Capital Fund NSS	RV Total	32,700	22 500	(10,200)
PI#5 Sewer Capital Fund NSS	EX Total	155,900	0	(155 900)
PI#9 Industrial Park Fund	RV Total	9,800	5 000	(4,800)
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Recreation	RV Total	14,100	13,300	(800)
PI#16 Downtown Parking Fund	RV Total	5,800	5,000	(800)
Sewer Fund	RV Total	1 207,000	1,121,294	(85,706)
Water Fund	RV Total	998,900	799,121	(199 779)
Marina Fund	RV Total	5,400,100	3,938,392	(1,461,708)
Marina Fund	EX Total	5,258,593	8,751,223	3,492,630
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total	1 725,500	1,584,976	(140,524)
Motor Pool	RV Total	641 809	618,333	(23,476)

Bad Debt Write Offs		
General Fund	31,394	ambulance
Marina Fund		docking
Electric Fund	10,688	
Water Fund	2 167	
Sewer Fund	2,472	
Total:	46,721	

ADOPTED this 18th day of February 2008

Ordinance No. 725-2008 was adopted on the 18th day of February 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows

Motion by Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilmember Greg Stevens

Yeas Campbell Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina, Picha, Stevens
Nays None
Absent None

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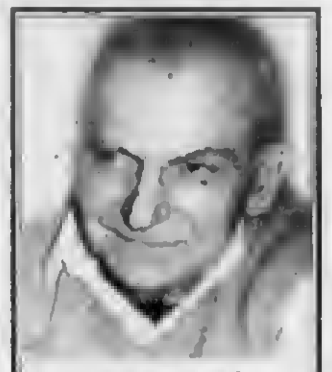
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Applications will be accepted until March 7, 2008. EOE

Educational

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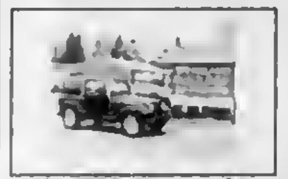

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Dated: February 25, 2008.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Country Days, Inc., a Profit Sharing Plan UTAD dated May 7, 1998, a Michigan Trust, of 105 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, of 200 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, dated December 20, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 5, 2004, in Liber 592 Pages 343 through 351, Charlevoix County Records, and which was assigned to MICHAEL BRODE, of 25855 Franklin Park Drive, Franklin, Michigan 48025, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 2, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on October 3, 2006 in Liber 768, Page 626, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $5,138,352.24.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 14th day of March, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, as is described as follows:

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-058-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence 1981 feet West of the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West: thence South 330 feet; thence West 263.2 feet, more or less, to a point 130 feet East of the East line of Meech Street; thence North parallel with said Meech Street 330 feet to said quarter line; thence East on said Quarter line 263.2 feet, more or less to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West. The above described land is subject to the right of way of Division Street along its North boundary. The aforesaid East line of Meech Street being established as intersecting said quarter line at a point 2374.2 feet West of said East quarter post.

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-054-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning 1805.875 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and 330 feet South; thence South 483.25 feet to the centerline Petoskey Avenue, City of Charlevoix; thence Southwesterly along center of said Avenue 168.3 feet; thence North 549 feet to a point due West of place of Beginning; thence East 161.625 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-053-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Commencing at a point 1849 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence East along the center line of Division Street 132 feet to the Place of Beginning; and being a part of the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; SUBJECT to the right of way of said Division Street.

EXCEPT:

In the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, as established by D.C. Nettleton, past Deputy County Surveyor; thence along the East and West quarter line of said section, as established by D.C. Nettleton, North 89°53'29" West 1849.24 feet (recorded as West 1849.00 feet); thence South 00°11'29" East (recorded as South) 33.00 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the South line of Division Street; thence continuing South 00°11'29" East 297.37 feet (recorded as South 297.00 feet) to a 1" rod; thence South 89°59'30" East (recorded as East) 44.00 feet to a 1/2 " re-rod recorded as being 1805 and 7/8 feet West and 330 feet South of said quarter corner; thence South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 183.26 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 257.26 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 3.75 feet to the Northerly line of Petoskey Avenue (Highway U.S. 31); thence continuing South 01°44'35" East 34.89 feet to the center line of said highway; thence along said center line, South 69°18'34" West 418.97 feet (recorded as 420:70 feet); thence leaving said center line, North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 34.90 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the Northerly line of said avenue; thence continuing North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 409.84 feet to a 3/4 " pipe; thence South 89°53'29" East 396.16 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and containing 3.367 acres. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated. February 4, 2008

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by GREGORY J. VEREYKEN and CRYSTAL J. VEREYKEN, Mortgagors, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated January 16, 2003, and recorded January 22, 2003, in Liber 513, Page 341, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $117,535.05, including interest at 7% per annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1 /4 lying Southwesterly of Highway M 66, Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 17, thence along the North line of said Section 17, South 87°22'09" East 992.30 feet, to the Southwesterly right of way of Highway M 66, for the Point of Beginning, thence continuing along said North line, South 87°22'09" East 434.76 feet, to the West 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence along said West 1/8 line, South 03°41'03" West 1325.31 feet, to the North 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence along said North 1/8 line, North 87°18'45" West 378.06 feet; thence North 03°41'03" East 1285.27 feet, to the Southwesterly right of way of Highway M 66; thence along said Southwesterly right of way, North 52°02'57" West 68.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: February 15, 2008

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY:
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201 State Street, PO Box 490
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(L02/20, 02/27, 03/05, 03/12)

MORTGAGE SALE

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID LOSEE, a married man, Mortgagor, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49525, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006 and recorded February 23, 2006 in Liber 732 of Mortgages, Page 399. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 10/100 ($357,983.10) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on March 14, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)] the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Boyne Falls, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Unit 97, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the master deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, page 53 inclusive, and first amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 421, page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and second amendment to master deed recorded in Liber 571, page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. P.P. #002-390-097-00

Date: February 1, 2008

INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY EAST MICHIGAN
a Michigan banking corporation,
Mortgagee

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(L-02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by The Amended and Restated Thomas L. LaVanway Declaration of Trust dated October 9, 1998 to Aden State Bank of PO Box 39, Alden, MI 49612 dated March 22, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 24, 2006 in Liber 737 of Mortgages, Page, 287 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine and 03/100 ($149,299.03) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, County building, 301 State St., City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 21, 2008, at 11:00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 7.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Unit 314, HARBOR PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Consolidating Master Deed recorded in Liber 423, Page 493 through 536, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plan No. 88. Together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978 as amended.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: February 7, 2008

Alden State Bank
Mortgagee
Leon W. Sluyter, Vice President

For: Alden State Bank
Business Address:
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Elk Rapids, MI 49629
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(L-02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/05)

Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Charlevoix City Council
March 3, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 in the Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 to consider closing out the Michigan Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG).

Grant funds were used to connect the building located at 12625 US 31 North to the City sanitary sewer system. The building also had a deteriorating concrete floor which was coated to provide a safe work environment. The project also included the installation of manufacturing equipment.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may sent to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The complete grant file can be viewed at the City Manager's Office.

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A large crowd gathered at the base of Mt. McSauba, to watch "The Big Grin" snowboard competition held Feb. 24. Perfect weather and music by Charlie's Root Fusion lent to the fun as 40 competitors showed their skills for the cameras of Charlevoix filmmaker John Curtis and his Go Film Local production company. Pictured, nine-year-old Walker Drost, of Charlevoix gets some air before the crowd at the snowboard competition, which was sponsored by Go Film Local and supported by Revolution MFG and Bandits International. Riders competed for a sponsorship with Revolution MFG.

Officials: Potential conflict of offices dubious but possible

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema will soon address Charlevoix County Commissioners to clarify recent Michigan Attorney General opinions on alleged conflicts of offices.

Satisfied with two of three attorney general opinions on potential conflict of offices, local lawyer Ellis Boal, concerned with Jarema's prior reading that there is no conflict for a person to hold both soil erosion and drain commissioner duties, brought his concerns to the commissioners during their Wednesday, Feb. 13 meeting.

"The basic issue here is whether the drain commission office and the soil erosion office can be held by the same person," Boal said. "I think there is a conflict in the same person holding the office ... chiefly because of his presence on the appeals board that's set up by the county's storm water ordinance."

He added, "The attorney general said just flatly that the two positions are incompatible."

Marc Seelye, the drain commissioner and soil erosion officer who's potential conflict of offices is in question, declined comment until he receives legal counsel.

According to Jarema, who intends to give his interpretation of the attorney general's opinion during the 7 p.m., Feb. 27 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, he still feels there is no conflict.

"I think this is more form over substance," he said. "The nuts and bolts issue is: Is there a conflict of interest in wearing both hats?; are their any conflicts in holding both offices and making decisions?"

He added, "I don't think that their are."

During the meeting, Boal read from page three, section two of the attorney general's opinion: "It is noted that the storm water control ordinance in Charlevoix County assigns the drain commissioner to a county storm water appeals board that reviews the decisions of the soil erosion officer on appeal."

He further read, "If that provision is included in the county ordinance, the two positions are incompatible to the extent the soil erosion officer is supervised by the drain commissioner who, as a member of the county's storm water appeals board, reviews the decisions of the soil erosion officer that are appealed to that board."

Boal said Seelye's conflict has been in effect for as long as he has held the offices.

"You need to have him (Seelye) removed as soil officer ... it's too late to say, 'Well he's had an incompatible office for three years or for 17 months or for five months and we're going to fix it now,' he's got to resign right now," Boal said. "Even if you put a motion on the floor right now and you pass that motion five minutes from now, during those five minutes he is holding an incompatible office."

District Two Charlevoix County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board Chris Christensen asked Chief Assistant Charlevoix County Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara for her opinion on the matter during the meeting.

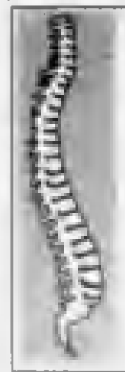
"It's my understanding just reading this through that this can be resolved just that you can have the two positions and you can receive compensation so long as one of those positions does not oversee the appeal process," she said. "Which I think we can resolve at the next meeting."

Boal, who did not see the issue in the same way, also has an issue with the compensation Seelye receives for his duties as drain commissioner officer.

"If it is done it has to be done with a formal resolution ... and if it is done then it also has to be with an increase, a commensurate increase in the compensation of the drain commissioner," he said. "Right now the drain commissioner is getting $200 a month plus per diems. If the drain commissioner is working a day a week ... that means the drain commissioner has to work 32 or 40 hours in a month and that is less than the minimum wage."

Boal added, "Marc Seelye could sue the county right now for the difference in wages that he's getting."

Boal wished to clarify that he asked Jarema to investigate Marc Seelye's position, not Brannon's position as both county clerk and fiscal officer or and Frykberg's positions as a former county commissioner and zoning administrator for several counties positions as was stated in the Feb. 6 edition of the Charlevoix Courier.



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Address your questions and comments to "Hey Jane" P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail to: heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

Girls basketball

GIRLS

Continued from page 14

In the second semifinal, Kingsley, 20-3, plays Whittemore-Prescott, 16-5.

Desi Faust scored 19 points as Charlevoix held off East Jordan in the district semifinal last Wednesday, 66-63.

Faust was 3-of-4 3-point attempts, and was 6-of-7 at the line in the fourth quarter.

"Desi had a great game," Erskine said. "This was the best she played all year."

Meghan Thomas scored 17 for East Jordan, 17-5.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 726
BUDGET APPROPRIATION ACT

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Charlevoix did give notice of the time and place when a public hearing would be held in conformity with provisions of Section 7.8, Article VII of the City Charter, which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2008 and ending March 31, 2009 are hereby appropriated on an activity level basis (a detailed breakdown by detail level can be found in the Budget Details document) as summarized by the following

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE	Taxes	$ 2 228 500
	Licenses & Permits	8 000
	State Grants	272,800
	Charges for Services	837,900
	Fines & Forfeits	23,200
	Interest & Rents	129,900
	Other	3,400
	Fund Transfers (In)	13,000
	Appropriation from Surplus	147 600
	TOTAL REVENUES	$3,460,300
EXPENSE	Legislative	$ 63 500
	General Government	571,600
	Public Safety/Health & Welfare	1,438,700
	Public Works	248,600
	Recreation & Culture	948,900
	Other	104,000
	Fund Transfers (Out)	85,000
	TOTAL EXPENSE	$3,460,300

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Charlevoix does hereby levy a tax of 11 1528 mills (9 05 mills operating and 2 1028 mills infrastructure) for the period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the general expense and liability of the City of Charlevoix and for infrastructure improvements, and is levied pursuant to Section 8 1, Article VIII of the City Charter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed 1 3631 mills for the period April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2009 on all real and personal property in the Downtown Development District according to the valuation of the same within the district and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed 1 mill for the period April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the cost of rubbish collection and other related services provided citizens allowed by the act, and is levied pursuant to Michigan Public Act 213 of 1869 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the rate increases for Sewer rates effective April 1, 2008, and the rate increases in the rate section of the budget for golf fees, airport rates, ambulance rates, recreation fees, marina docking fees and all rates listed in the "Rates" section of the Budget Details document, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the following budgets for the period April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 in the amounts set forth below by fund

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Major Street Fund	$551 700	$ 544 700
Local Street Fund	148 100	127 700
Electric Fund	6 789,300	6 789 300
Sewer Fund	1,044,800	1 644,600
Water Fund	1,216,000	1 216,000
Marina Fund	2 639,400	2 639,400
Motor Vehicle Fund	953,700	953,700
Downtown Development Auth	925,900	925,900
FUND	**REVENUE**	**EXPENSE**
Airport Fund	479,500	479,500
Employee Fringe Benefit	1 794,300	1 880 700
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	17,000	0
Fire/Ambulance Fund	150,000	0
Sewer Tap-in Fund*	70,000	70,000
Northside Sewer Fund*	161 900	161 900
Infrastructure Improvement	700,800	700,800
Public Works Site Fund	148,400	144 200
Industrial Park Fund	7 000	7 000
City Hall Improvement Fund	256,700	248 500
Mt McSauba Recreation Fund	13,000	13 000
Downtown Parking Fund	5,000	0

ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2008

Ordinance No. 726 2008 was adopted on the 18th day of February, 2008 by the Charlevoix City Council as follows

Motion by Councilmember Jill Picha
Seconded by Councilmember Sherri Chamberlain

Yeas Campbell Chamberlain Gennell Kosina Picha Stevens
Nays None
Absent None

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk [illegible]

Don't be scared, think of eBay as a digital rummage sale

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of millions of people use eBay each year to buy and sell everything from movies to homes, but many are timid about using it.

Enough people are timid about using the online auction service that stores have sprung up all over the country, but said one local user, there is nothing to fear.

"It's really good for looking for stuff you don't think anybody else is going to have," said Charlevoix resident Matthew Smith. "If you can't find it anywhere, then eBay is most likely going to have it."

How eBay works: Sellers of nearly anything you can imagine, barring human tissue, explosives and a few other no-nos, place items they want to sell on the site by typing a description and price and including a photo of the item at www.ebay.com;

then people worldwide have the chance to view and bid on the item in question. Whoever bids the most money wins.

"I bought a Harry Potter book I was looking for and got it for $8 plus two or three for shipping, and it was one I could not find around here," Smith said. "I looked in Traverse City, I looked around here and couldn't find it, but eBay had it."

Formed in 1995 as AuctionWeb, eBay was given its current name in 1997.

According to www.thebidfloor.com, an informational site dedicated to all things eBay, of the 212 million registered users, the most expensive item sold was a jet for $4.9 million, followed by a Honus Wagner baseball card for $1.65 million.

eBay Motors alone had $11 billion in sales in 2006.

Some of what may be considered the stranger sales on eBay include a human soul, kidney, Bob Dylan's house and a World War II submarine.

While anyone can browse the millions of items on its site, you will need to register to buy and sell merchandise.

Getting started as a buyer only:

- go to www.ebay.com
- click on the "register" link
- complete the form with your address, phone number, etc. — personal information is secure on this site.

Those who wish to sell need to click on the "sell" link and follow the instructions on how to register as a seller, all of which takes merely minutes.

- Those who wish to sell items will need checking account or credit card information handy for verification purposes.
- Begin buying and selling antiques, movies, golf clubs, toys, clothing, baby supplies, cars, houses, rare coins, computer parts and more.

The cost to sell items on the site varies, but a few examples from eBay are: You place a camera for sale with the beginning bid of $60 — eBay's "insertion fee" would be $2; you are also assessed a "final value fee" when the item sells: If your camera sold for $153, then your final value fee would be $6.67.

"I've used it to buy Game Boy (Nintendo) games for my kids for $5 or $6 when I can't find them at Kmart or Wal-Mart," Smith said. "I haven't used it much lately to buy anything, but I go there to see something I have that's collectible and I can see how much people are bidding, so it's good to sort of judge what your collections are worth."

Smith

As with all things, there is an element of risk. And, while eBay claims to do all it can to prevent fraud, there are precautions you can take to ensure the most positive shopping experience possible.

- Check the seller's feedback — feedback is basically a measure of how honest and efficient you are. A higher number and better rating generally denote someone who is safe to buy from.
- Leave honest feedback so others will know what kind of an eBay member they are dealing with.
- Keep contact information on the seller/buyer in case a problem arises.
- Try to resolve any issues with the seller/buyer before leaving poor feedback as feedback cannot be removed and false information could unfairly harm an eBay member's reputation.

"Make sure you read the fine print and description of the item you're looking at," Smith said. "I've had problems in the past, accidental I'm sure, but I had it where I never received it (an item upon which he bid) but I kept in touch with the guy and he ... gave me back my money and everything was cool."

He added, "I think there are more positive (aspects) than bad."

Water Works Coaltion meeting planned

MEETING

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ter, specifically the Great Lakes, have become such a "hot topic" lately, largely due to decreasing water levels, Charlevoix should be up to speed on water related issues, Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Director Erin Bemis said.

"There is a lot of (legislative) action going on right now in terms of water and lake levels and our Chamber Alliance (the Northwest Michigan Regional Chamber Alliance) is very concerned with those issues," Bemis said.

The newest addition to the five-member Alliance, Charlevoix joins Cadillac, Gaylord/Otsego, Petoskey and Traverse City in a variety of endeavors, including those related to water legislation. While not a lot of information has been distributed locally as of yet — "We'll all be learning this together," Bemis said — Friday's meeting, to begin at 11:30 a.m. in the downstairs room of the Weathervane restaurant, will be a place to start. Sponsored jointly by the Charlevoix and Petoskey chambers, the event was designed for chamber members but is open to anyone with an interest in the topic.

Bemis said those interested should call the Chamber — 547-2101 — to RSVP a spot.

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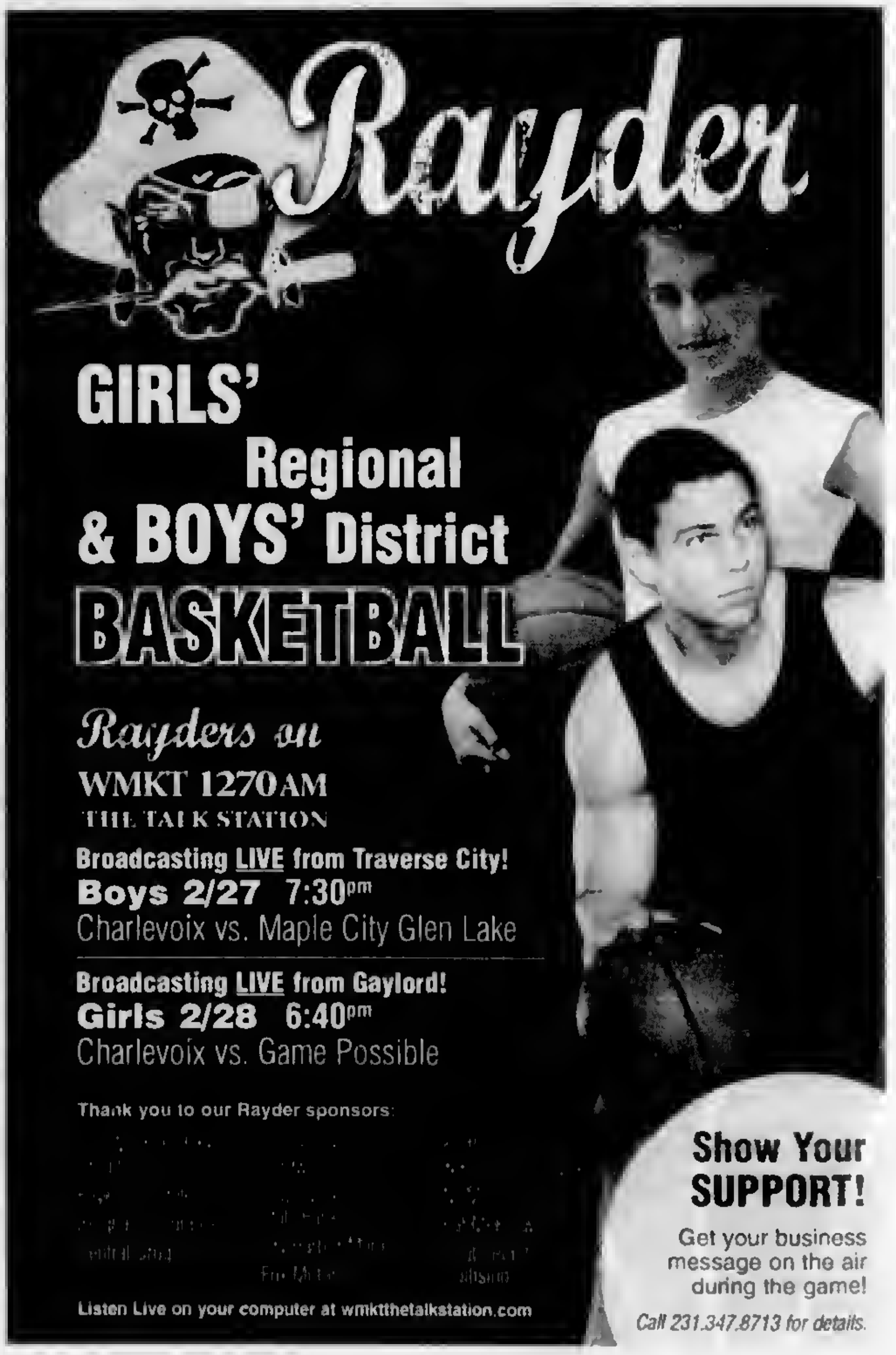

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FEB. 27
WRITER'S GROUP

Join other writers at 6 p.m. for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

FEB. 28
COMPUTER BASICS 2: MS WORO FOR BEGINNERS

A program for people with a bit of computer knowledge and ready to sharpen word processing skills. Beginning at 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340.

FEB. 28
STORY-TIME

All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340.

FEB. 28
THURSDAY NIGHT OPEN MIC!

Performers and audience welcome to this family friendly performing arts show, including dance, song and readings, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340.

MARCH 1
PAWS FOR A STORY

Come visit the library to give your child an opportunity to read aloud to a dog. The library's certified PAWS teams of trainer and dog will be ready and waiting at 10:30 a.m. Register for a spot by calling or stopping by the youth desk, 237-7350. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

MARCH 3
MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES

1 p.m. – Singin' in the Rain, with Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds, 1952

3:30 p.m. – The Pacifier, Middle School age kids invited to this comedy about a retired Navy SEAL who is assigned what he deems to be a babysitting job for the five Plummer children. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St., 237-7340.

MARCH 3
"STITCHES" KNITTING GROUP

Bring your own project and join in for a community knitting session, 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St., 237-7340.

MARCH 4
FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome. Beginning at noon at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

MARCH 4
SLEEPY-TIME STORIES

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite lovey for an evening of stories before bedtime. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350.

MARCH 1
MOM-TO-MOM ANO MORE SALE

The annual Mom-to-Mom and More sale, a fundraiser for Charlevoix Elementary School, will be held at the school from 9 a.m. to noon. Vendor spaces are available for $20. Contact Beth Martin, (231) 547-1768, for more information.

MARCH 6
LAKE CHARLEVOIX WATERSHED PROJECT MEETING

The meeting will discuss Stover Creek erosion control, a rain barrel sale and a new website for Friends of the Boyne River. 10 a.m. to noon at the Charlevoix Public Library.

MARCH 8
ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS BALL

This ninth annual event will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mohagany's in the Charlevoix Country Club. Ticket prices are $40 per single, $70 per couple. Tickets include a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas. There will be door prizes, a silent auction and a live auction, as well as hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Music will be provided by Ray J the DJ.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS: NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

French Conversation Circle: Tuesdays at noon

Spanish Conversation Circle: Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Writer's Group: Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Hosted at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network Interational is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at)547-4062.

DIVORCECARE

A free, non-denominational support group, open to everyone, will offer help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Organized through the Community Reformed Church DivorceCare program, the group starts Feb. 1 and lasts for 13 weeks. Call (231)675-1925 for more information.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

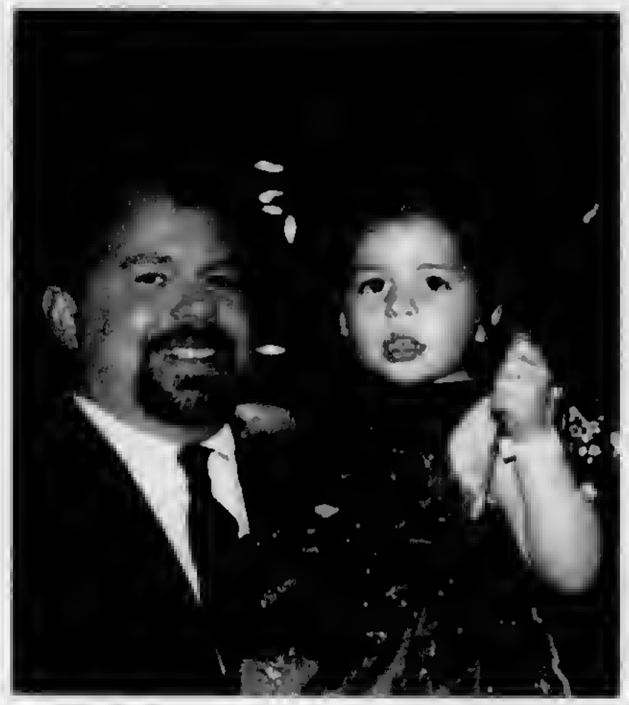
Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.



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Father-Daughter Dance

Chris LaCroix holds his 4-year-old daughter Greer as they dance to the music at last Friday's Father-Daughter Dance. More than 200 fathers and daughters attended the first ever event sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization.

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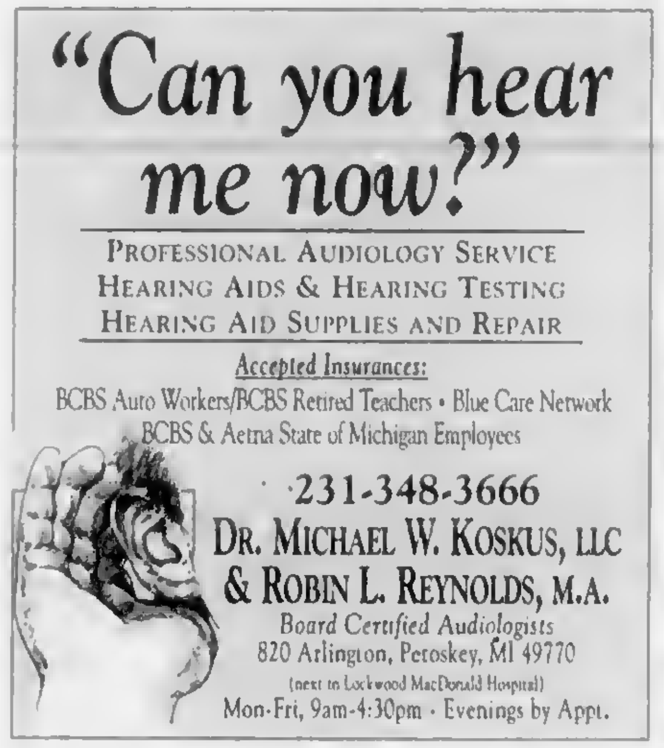

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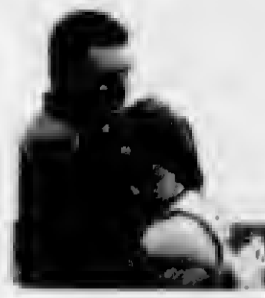

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*Once East Park, always East Park

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> *"East Park may not be the strongest name, but it is the name of our park."*
>
> **Marell Staffel**
> CHARLEVOIX RESIDENT

The residents have spoken: Charlevoix's East Park will continue to be known as East Park.

The public hearing held last night to discuss the possibility of renaming what will be a newly renovated city park this summer was called in part because the construction project essentially brings together two former parks— East Park and Chamber Park — and a decision was needed to choose a name for the area, Mayor Norman Carlson said. The construction specifications removed Mason Street, which divided the two parks prior to the project, he noted.

Overwhelming response from the approximately 25 people who attended the hearing as well as written and verbal comments provided to city staff, Carlson and city council members supported maintaining the East Park designation.

"I've been stopped at the grocery store, I've been approached at church and other events and my phone has been ringing off the hook, and I have not heard anything but leave the name along," councilman Gabe Campbell said.

While Carlson noted a number of reasons the issue was raised — to avoid confusion with East Park of Bay Harbor, to promote events and boost tourism dollars in downtown and near the park and to provide a "more site-specific name"— he also recognized reasons not to change the name, which also involved avoiding confusion.

"People are used to it (East Park)," he said, adding a com-

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Norwood mine still in limbo

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

It could be at least six weeks before Norwood Planning Commissioners even meet to deliberate over Wayne Wynkoop's limestone mine.

Opponents and proponents had their say during the Wednesday, Feb. 27 public hearing for Wynkoop's third special use permit (SUP) application.

"There is no date yet, but probably in the first week in April the planning commission should (reconvene)," said planning commission

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Courtesy photo

Eric Hahn of Charlevoix stands in front of a cash-and-carry display in his Cherry Capital Foods, Inc. warehouse in Traverse City. His food distribution business, which helps put local food and processed product on shelves throughout northern Michigan, has enjoyed quick, stong growth since its birth last spring.

Local business, local product

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

What is grown in northern Michigan is sold in northern Michigan.

That is the driving force behind Charlevoix resident Eric Hahn's new business, Cherry Capital Foods. Helping local growers and food processors distribute and sell product in the northwest Michigan area is the name of the game for Hahn, whose endeavor began with a simple idea less than one year ago.

"I was one man with a van and a plan," Hahn said.

Now he is one man with two vans, two employees, more to come and an even bigger plan. He is working with more than 100 growers, distributing to more than 160 customers and has no intention of slowing down. Keeping the economic impact of one of Michigan's strongest resources — agriculture— local is his goal.

"We want to keep the money here in our local community," he said.

Hahn's experience in market distribution was gained largely during his time as a product representative for a company out of Detroit. He handled the northern Michigan accounts for the firm, selling products to restaurants, retailers and grocers. About four years ago, he started "dabbling" in local distribution, he said, acting as the go-between for growers and suppliers such as Friske's Market and area restaurants. Doing the work on a "case-by-case basis," Hahn, said, he realized he was on to something.

"I could tell where the market demand structure was, who was willing to buy local, and how much of a market we had," he said.

Then last spring, about a month before asparagus season — an important time for many Michigan farmers — the company from Detroit Hahn was working with decided not to work with local asparagus growers. The decision put added strain on an already heavily-

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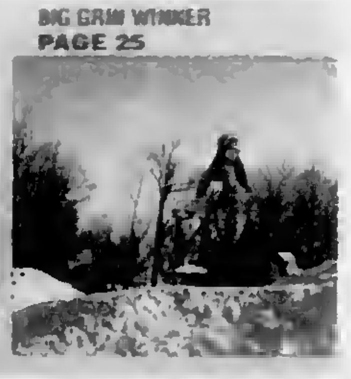

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Once East Park, always East Park

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> *"East Park may not be the strongest name, but it is the name of our park."*
>
> **Marell Staffel**
> CHARLEVOIX RESIDENT

The residents have spoken: Charlevoix's East Park will continue to be known as East Park.

The public hearing held last night to discuss the possibility of renaming what will be a newly renovated city park this summer was called in part because the construction project essentially brings together two former parks— East Park and Chamber Park— and a decision was needed to choose a name for the area, Mayor Norman Carlson said. The construction specifications removed Mason Street, which divided the two parks prior to the project, he noted.

Overwhelming response from the approximately 25 people who attended the hearing as well as written and verbal comments provided to city staff, Carlson and city council members supported maintaining the East Park designation.

"I've been stopped at the grocery store, I've been approached at church and other events and my phone has been ringing off the hook, and I have not heard anything but leave the name along," councilman Gabe Campbell said.

While Carlson noted a number of reasons the issue was raised — to avoid confusion with East Park of Bay Harbor, to promote events and boost tourism dollars in downtown and near the park and to provide a "more site-specific name" — he also recognized reasons not to change the name, which also involved avoiding confusion.

"People are used to it (East Park)," he said, adding a com-

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Norwood mine still in limbo

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

It could be at least six weeks before Norwood Planning Commissioners even meet to deliberate over Wayne Wynkoop's limestone mine.

Opponents and proponents had their say during the Wednesday, Feb. 27 public hearing for Wynkoop's third special use permit (SUP) application.

"There is no date yet, but probably in the first week in April the planning commission should (reconvene)," said planning commission

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Eric Hahn of Charlevoix stands in front of a cash-and-carry display in his Cherry Capital Foods, Inc. warehouse in Traverse City. His food distribution business, which helps put local food and processed product on shelves throughout northern Michigan, has enjoyed quick, stong growth since its birth last spring.

Local business, local product

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

What is grown in northern Michigan is sold in northern Michigan.

That is the driving force behind Charlevoix resident Eric Hahn's new business, Cherry Capital Foods. Helping local growers and food processors distribute and sell product in the northwest Michigan area is the name of the game for Hahn, whose endeavor began with a simple idea less than one year ago:

"I was one man with a van and a plan," Hahn said.

Now he is one man with two vans, two employees, more to come and an even bigger plan. He is working with more than 100 growers, distributing to more than 160 customers and has no intention of slowing down. Keeping the economic impact of one of Michigan's strongest resources — agriculture— local is his goal.

"We want to keep the money here in our local community," he said.

Hahn's experience in market distribution was gained largely during his time as a product representative for a company out of Detroit. He handled the northern Michigan accounts for the firm, selling products to restaurants, retailers and grocers. About four years ago, he started "dabbling" in local distribution, he said, acting as the go-between for growers and suppliers such as Friske's Market and area restaurants. Doing the work on a "case-by-case basis," Hahn, said, he realized he was on to something.

"I could tell where the market demand structure was, who was willing to buy local, and how much of a market we had," he said.

Then last spring, about a month before asparagus season — an important time for many Michigan farmers — the company from Detroit Hahn was working with decided not to work with local asparagus growers. The decision put added strain on an already heavily-

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Todd Robert Bertee, 20, Dewitt. Drunk and disorderly. Credit for one day in jail; 29 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs.

Christopher David Brink, 19, Ann Arbor. Disturbing the peace. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $200 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Ronald Meulenberg, 18, Grand Rapids. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Michael Keith Anderson, 42, Charlevoix. Breaking and entering: Entry without permission. To pay $500 in fines and costs; to write a letter of apology.

James Robert Malane, 25, New Baltimore. Domestic violence. Credit for one day in jail; 92 days held in abeyance; to serve 12 months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend a men's group; $850 in fines and costs.

Brandon William Mead, 21, East Jordan. Driving while impaired; no operator license on person. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Brian Thomas Kuhs, 30, Boyne City. Larceny: Less than $200. Credit for four days in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 59 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to write a letter of apology; to attend an economics class within 90 days; weekly drug testing; $850 in fines and costs.

Lisa Kay Satmary, 39, Petoskey. Insufficient funds in checking account: Less than $100. To pay $420.66 in fines and costs.

Andrew Richard Thuis, 20, Brighton. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. To serve 60 hours of community service work; $200 in fines and costs.

Gerard Lionel Dechape, 42, East Jordan. Second offense of operating while intoxicated. Credit for seven days in jail; 328 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,530 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Stover Creek Partnership, 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, by John W. Campbell

Turn Key Cleaning Service, 11425 Lord Road, Charlevoix, by Deborah Kay Haller

The Basket Case, 403 State St., East Jordan, by Kelly Jo Smith and Kandra Lynne Greenman

Northwest Michigan Business Magazine, 221 Water St., Boyne City, by Michelle Cortright

Robin Lee Berry, 04062 Lake Shore Drive, Boyne City, by Robin Lee Berry

The Preserve, 116 Court St., Boyne City, by Karen McKinnon and Fred P. and Karen T. Gamber

BIRTHS

Caleb Michael Jakobowski weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces was born February 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jennifer Smith of Illinois and Scott Jakobowski of Michigan. His grandparents are Mike and Carol Jakobowski, Sandra Stephenson and Larry Smith.

David Bruce Parcell Kuznicki weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces was born February 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ben Kuznicki of Saginaw and Megan Kuznicki of Charlevoix. His siblings are Emma, Jordynne and Abigail. His grandparents are Barry and Vicky Kuznicki of Saginaw and David and Meg Rauch of Charlevoix.

Necla Marie LeBlanc weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born February 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Andrew and Mandy LeBlanc of Central Lake. Her siblings are Andrews Jr. and Cassandra.

Sophie Lynn Talboys weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces was born February 21 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Daniel and Tammy Talboys of Boyne City. Her siblings are Chantel, Hillary and Trisha. Her grandparents are John and Jean Talboys of Boyne City. Her great grandparent is Angie Borths of Charlevoix.

Macey Lynn Green weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces was born February 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ashley Reid and R.J. Green of East Jordan. Her sibling is Alexis Green. Her grandparents are Bill and Deb Reid, Marcia Green of East Jordan and Bob Green of Charlevoix. Her great grandparents are Alice Reid of East Jordan and Myrtle Persons of Ohio..

Emma Kay Patten weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces was born February 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Charity and Bryan Patten of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Bob and Nancy Huff and Karen and Mike Patten of Boyne City. Her great grandparents are Corine and David Ruelle of Waterford, Mich and Nell and Robert Huff of Durand, Mich.

Ethan Michael Eugene Patton weighing 10 pounds was born February 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amanda Patton and Justin Lockie of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Willard Patton II and Mary Patton both of East Jordan, and Brian Lockie and Amy Lockie both from Cadillac. His great grandparents are William Hughes Sr. of East Jordan and Willard and Marry Patton of Boyne

Teens injured in crash

A two-vehicle crash in Charlevoix County last Friday left two area teens hospitalized.

Speed was said to be the cause of the crash, which occurred around 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29 at Marion Center just north of Vernida. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office stated the crash occurred when Emilee Jo Colvin, 18, lost control of her vehicle, crossing the center line into the path of an oncoming car driven by Joseph Forrest Seidel, 49. The high impact collision left Seidel dazed, authorities said, but he called 9-1-1 and rendered aid to those injured until rescue workers arrived.

All three occupants in Colvin's car— Hannah Megan Bradley, 16, Lillian Jean Left, 16, and Colvin— were injured. Bradley and Left were hospitalized after rescue workers from the Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix Fire and EMS worked to free them from the vehicle. Colvin was treated and released with minor cuts and bruises.

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Mine battle continues

NORWOOD

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member Denny Way. "Planning commission members will now formulate questions they might have for the applicant and opposition group and try and get some answers to those so we're ready to go."

He added, "It was informative. Both sides laid out their arguments in detail and we listened to all the comments from the public, which were very good, and we'll take that information along with the answers to our questions before deliberating."

Norwood resident and member of the Wynkoop mine opposition group Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety Bill Gnodtke said his biggest disappointment was the township's refusal to release documents under the Freedom of Information Act by the hearing date.

"Five minutes before the deadline there was a telephone call that they (Norwood Township officials) were requesting a 10-day extension," he said. "Some of the information requested was crucial to the application and because we were never able to get it we were not able to enter it into the hearing."

Gnodtke's other main issue with the SUP hearing was that he had requested the commission table it until a Michigan appeals court has had time to determine whether or not the judge's decision to invalidate Wynkoop's second SUP will be overturned.

"The second lawsuit is still active. Let's say they go through and in April issue another SUP and (NTCHS) go to court, which they will, the township will be potentially litigating the second SUP and the third SUP at the same time," Gnodtke said. "It just doesn't make any sense to me."

Former Norwood Township Supervisor and current applicant for an SUP for his Norwood Limestone Quarry LLC Wynkoop was disappointed with what he felt was a brief amount of time to propose his project.

"I had a lot of information I wanted to get up there and present, but only allowed us 30 minutes to present to the planning commission," he said. "It's not a popularity contest. We submit information to the planning commission so they can do their job. It would have been nice to present all of our documents in public."

Wynkoop was careful to explain that he meant nothing disparaging concerning the commissioners, but wished he could have had closer to an hour and a half.

"We felt that we provided sufficient time considering the amount of material submitted in advance, which the planning commission already had a chance to study," said Planning Commission Chairman Duane Lawton. "I think the hearing went well. Everyone that signed up to speak spoke."

Two members of the public spoke in favor of the operation and nearly a dozen spoke in opposition.

Wynkoop

The Norwood Township Planning Commission members will likely set the official date of the April hearing on Wynkoop's SUP during their 6:30 p.m., March 11 public hearing on the draft master plan at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"I encourage anybody who has input on the master plan to provide it and if they are not able to come and speak briefly, to please send it to us in writing in advance," Lawton said. "I anticipate now it (SUP hearing) will be the second week of April. I don't know how long deliberation will take, so I don't know if we will be able to complete it in one evening or not."

Lawton said that, while the public is welcome, no more public comment will be accepted at the April meeting.

"The parties (Wynkoop and his opposition need to be involved) so we can ask questions," he added.

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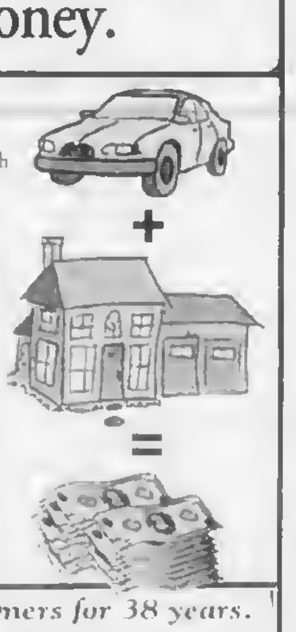

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Aaaahhhh, the strangeness of homebrew

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

They say spring is right around the proverbial corner, but it's snowing as I write this and, like many of you, I am in week three of clinging to life in the fight against this bionic bubonic '08.

Not feeling well enough to hit my usual Saturday hot spot, Handsome Stranger came over to my place for a guitar lesson.

[For those of you who don't listen to the Vic McCarty show, Handsome Stranger is my partner in minor misadventures upon which I am only allowed to report under the condition of strict anonymity. And by the by, he's more strange than handsome, but that's another story for another time.]

Since no illness in existence is a good enough reason to excuse myself from our weekly ritual of scholarly discussions over suds, HS insisted on bringing alcohol with him.

He arrived around nine Saturday evening, and like a skid row denizen, pulled a tall glass bottle from a wrinkled paper sack and set it on the coffee table.

"Get a couple glasses," he ordered.

The clear glass showed a color of liquid which belied the bottle's label. HS informed me that it was not watered-down scotch, but homemade mead.

For those of you who don't spend much time with Vikings, mead is an alcoholic beverage which consists of honey, oranges, spices and 10 percent evil.

The jaundice bathtub brew bubbled and churned, and as if commanding us to drink, the cork popped out on its own.

My eyes darted to and from Stranger and his creation; I couldn't help feeling like Igor to his Dr. Frankenstein.

Apprehensive to ingest the libation, I gave it a sniff.

It was a full-bodied stench, with overtones of oranges and armpits distilled and strained through a ripe gym sock.

Shaking my head in defiance, I gasped for air and flashed back to my teen years with good friend Kent Ludwig and the time we attempted to make our own vodka.

Being adventurous sorts, we forewent the recipe and filled a large plastic ice-cream pail with sliced potatoes, sugar, yeast and water before shoving it lovingly in a drawer under Kent's heated water bed.

For six weeks we watched the sauce grow from bad idea to an affront to nature.

Convinced, for no other reason than moron's intuition, it was ready, Kent pulled the hatch of biohazard out, strained it through his mother's spaghetti colander and poured it into an unsanitary, but empty, liquor bottle.

The smell was indescribable except to say I'm sure I witnessed a maggot fashion a hangman's noose out of dental floss.

Kent took the first sip. His lazy eye straightened and he winced in disgust.

Searching mother Ludwig's cupboard for something to mask the flavor, we found a bottle of mint extract and emptied it into the vodka; It was a move only slightly less effective than dunking horse biscuits in ketchup.

Kent poured the murky sauce over two ice filled tumblers. We stared at each other for a long time before raising the glasses and chugging.

Now I'm not a picky eater by any standard, but what can only be described as minty rancidity was enough to kick start my sympathetic nervous system. My gag reflexes stood on their tippy toes and flipped my stomach the bird—no, both birds.

It's been awhile, but I remember exclaiming something loud and wet like "yurk!" before clapping both hands over my mouth and running from the kitchen.

Hot prickly sweats broke out all over as I besmirched mother Ludwig's carefully decorated bathroom.

In between convulsions I prayed to anyone listening that I would not die or go blind.

Quite sure I'd coughed up the majority of my organs, I wiped my bulging watery eyes and headed for the living room where I spotted Kent on the couch, clutching his stomach and moaning what sounded like an old time gospel hymn.

Nausea soon turned to intestinal distress as the demon brew sauntered through our lower intestines clad in golf cleats for the following two days.

HS's request for drink glasses awakened me from my day terror and I obliged, returning from the kitchen with one cup. He took a nip for himself and then pushed the issue no further.

Anyone interested in a full fifth of homemade mead can contact me at the office. You must be 21 and willing to sign a waiver.

Weekly Poll

Are you sick of the presidential campaign?

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50% of those polled say dogs should not be allowed in the park; 44% say yes, 6% say maybe!

Food for thought worth sharing — with cherries

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I recently entered the Friske Orchard Cherry Recipe Contest. I didn't have to think twice about entering. I've been cooking and creating culinary concoctions since the age of five with my first Easy Bake oven. It's amazing how much heat a 60 watt electric bulb can emanate. When I was older I joined the Girl Scouts but I was only interested in the cook outs. I couldn't wait until we had a campout so I could bake a cake in a coffee can on a charcoal grill or wrap biscuit dough carefully around a hotdog on a stick, watching it slowly plump to perfection.

Cooking for me has been a way of expressing love and care for others. During my teen years, mom was quick to use the verbiage: "the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach" and I took her at her word. While most of my dates in high school expected we'd head to River Rouge for the 'submarine races' or watch the planes land at Metro Airport, I'd invite them into the family kitchen and proceed to make a meal. Word spread and soon there would be three or four young men at the front door asking to see me and dad would proceed to follow them into our kitchen.

My unspoken oath is; "Whenever two or more gather together food shall be present." The renewal of old friendships and solidifying new ones is centered on eating out or eating in, or stopping for coffee and dessert. This nourishment is not only for the body but also for the soul. Some of us long for comfort food. Items mom used to cook which can stir up fond memories whether you are nine or ninety-nine. The aroma of onions and garlic cooking in olive oil in a hot cast iron skillet can whet the appetite of those who enjoy plain home cooked food as well as the gourmet. Who wouldn't want to come home to the smell of freshly baked bread or brownies? The aromas emanating from a kitchen can quickly conjure up memories of the past and give us a sense of someone caring about us.

Cooking takes in so many of our senses. First the aroma, then the site, followed by taste and if its finger food it involves the sense of touch as well.

With the advent of the Cooking Channel, we are exposed to a variety of cooking methods and creating flavors that seem endless. I grew up watching Julia Child and the Galloping Gourmet while most of my friends were glued to American Bandstand. Yes, I admit I am a cooking nerd but a happy one. I've heard you can't trust a skinny chef, but that's not true. Some of us have higher metabolisms and we dance around our kitchen a lot. Did I mention wine and music also play a part in cooking?

Never assume that if a woman loves to cook her spouse or significant other enjoys the same. My husband repairs computers and I can only turn one on and type this article. I may be in luck as I do believe they have started relating computers to cooking. Recently the bank told me I couldn't get on line with my account because I had used up all my 'cookies'. It has something to do with security. As the patient young man tried to explain it, all I could think about was chocolate chips. When someone asks my husband if he cooks his response is, "I can burn water; my idea of cooking is buttering toast". I think it's safer we have different interests in our home.

To my fellow contestants; I wish you well in your future endeavors. I am looking forward to next year's contest and the fun and camaraderie that come with it. If you are ever in our neck of the woods and the aroma wafting outdoors is reminiscent of mom's or grandmas, do stop in for a spell. The Kindergarten rule of sharing is well respected by this cook.

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Editor:

The erroneous headline, "Attorney General says 'no conflict' for local officials" makes it clear that neither the Courier staff reporter, or the Prosecuting Attorney read the Attorney General's letter carefully.

Regarding Political Activities by Public Employees: Chief General Attorney Carol Isaacs writes, "Section 3(2) of the Political Activities by Public Employees Act, MCL 15.403(2) states the following general prohibition; "[A] public employee of a unit of local government... who is elected to an office within that unit of local government...shall resign or may be granted a leave of absence from his employment during his elected term... While it would be anticipated that a newly elected drain commissioner would, in compliance with MCL 15.403(2), either resign his position as the county's soil erosion officer in the county's building department or take a leave of absence, it is also reasonable to recognize that the county board of commissioners could, in its discretion, assign the role of soil erosion officer to the county drain commissioner as is done in approximately 25% of Michigan counties..." This has not been done. Marc Seelye continues to be a $200 a month elected Drain Commissioner and a $34,000 plus benefits employee (Soil Erosion Officer) of Charlevoix County through the building department. This is a blatant violation of the law.

Regarding Incompatible Offices: Chief General Carol Isaacs writes, "However, it is noted that the storm water control ordinance in Charlevoix County assigns the drain commissioner to a county storm water appeals board that reviews the decisions of the soil erosion officer on appeal. If that provision is included in the county ordinance, the two positions are incompatible ..." This is the current situation.

Marc Seelye deserves to draw a fair and legal salary as the elected Charlevoix Drain Commissioner. It is a matter of a simple resolution by the Charlevoix County Commissioners to make the Office of the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner the County Enforcing Agency for Soil Erosion. Time and again, Attorney Generals have upheld these laws. It is time for Charlevoix County to honor the law

Jo Anne Beemon
Charlevoix

NEW NAME FOR EAST PARK

Editor:

According to a recent front page article in the Courier the city fathers are requesting input from citizens regarding the re-naming of "EAST" park. I should like to take advantage of this excellent opportunity and offer my suggestion based on these two factors. 1: You have a beautiful harbor. 2: You have a beautiful park. Why then not name it "HARBOR PARK." I thought about "MARINA PARK" however there are other parks near marinas on Lake Charlevoix that might confuse new comers to the area. Were it to be named after a "group" i.e. "Mariner's Park," those folks that are not mariners might feel they were not included in the process or perhaps the park is there for summer transit and local boaters. I can tell you without reservation that the former mayor Robert Bridge would most certainly have approved of allowing the citizens to name their park. To Mayor Carlson, the council members, and all the folks that have had a hand in the development of this project ... y'all can stand proud!

Gene Bridge
Belton, TX

NAME IT HARBOR PARK

Editor:

Although we are at the moment spending time in Florida, we none the less remain informed and interested in the issues being debated back home in our beloved City of Charlevoix. We have been aware for some time now that there was interest in re-naming the rebuilt and remodeled East Park. We have read and heard about several different possibilities for a new name. But we want to go on record as being solidly in favor of calling it "Harbor Park." In our opinion, this would be the most appropriate name. Because, on the one hand, it is facing an incredibly beautiful "Harbor" as well as being an impressive and glorious "Park." We are looking forward to seeing the completed project when we get back home in the spring.

Alvin & Patsy Ranger
Florida/Charlevoix

LETTERS POLICY

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is noon the Friday before publication.

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Youth arrested for online threat

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

A former Charlevoix Middle School student is in police custody, charged with a felony, following reports of a threat against another student last week, Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan said.

Given the nature of online chatter and seemingly ever-increasing violence among youth, Doan said it is important to take every mention of violence, regardless of perceived threat level, very seriously.

"We are not going to take these things for granted. We will take every report seriously, and we took this report very seriously," he said.

Charlevoix Police received a report of a threat made by an East Jordan youth, a former Charlevoix Middle School student, against a current local student via the Internet. Doan said the information was provided to another current student, and was passed on to school staff, who then notified police "late in the afternoon" last Thursday (Feb. 28.) Police "did everything we could as quickly as we could," Doan said, interviewing students prior to the end of the school day and subsequently approaching the suspect. Police, assisted by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office during the investigation, determined there was enough evidence to detain the suspect in a youth detention center.

The initial charge was a felony, Doan reported.

Doan warned of the importance of immediate action regarding threat reports. He encouraged students, staff and parents to react immediately when confronted with any mention of threat regardless of how high or low they believe that threat level to be.

"As we understand it, this information was going around the student body for sometime before it was brought to the attention of the staff," Doan said. "You just never know (what could happen) so you shouldn't take for granted that it is not a real threat."

Police obtained a search warrant and have seized the suspect's computer. Doan said there will be a forensic examination done on the equipment but "that will take sometime."

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Conference cares for caregivers

Courtesy photo

Vi Sattlemeier poses with her husband Gordon in the family room of their Petoskey home. Vi has been the primary caregiver for Gordon for several years.

Caring for a loved one who is chronically ill, disabled or dying can be profoundly isolating and can wear people down, both physically and emotionally. Yet, an estimated 22 million adults provide care in their homes for loved ones. Family members provide 80 percent of all care received by older Americans. Forty percent of family caregivers are employed and, in addition to their jobs, spend an estimated 47 hours a week on care giving. Caregiver burnout is an all-too real problem because many people don't know where to go or what to do when they need help.

The Friendship Centers (Council on Aging) of Emmet County are collaborating with the Charlevoix Commission on Aging; Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, The Living Room Adult Day Services, Harbor Home Care and Independence Village to present a caregiver event for people who are caring for someone who is disabled, has dementia or a terminal illness. This free event is designed as a fun, relaxing and informative day away for caregivers.

Conference keynote speaker this year will be State Representative Gary McDowell who will address legislation affecting health care costs and how to be proactive in fighting for issues which affect those persons who are being cared for at home. Also, Amy & Gerald Throop will share their caregiver experiences. The Throops have written a book, "Living with Lewy's: Empowering Today's Dementia Caregiver", which is scheduled to be released this spring.

Chair massages, paraffin hand waxes and general pampering will be provided to participants. Lunch will be provided.

The Care for the Caregiver Conference will be held at the Friendship Center in Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. Respite care will be provided on the day of the conference by request. Registration is requested by March 10. For more information and to register, contact the Friendship Center at 347-3211.

Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix High School band, led by director Jayne Bennett, performs at the MSBOA District Band Festival held March 1.

CHS Band success at festival

Once again, the Charlevoix Band brought home straight ones at the MSBOA District Band Festival. This time it was the high school band who received all A's and straight ones at the band festival.

"The students did a beautiful job performing their music. I was very proud of their performance," said director Jayne Bennett.

Judges comments included "Gorgeous sonorities," "Fantastic teaching with detailed instruction on every aspect of performance," "The nuances and exchanges of phrases from section to section was masterful. I have to say, this was the most versatile musical group that I have heard in a long time." "It was a joy to hear this band."

All soloists received "Bravo!" for their wonderful performances. Both the High School and Middle School Bands now qualify for the State Band Festival which takes place the first weekend of May. Congratulations to another fine group of musicians from Charlevoix High School.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Rd., Tuesday March 4th at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2008 assessment roll

Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 10th, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday March 11th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall

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Please note that if school has 1/2 day, snow day or it's a holiday, there will be NO class.

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Courtesy photo

An elementary student reads his entry in the 5th Annual Young Writers Juried Expo at Crooked Tree Arts Center

Young Writers' Expo

The Crooked Tree Arts Center, together with the Petoskey News Review, are getting ready to present the sixth annual Young Writers Juried Exposition, in conjunction with the Youth Arts Show at Crooked Tree in the Spring. The Exposition is sponsored in part by the Bay Harbor Foundation.

Works of poetry and prose written by students in elementary, middle and high schools within the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will be judged by a panel of judges from throughout the greater community. The winning pieces in each school division in both poetry and prose will be published in the Petoskey News Review and students are encouraged to read their works at an Awards reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, from the stage in the Ross Stoakes Theatre at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Entries by young writers in the Char-Em ISD will be accepted online only, between 9 a.m., March 4 and 5 p.m., March 18, so long as they meet these requirements: work must be computer generated, work must be clearly labeled

All work must be forwarded to CTAC by a teacher, principal, or home school teacher, work must be received by Crooked Tree Arts Center no later than 5 p.m., Friday, March 18.

Prose work (limited to 1,000 words or fewer) may be fiction or non-fiction but must be submitted online, on the Crooked Tree Arts Center website (www.crookedtree.org) within the time frame above.

Entries from previous Expositions can be found at www.crookedtree.org, then click Teacher Connection, then Young Writers.

For more information contact Mary Wiklanski, cultural coordinator, at Crooked Tree Arts Center, (231)347-5731 or mary@crookedtree.org.

Recipe winners at Friske's

Courtesy photo

Chefs Gayle Gennett (left to right), Diane Nemitz and Kathleen Bowman pose with their prize-winning cherry recipes at the annual contest at Friske's held Feb. 23.

Friske's Farm Market hosted it's fifth annual Cherry Recipe Contest on Saturday, Feb. 23. The contest highlighted a month-long celebration of everything cherry during National Cherry Month.

This year's categories were chutneys / compotes and cobblers/crisps/puddings. Twelve finalists were selected, six for each category. Those finalists prepared their dishes for a panel of four judges. This year's judges were chef Pete Peterson of Tapawingo in Ellsworth, Emily Tyra, Traverse Magazine food editor, Ron Jolly of WTCM in Traverse City, and PNR's very own Babette Stenuis.

After announcing the winners, all participants and guests were invited to sample the smorgasboard of cherry dishes. Friske's also provided sampling of other cherry products as well: chocolate covered cherries, cherry donuts, cherry strudel bites, cherry chewbilee cookies, chocolate covered Bing cherries and more.

Gayle Gennett won first place in the chutney/compote category with her Cherry Date Chutney. Second place went to Diane Nemitz for her Cherry Orchard Chutney, and third place was awarded to Kathleen Bowman for her Tropical Cherry Ginger Chutney.

The cobbler/crisp/pudding category was won by Debbie Rhoads for her Cherry Dump Pudding. Second place went to Linda Mathers for her Cherry Apple Crisp and third place went to Janice Harvey for her Roly-Poly Cherry Cobbler.

Prizes were awarded by Friske's Farm Market event coordinator Tinea Spence. Prizes were provided by Black Starr Farms, Jordan Inn, The House on the Hill, Inn at Grey Gables, Cherry Marketing Institute, Indo China Gardens, Water Street Cafe, Leelanau Fruit Company, Smeltzer Orchard, Swanson's Juice Mill and Friske's Farm Market. All winning recipes will be available at Friske's Farm Market.

Chutney & Compotes category

1st place: Gayle Gennett is from Charlevoix, MI

2nd place: Diane Nemitz is from Ludington, MI

3rd place: Kathleen Bowman is from Boyne City, MI

Cobblers, Crisps, & Puddings catergory

1st place: Debbie Rhoads is from Williamsburg, MI

2nd place: Linda Mathers is from Boyne City, MI

3rd place: Janice Harvey is from Charlevoix, MI

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Writer's Group
Wednesdays, March 5, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome

Story-Time
Thursday, March 6, 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

PAWS for a Story
Saturday, March 8, 10:30
Come visit the library to give your child an opportunity to read aloud to a dog. The library's certified PAWS teams of trainer and dog will be ready and waiting. Register for a spot by calling or stopping by the youth desk, 237-7350.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, March 11, noon @ noon
Join other francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

Computer Basics 1
Tuesday, March 11 & 18, 6:00 pm
A program for people with little computer knowledge who are ready and willing to learn the basics.
Call to register: 237-73[illegible]

Visit the Youth Activity Room next time you're in the library and create an art project with the new paint easel (for kids under 10) or build a new structure on the Lego table. We're waiting for the next Leonardo DaVinci!

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OBITUARIES

DEVERE R. BIRD

Devere Bird, age 93, of Niceville, Florida, formerly of Adrian, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, February 23, 2008, after an extended struggle with heart disease.

Bird was born April 20, 1914 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and grew up in Charlevoix. While attending Parsons Business School in Kalmazoo, Devere met and married Eleanor Graham of Adrian on October 13, 1934. They were married for 51 years and raised four children before her passing. He then married Laura Livingston of Charlevoix in 1987 and they enjoyed another 11 years before her death.

Bird started his insurance career with Prudential Insurance Company in Alpena, Mich., and then moved to Detroit as a district manager. They then moved to Adrian in 1941 where he was able to pursue life insurance sales. He thoroughly enjoyed his work and represented Prudential for 25 years and Lafayette Life Insurance Company for another 30 years. He touched the personal lives of many clients and friends over the years and will be sadly missed. In addition to his work, he enjoyed renovating and building homes, hobby farming and traveling. They enjoyed their winters in Florida for many years but always looked forward to coming back to Adrian in the Spring.

Survivors include a son, Thomas (Marcia) Bird of Adrian, two daughters, Barbara (Richard) LaRoche and Peggy (Joe) Stanton of Niceville, three stepsons, Glenn (Mary Jo), Bruce (Mary) and George (Pam) Livingston, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his wives, he was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Bird of Charlevoix, two brothers, Douglas and Kenneth, a son, Robert, in infancy, a daughter, Mary Bird in 2004 and a granddaughter Barbara Rusche in 2002.

As Devere had requested, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held in Adrian at a later date Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the charity of your choice.

LARRY C. LEMERAND, SR.

Larry C. Lemerand Sr. age 68 of Charlevoix passed away at his home on Saturday, February 23, 2008, after a battle with lung cancer.

He was born June 25, 1939 in Wyandotte, the son of Lawrence and Louise (Reichenbach) Lemerand. On July 6, 1963, Larry married Joan Kucharczyk in Wyandotte. He worked at General Motors as a journeyman Millwright and then Foreman. Larry and his family moved to Charlevoix where he was employed by the Medusa Portland Cement Plant, retiring after twenty-five years of service. After retirement Larry and Joan spent their leisure time in the Upper Peninsula at their cabin in Deerton, which Larry loved as a sportsman and hunter, enjoying the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Joan; sons and their spouses, Larry Jr. and Tammy of Howell, and their children Jacob and Kelly; Jeffrey and Beth of Traverse City, and their children Kyle, Emma and Vincent Hunter.

Larry was a member of Saint Mary Parish and the Rockwood Historical Society, where he pursued his interest in genealogy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's honor to Hospice of the Straits, 761 Lafayette Ave., Cheboygan, MI 49721; Karmanos Cancer Institute (formerly the Michigan Cancer Foundation), 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201; or to Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix.

Federal housing funds received

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The 30 percent increase in federal funds offered through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program is a blessing and a curse, Char-Em United Way Director Martha Lancaster said, because while the increase is needed, it represents a worsening economic scenario in the county.

"It is based on unemployment rates, so this increase in allocated funds means we're hurting," she said.

Still the $27,315 will help individuals and families in Charlevoix County with food, shelter and utility expense needs during a time they need it most.

"With the economy in the state it is, more people need help with housing, utility payments and food, and this program puts those funds in the hands of those who need them most," she said.

Emmet County was awarded $40,627.

Through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, these federal funds are allocated throughout the country based on decisions made by the National Board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with representatives from various other human service agencies such as the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ and the United Way of America. A local board in each area that receives funds then distributes the awarded funds to local programs. That board is made of local representatives from the Char-Em United Way, the local Salvation Army and Red Cross agencies, Catholic Human Services, Community Foundations, local churches, Temple B'nai Israel, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawas, the Department of Human Services, local governments and a representative of the homeless population.

Lancaster said the local group is headed by United Way, who, under strict federal guidelines, acts as administrator of the federal funds. The board is currently soliciting applications for grant funding to be awarded to programs within area agencies.

"Agencies apply for funds and use the money for programs that directly impacts those in need of these services," she explained.

According to national guidelines, agencies chosen to receive funds must: Be private, voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the ability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

In the past, including last year, funds have been awarded to the Women's Resource Center, the Salvation Army, the Manna Project, St. Francis Church, Brother Dan's Food pantry, Care and Share, Charlevoix Community Pantry, SDA Community Services Center and Good Samaritan Family Services.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Lancaster at the Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey, MI, 49770. Or call (231) 487-4006 or e-mail charemuw@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. March 14

Cabaret singer coming to Crooked Tree

Edye Evans Hyde has been performing blues, jazz and pop music for over 20 years in Michigan, L.A. and Asia, sharing the stage with world renowned blues singer Linda Hopkins, pop singer Michael Bolton, actress Connie Stevens, and some of L.A.'s finest musicians. She has opened for the incredible Ray Charles and Arturol Sandoval. Her theatrical performances have included principle roles in Dream Girls, Ain't Misbehavin, Smokey Joe's Café, Little Shop of Horrors, Blues For an Alabama Sky, Nunsense, Barnum with Peter Scolari, as well as an unforgettable portrayal of Billie Holiday in Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill, to name a few. Hyde has also appeared with the West Shore Symphony performing songs from her acclaimed CD "Girl Talk," as well as the Grand Rapids Symphony.

The L.A.Jazz Scene says Hyde is "a strong singer who demonstrates an unmistakable Sarah Vaughn influence... the listener can relate to her distinctive delivery."

Joining Hyde on this gig is her husband, Michael Hyde on guitar, Terry Lower on piano, Tom Lockwood on bass, and Larry Ochiltree on percussion.

Tickets are on sale now. Patron tickets: $50; CTAC members $20/adults, $8/students; non-members $25/adults, $10/students.

Visit http://www.myspace.com/edyeevanshyde to hear Evans sing.

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County nixes workplace smoking ban

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix County's workplace smoking ban is no more.

Citing distaste for excessive government control and hoping to avoid overstepping existing state laws, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners repealed the regulation with an unanimous Wednesday, Feb. 27 vote.

"My bottom line is: Were do we draw the line for control?," said Chairman of the Board and District Two Charlevoix County Commissioner Chris Christensen. "There were no citations written for it and business owners were clamoring about having it removed."

He added, "We were against it because it was excessive control (by) government."

The motion to rescind the regulation, originally levied in 2005 to prevent smoking in local businesses excluding bars and restaurants, was made by District Five County Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt.

"I don't like the idea of the little old health department creating a law that supersedes state law," Drebenstedt said. "To me, it's sort of like if I'm a GM (General Motors) man and I'm going to make a law that says you can't buy a Ford."

Christensen

He added, "We cannot stop people from having their own little vices. I think we've got enough out there telling people in the public what not to do without making another law"

But, former Charlevoix County Commissioner Connie Saltonstall does not see it that way.

"I think it's very unfortunate," Saltonstall said. "Secondhand smoke is proven to be a medical health hazard, and for these commissioners to think that it's more important to give people the right to smoke than to protect the health of the citizens of Charlevoix County."

She added, "I think it is deplorable."

Christensen would not draw a direct correlation between the commission's decision to rescind the regulation and the recent Michigan Supreme Court decision to read briefs on a lawsuit filed by several county men against the local health department over the smoke ban.

"In the same regard, if the Supreme Court is looking at it, it might warrant a look from other counties as well," he said. "If this issue would have been a slam-dunk in the first place, the old commission would not have voted 3 to 3 to rescind it."

And besides, Christensen added, "Why have laws on the books that are not enforceable or not effective?"

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney and board of commissioner's civil council John Jarema said the workplace smoking ban still stands for the other three counties in the four-county purview of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency: Antrim, Emmet and Otsego.

"Because our county passed it in two resolutions ... the resolution stands in the other counties until such time that they would, if they choose, vote to rescind it," he said.

Jarema said not once in the duration of the smoke ban did he see any cases for prosecution regarding smoke ban scofflaws.

"I think this is a necessary health regulation and it's happening all over the country," Saltonstall said. "It's an issue where someone's poor choice can impact someone else's health; just like you're not allowed to drink and drive because you can hurt someone else."

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Meet new people, educate your palate and liven up your Thursday evenings: Swirl continues Thursday, March 6 with Early Thaw: Wines of the Southern Hemisphere. Swirl mixes wine, art and energy at Petoskey's Crooked Tree Arts Center. Esperance of Charlevoix presents a wine tasting of small flights of wine with creative hors d'oeuvres while community members mingle in the galleries, sway to music or enjoy "live art" demonstrations. Each month will embrace a different seasonal theme and bring flavors from around the world.

The next Swirl will be held April 10: In Bloom: New Wine Horizons and May 1: Garden Party: Summer Entertaining.

Due to overwhelming response to Swirl, limited tickets are available. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12.50 per person day of Swirl, galleries open at 6 pm and the refreshments begin at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 347-4337, www.crookedtree.org and Esperance, 237-9300, www.esperancewine.com.

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Charlevoix native earns international honor

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Diving. That is all Norman Ketchman ever wanted to do

After graduating from Charlevoix High School in the late 1950s, he initiated what would become a nearly 40-year career, and received international recognition for his work in January when he was inducted into the Association of Diving Contractors International Commercial Diving Hall of Fame

"This really meant a lot I kept right on diving (into my 50s) partially because it was all I knew," Ketchman said of his diving career.

Currently a resident of Stevensville, Mich., Ketchman and his wife, Joyce, own a summer home in Charlevoix and maintain contacts to his hometown Ketchman received his honor at the Underwater Intervention Awards dinner held in New Orleans Jan. 29, accepting the award from some of the most involved and prestigious members of the commercial diving profession, including fellow founders of World Wide Divers Association Johnny Johnson and Mike Hughes.

Ketchman's career essentially began when he attended the School of Deep Sea Diving in the L.A Harbor in California following his graduation from Charlevoix High School. He learned the "fundamental methods" of diving at the six-month school, he said, then went to work in the Navy Ship Yard for one year Following that stint he worked for Bultema Dock and Dredge in Michigan for about a year, doing mostly pile driving related dives, and in 1960 moved to Louisiana and began diving offshore. Making a name for himself quickly, Ketchman was one of the first in his trade to do mixed gas dives. By 1962 the Shell Oil Company would not hire anyone else to do their critical deep water work.

"When the Blue Water rig (one of the first semi-submersibles working in the deep water Gulf) experienced underwater problems, Shell would actually shut the rig down and wait until Norman (Ketetman) was available to come out rather than have someone else perform the diving," information from the Underwater Intervention Committee stated.

Ketchman said the excitement of travel and the freedom of "being my own boss" were among the major appeals for diving work. He shared some fond memories he has of his career, including the time he was nearly abandoned in Cuba.

"We had been doing some work in Venezuela and were on our way home when the plane stopped in Cuba for what they said was to be a 15-minute stop," Ketchman recalled

A fellow diver and friend decided he wanted to "grab some souvenirs," Ketchman said, and the two got off the plane. A few minutes later they were running down the runway chasing the plane, which eventually stopped for them and let them back on.

"We found out later the United States had severed ties with Cuba that day. We could still be in prison!" he joked

Ketchman also got the opportunity to be one of few divers to walk— about 200 feet underwater— from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City doing inspection work on the Mackinac Bridge. Another accomplishment is that he made the first helium-oxygen dive in the Gulf of Mexico to a record depth of 335 feet, opening the door to deep water oil exploration in the Gulf.

Giving back to his profession, Ketchman was also one of five original founders of the World Wide Divers that became Oceaneering International, Inc. a leading provider of underwater services and a New York Stock Exchange company. He continued his work for several years after that as a premier deep water diver, eventually moving back to Michigan, where he continues to serve as a consultant on diving operations around the world.

The Underwater Intervention Committee noted that underwater Ketchman could "do it all," exhibiting a "quiet courage and determination that made him a leader of any diving operation he participated in."

Couresty photos

(Top) Charlevoix native Norman Ketchman (center) stands with fellow founders of World Wide Divers Johnny Johnson (left) and Mike Hughes (right.) Ketchman was Inducted into the Internation Commercial Diving Hall of Fame in January.(Bottom) Norman Ketchman and his wife, Joyce, stand by the Association Diving Contractors Hall of Fame award in New Orleans, La.

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More local band success

Both high school (top) and middle school Northwest Academy band students earned II ratings at district festival band competition held at Petoskey Middle School this past weekend. Dozens of area school bands participated in the contests. Middle school competed Friday and high school competed Saturday.

School board slots at NWA

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With the deadline to file for three positions on the Northwest Academy Schools Board of Education on April 15, two of three former board members intend to run again

While the community does not have the chance to vote on who will be seated on the board, there is still a strict selection process involving Northwest's charter holder Saginaw Valley State University

Board president Joe Seidel and treasurer DJ Way have both filed to run, while board member Rick Beemon has not

"I have served on the board for three years coming up in June," Seidel said "I enjoy it. It's fun and it's interesting and I get to see a positive impact or effect of whatever we are able to do through the board"

He added "You don't have to be connected in any way with the school but if you have a general interest in education and young people it's a great opportunity and a wonderful idea"

Way said he enjoys working with his fellow board members because they are "very community minded" people

"It is just a darn good group of people who are extremely committed to kids," he said "We want to grow the school and are looking at some of the numbers and building issues which would arise if we grow the numbers"

Way added, "I have children there (at Northwest) and I'm extremely happy"

Beemon who has served two and a half years on the board, responding to questions via e-mail, feels it is time to give others the chance to serve

"Service on the board is giving back to the community and overseeing what is probably one of the most important things that we contribute to the future, a well educated populace," he stated "I think everyone should get an opportunity to serve on a board such as this, and as there are willing candidates waiting, I'm not going to serve another term"

Beemon wrote that interested parties should "go for it" if they are on the proverbial fence about whether to file for the office

"The toughest part (of a board member's duty) is having to deal with students' expulsions," he stated "I think the main issue facing schools is funding As a society we say that education is the most important thing for our future, but our money is not where our mouth is"

He further stated, "As far as goals accomplished, the board I serve on has the school on a sound financial footing, and in good shape for future improvements"

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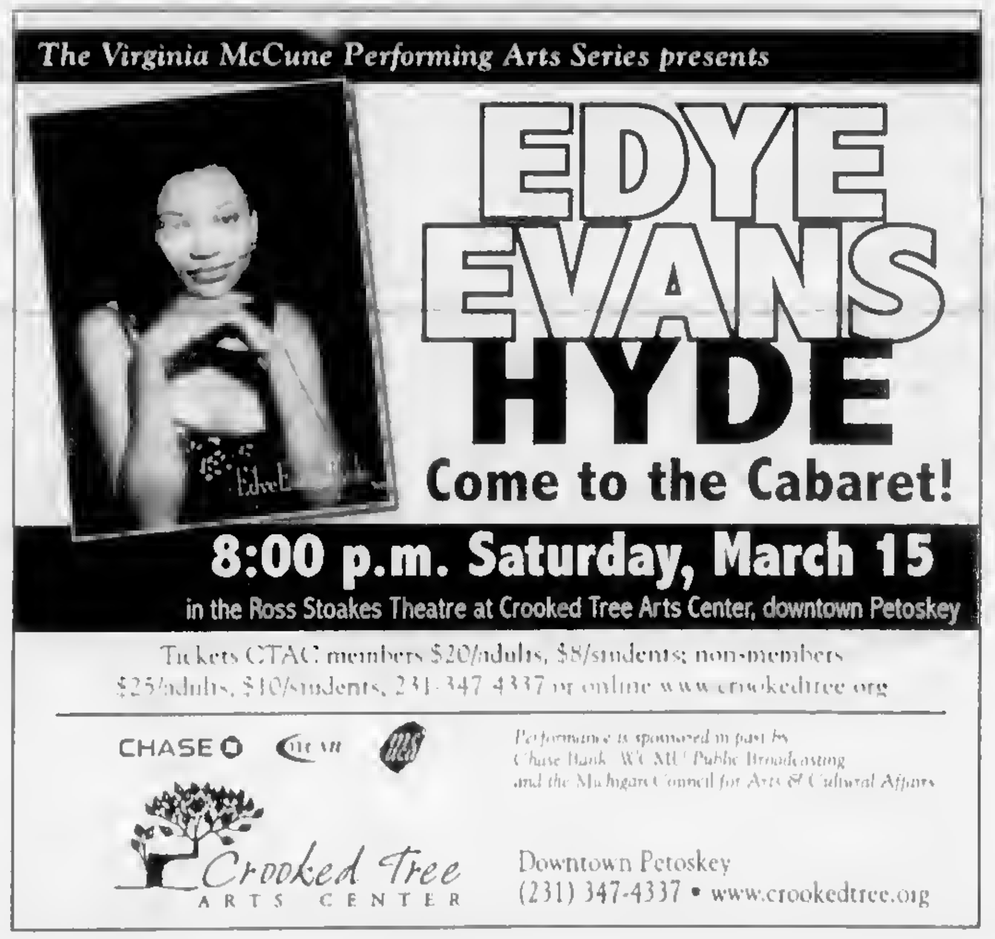

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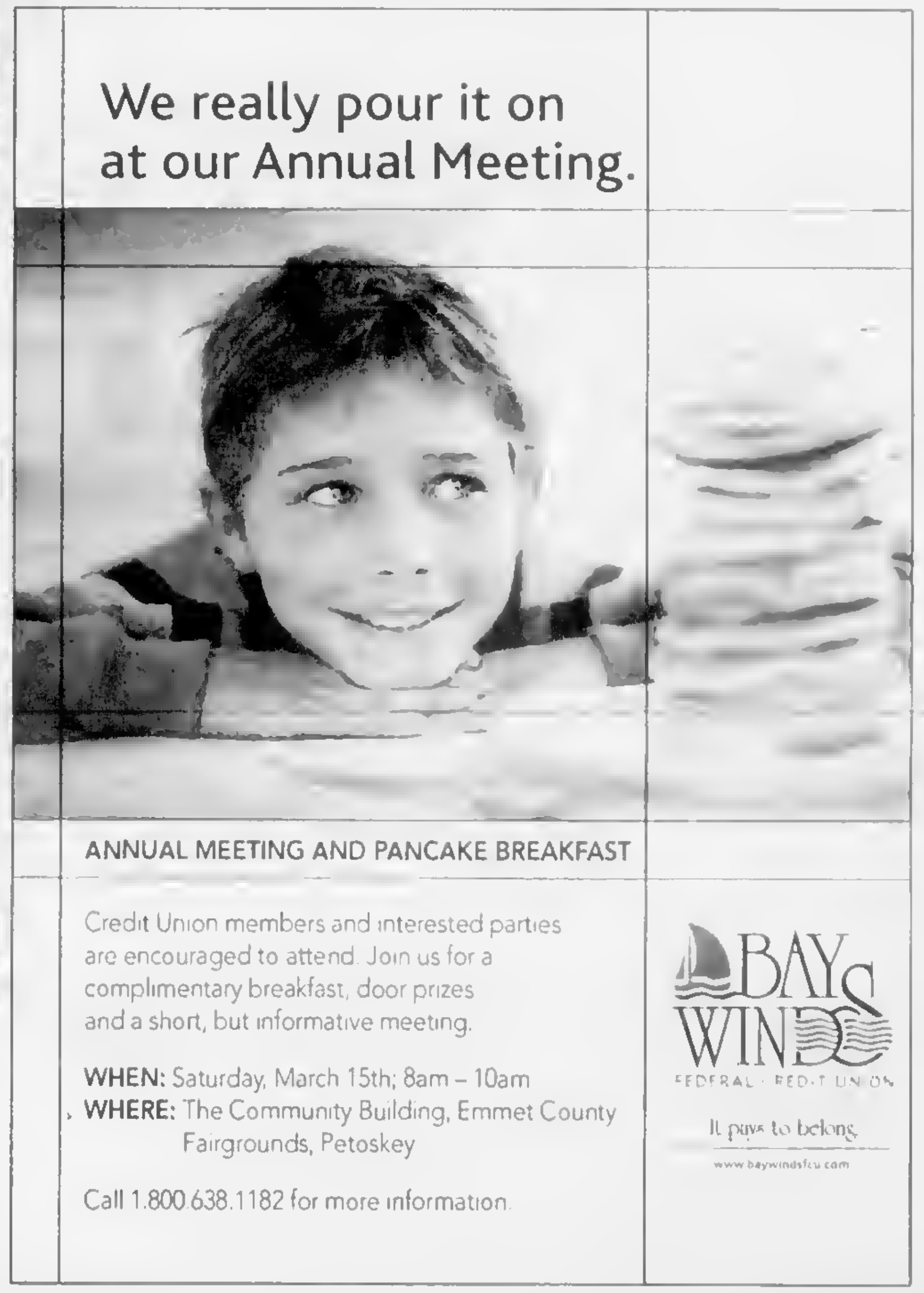

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Local girl scout still committed after 12 years

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Sometimes numbers can tell a story. Charlevoix High School junior Alicia Giudice could tell a story about herself using a variety of numbers.

12- years of commitment to the Girl Scouts of America

400- Girl Scout events attended

126- Junior Girl Scout badges earned

670- boxes of cookies sold last year alone

4,000- hours of community service completed — so far

"She got involved in kindergarten and has been going ever since," Alicia's mother, Karen Giudice, said of her daughter's commitment to the organization.

Karen attended that very first Girl Scout meeting with her daughter— the family then lived in Berrien County in southern Michigan— and both became hooked. When Alicia was in second grade the Giudices moved north to the Charlevoix area and maintained their interest in the Scouts, Alicia as a member and Karen as a leader. Since that time Alicia has sold countless cookies, completed a wide array of community service projects, earned numerous badges and, she said, learned a number of valuable lessons.

"This really helps prepare you (for college and life)," she said.

Alicia's hard work has paid off in a number of ways, not the least of which came in the form of a very special honor. Being chosen for the Governor's Honor Guard, an involvement that will send her to Mackinac Island in July as one of few scouts from the state to participate in a week-long service camp.

"It is the elite of the Girl Scouts. You learn leadership skills, education, and skills with the flag," Alicia said.

She is the only Charlevoix area Girl Scout chosen through the application process to serve on the Governor's Honor Guard, and considers it "quite an honor." This will be her third year attending the camp, and she is currently working hard on her annual cookie sale to help fund her trip.

"My goal this year is to sell 700 boxes of cookies," she said, noting while that is a lot of cookies, she came close to that — more than 670 boxes sold— last year. The funds will also help fund a trip to Chicago with her local troop.

Another goal Alicia has set for herself is to earn her Gold Award, an honor similar to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout Award, and is planning a project that will benefit the Charlevoix community per award requirements. Alicia intends to develop a literacy program, and is working on details for that project now. She has already earned her Bronze Award, which helps her troop, during Junior Scouts, and her Silver Award, which helps anyone, during Cadets.

As a veteran Girl Scout, Alicia has spent time giving back to the organization and helping guide young Girl Scouts. She is a a Senior Girl Scout Troop Assistant with the Brownie Troop #255 and Junior Girl Scout Troops #263 and #269 in Charlevoix. In addition to working with the younger scouts, Alicia said sisterhood is one of her favorite parts of Girl Scout involvement.

"When you go (to events such as the camp on Mackinac Island) you get to know a lot of sisters there, and you help each other. You always know someone there will remember you as a Girl Scout Sister and not just a person," she said.

Following her graduation from Charlevoix High School next year, Alicia said she is not sure where she'll attend college, likely somewhere close to the area, but thinks she will study some type of medical profession such as physical therapy. Regardless of what she does, Alicia is sure her experience with the Girl Scouts will help in her future success. Anyone interested in purchasing Girl Scout cookies from Giudice can contact her at 547-0739 or giudicek_chip@yahoo.com.

Photo by Erica Goff

Alicia Giudice is seeking her Gold Award for Girl Scouts, and is preparing for her third trip to Mackinac Island this summer to particpate in the Governor's Honor Guard camp.

City Council votes not to change East Park name

PARK

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mon response he heard involved the age-old phrase, 'If it's not broke, don't fix it,' a sentiment shared by some audience members.

"This is not broke. East Park is not broken yet," said Charlevoix resident Ken Staley.

Bob Timms also spoke, stating enough time and tax payer money has already been spent on the issue.

"I think people have expressed strongly enough they don't want a change, and it should be left alone," Timms said.

Resident and owner of Charlevoix Camera Marell Staffel told council she did her own "informal poll" of customers, friends and family members, which she said to total about 30 people. Only three said they had no opinion, and the rest "felt very strongly against changing the name."

"I was one of those who feels strongly about it. This (new) park is going to be beautiful, and that construction alone is going to be a big change," she said. "East Park may not be the strongest name, but it is the name of our park."

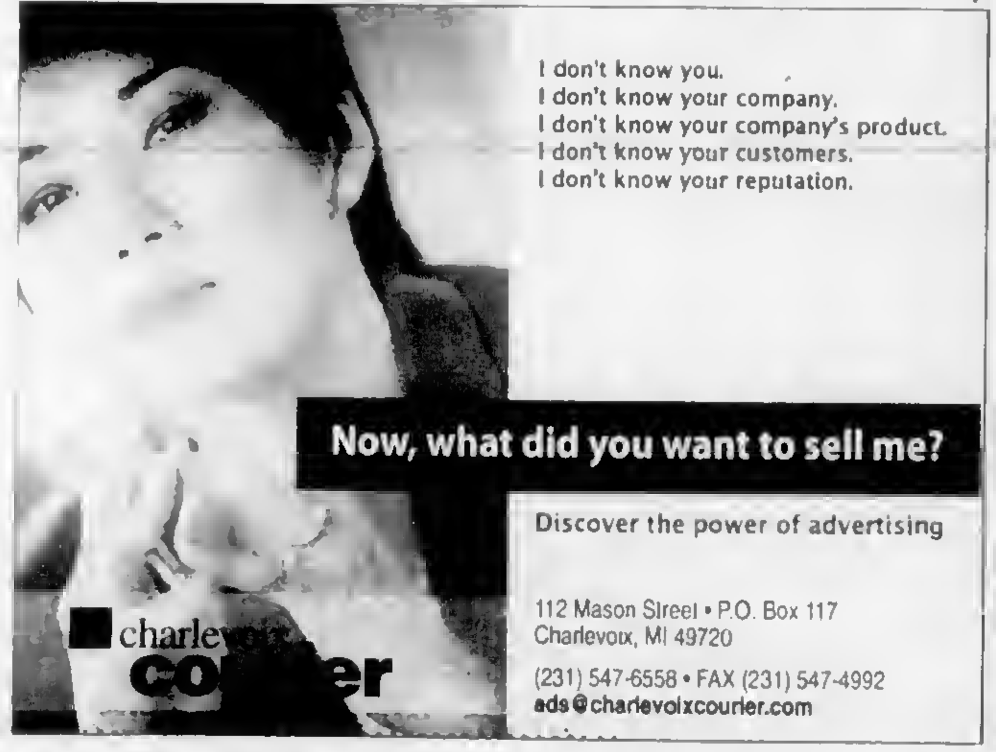
The decision to stick with East Park was unanimous, following a motion made by council member Lyle Gennett and supported by Jill Picha, despite earlier discussion in the meeting by council regarding a proposal by city clerk Carol Ochs that would allow city residents to vote on the issue. Ochs presented an idea that would establish an "unofficial" election which would have opened up a polling booth in her office for a week to allow registered voters to choose between two or three names, one of which would have been East Park and the other one or two determined by council, to "get public input." She noted the results would be "in now way official" but would provide council an idea of the direction the public wanted to go. She estimated the cost of the effort to be around $2,000.

Campbell and Gennett noted it would be a good way to generate public participation, but others, including council member Dennis Kucina, said it was an unnecessary expense.

"If we're operating on a tight budget already, why spend more? This (issue) has been in the papers, its been on the radio, and we've called this public hearing to allow people to have their input," he said. "This (making these decisions) is what we've been elected for. Let's see what people have to say."

One comment from the public, given by resident Donald Brown on behalf of summer resident E.M. Bridge, supported choosing the name Harbor Park, but the overwhelming response and final decision remained East Park.

Council continues to seek public input on issues involving the park, asking whether dogs should be allowed in the park when evnts are not taking place. The public hearing regarding that issue will be held at 7 p.m. in City Hall Chambers March 17.



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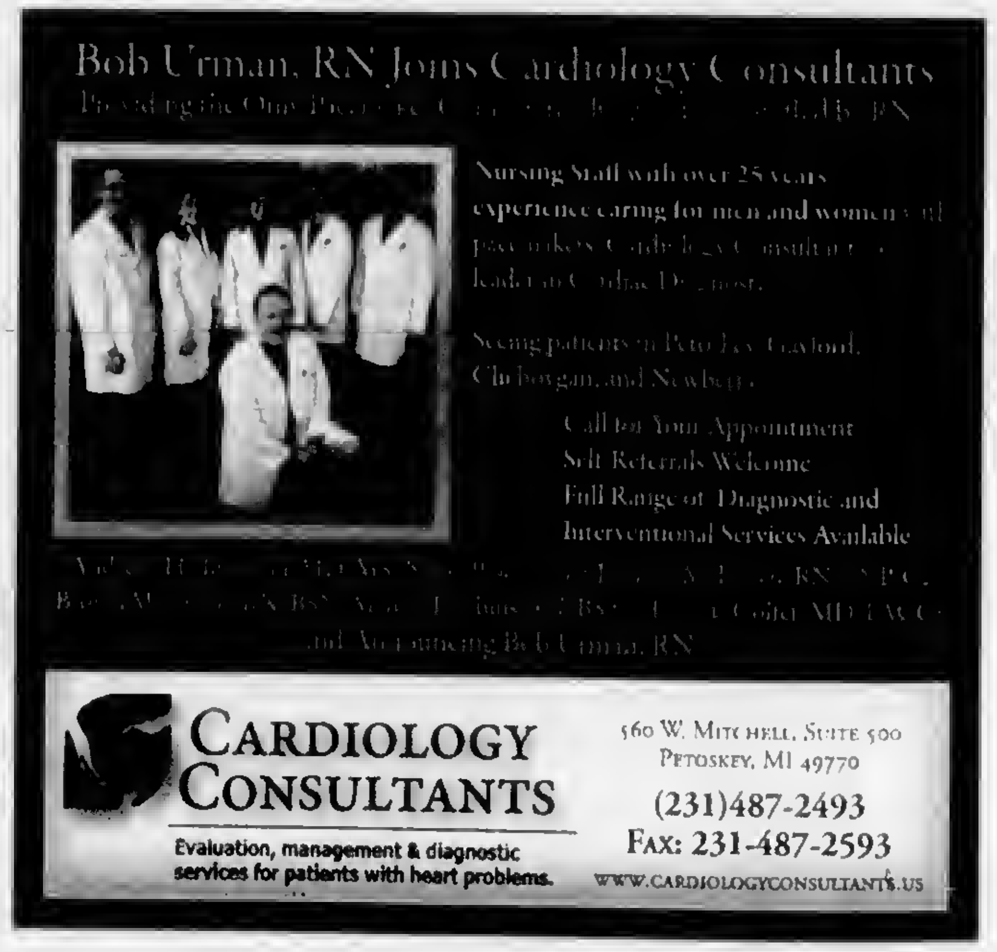

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Program brings banners, dollars to Charlevoix Schools

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"We're trying to be as creative as possible in generating revenue in these tough economic times."*
>
> **Chet Janik**
> CHARLEVOIX SUPERINTENDENT

Charlevoix Public Schools are using banners sporting inspirational messages hoping to earn money while inspiring students.

Projecting tentative earnings of between $10,000 and $15,000 per school year, school administration officials say the program is already a success.

"The feedback I'm getting so far has been fairly positive," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik. "We're trying to be as creative as possible in generating revenue in these tough economic times."

Banners, created by Britten Banner of Traverse City, come in several sizes including four feet by 20 feet and four feet by 10 feet, and cost approximately $1,500 per sponsor per semester.

Between the four at Charlevoix Middle School and the 11 at Charlevoix High School, there are 15 banners currently erected with commitments for five more yet to be installed.

"We don't want it to get too cluttered," said Britten Banner market leader Keith Mahoney. "Our goal is that the school looks better after the banners are up than before."

He added, "We don't want to overwhelm them. We think if we get 20 to 25 at the high school and maybe another six at the middle school."

The district, which receives approximately 30 to 40 percent of the revenue generated by the banners, will likely see the profit divided thusly: 45 percent allocated to high school athletics; 15 percent allocated to middle school athletics; 40 percent will be directed to a yet-to-be-determined source.

Inspirational quotes already lining the high school gymnasium include the words "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work," from Thomas Edison and "You just can't beat the person who never gives up," fom Babe Ruth.

"The biggest part of this is using quotes from successful people to motivate the students and impart some of that wisdom that they might not normally get from Thomas Edison, Abe Lincoln and Tiger Woods," Mahoney said. "The logo of the business that's sponsored gives people the opportunity of being community supporters."

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How sweet it is: local syrup producers awarded

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Local syrup producers Jan and Art Currey stand with their awards presented by the Michigan Maple Syrup Association at a recent competition.

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Mark Williamson is seen here in this circa 1948 photograph. Williamson, Art Currey's maternal grandfather gathers sap from maple trees and pours it into containers headed via wagon for the processing house where the sap is boiled until reduced to a syrup.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

One local syrup company has been awarded the top honor bestowed by the Michigan Maple Syrup Association.

While the Currey family has been making maple syrup for decades, this is the first award they have won official accolades for the product.

"It's an honor to have won against the seasoned veterans of the industry," said Art Currey. "I guess it's a result of a lot of good mentoring and coaching from other producers."

Art and his wife Jan have been making the syrup commercially for two years, but the family has been producing their own sweet maple sap for 32 years total.

"I'm just pleased that our product has been recognized for the hard work my husband and I have put into the operation," Jan said. "We are the fifth generation of Curreys to make this syrup and I'm sure Art's grandfather and great grandfather would be honored."

More than 30 of 100 farms represented at the annual gathering in Clare, where the syrup mavens were honored, competed against the Currey's product.

The syrups were judged for color, flavor, density and how well it represented maple syrup in general.

Not only did the Curreys win best of pure maple syrup, one of several categories including best maple cream and best maple candy, they won best in show for having the best overall maple product.

The Curreys said they knew their product would be a contender from the start.

"When Art made this syrup last spring, he said, 'We ought to bottle that and put a number on it and save it. I think that's the best maple syrup I've ever made,'" Jan said. "The rest of our maple syrup is still very good, but this was one of those days with perfect conditions to make maple syrup, so it's sort of a luck thing."

Perfect conditions, Art added, "Would be a day when the temperature goes down to 27 the night before and the sun comes out right first thing in the morning and the temperature rises to 40 degrees by 10 a.m. and then it doesn't get any warmer and stays there with a blue sky and not a lot of wind."

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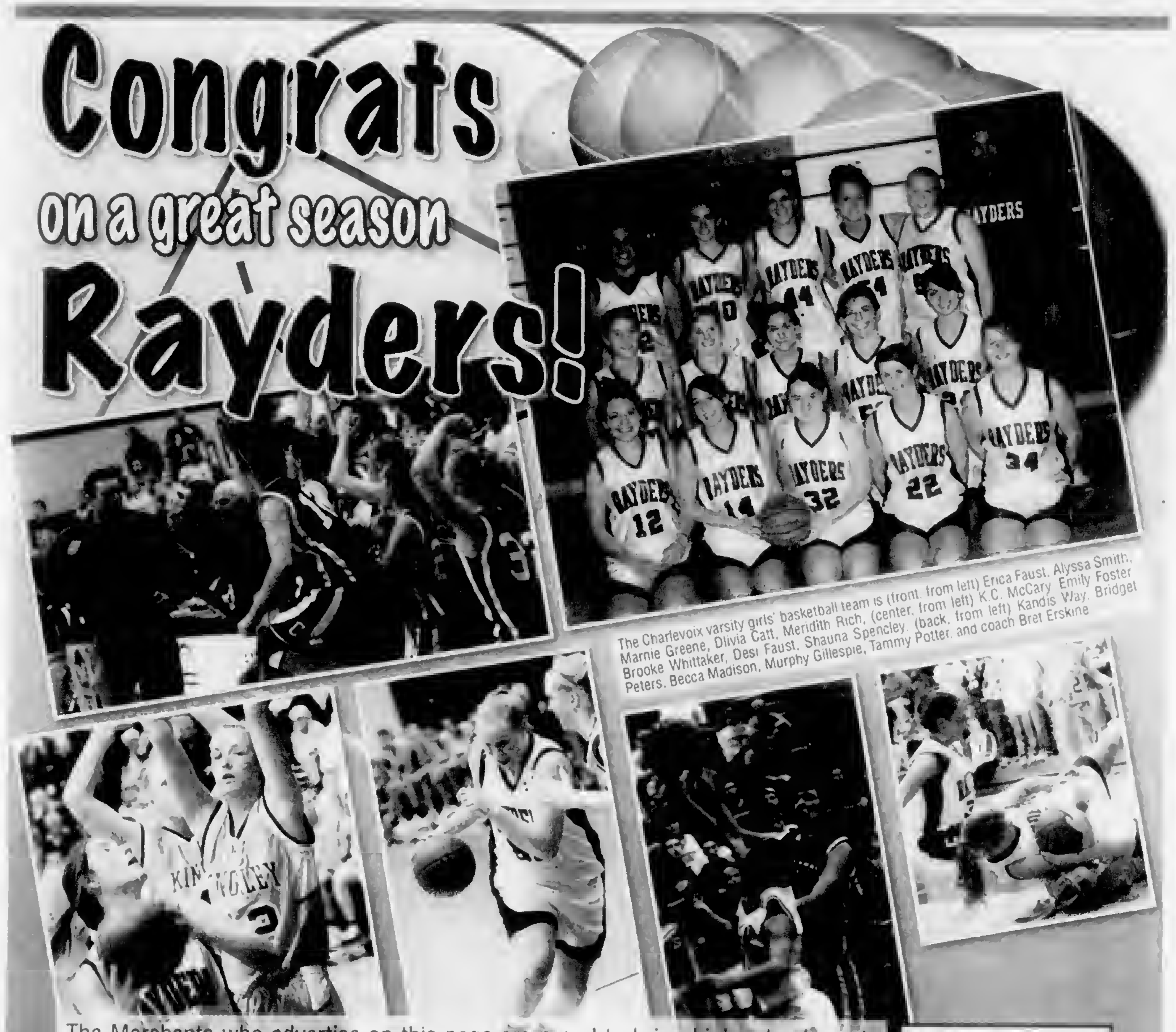

The Charlevoix varsity girls' basketball team is (front, from left) Erica Faust, Alyssa Smith, Marnie Greene, Olivia Catt, Meridith Rich, (center, from left) K.C. McCary, Emily Foster, Brooke Whittaker, Desi Faust, Shauna Spencley, (back, from left) Kandis Way, Bridget Peters, Becca Madison, Murphy Gillespie, Tammy Potter, and coach Bret Erskine

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Parenting conference brings child expert to area

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> **What:** 'If I Only Had A Brain' parenting workshop
> **When:** March 8
> **Where:** the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix
> **To register:** call (231) 582-8070

Helping parents parent is the focus of the free workshop, organized by a collaboration of area agencies, which will bring renowned speaker Dr. Wil Blechman to Charlevoix March 8.

Former president of Kiwanis International, Blechman will present his discussion, "If I Only Had a Brain," at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, beginning at 10 a.m. Inviting parents to discuss various issues and learn about child brain development from an expert on the subject is the purpose of the event, local organizers said.

"One of the important things is to understand how the neurons affect how the brain develops," Blechman said.

Not a neurologist, physician or psychologist, Blechman said he became "exceptionally interested" in the area of early child brain development during his years as president of Kiwanis International in the 1990s. Hoping to develop programs to assist middle school children, Blechman said he was informed by a juvenile judge that if he waited until children were of middle school age to help with behavioral problems he would be "too late." He subsequently began his own research on the subject and found the suggestion to be true.

"We are not doing enough right now in terms of addressing childhood development," Blechman said.

Noting research regarding brain development and psychological issues in children at infant stages— one researcher has documented severe depression in a six-month old child— Blechman said young children are "a silent group" that need to be represented. Studying and understanding the complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors— i.e. the ever-present 'nature vs. nurture' discussion regarding child development— will be a major focus of Blechman's presentation. He said he will also offer information to parents regarding what they can do to assure healthy development of their children. Blechman noted the earlier brain development is addressed, the better.

"This is a pro-active approach (to guiding brain development.) The brain is plastic, and it is the most plastic and the most susceptible to assistance and readjustment at an early age, preferably under five years," he said, noting the approach should be considered an investment, not an expense.

"By addressing these issues early on, you could save a lot of resources later," he said.

Blechman said he will also dispel some common parenting myths, such as babies cannot learn during infancy. Babies are in fact ready and willing to begin learning as soon as they are born. Another myth involves picking up a crying baby: Parents often believe it is bad to try to stop a baby from crying but "that is simply not true."

Eliminating risk factors such as illness, poverty, child abuse and many others can create a different brain than maintaining an environment with such risks, Blechman noted, and he will discuss these and other issues related to environment.

The conference is sponsored by the Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim counties, with support from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Charleovix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency-Head Start/Early Head Start, and the Kiwanis Clubs of Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey.

An additional workshop will be held at the church March 7 for business and education professionals. To register for either workshop call (231)582-8070.

Winter weather hurts blood drives

American Red Cross urges blood donors to make or keep appointments

Snow and poor road conditions have forced the American Red Cross to cancel another American Red Cross blood drive today.

The shutdown, Red Cross officials say, mean the loss of 60 blood donations for today alone. Since the end of January, 19 blood drives have canceled because of weather, amounting to the loss of 950 blood donations. At drives remaining open, turnout has been low as donors struggle with heavy snowfall.

"We rely greatly on schools, businesses, churches and community groups to host blood drives," said Sharon Jaksa, CEO of the Great Lakes Region. "When snow, sleet and ice cause these facilities to shut down, it takes away a valuable opportunity to collect blood."

The loss of donation opportunities can tip the delicate balance of the blood supply during the winter season, a time when donations typically decline. Patients in 127 Michigan hospitals depend on steady and consistent blood donations to ensure a safe and adequate supply for ongoing and emergency medical needs. The Red Cross must collect about 1,600 pints of blood in Michigan each weekday to meet hospital demand.

"It only takes about an hour to donate blood," said Jaksa. "And your single blood donation can help save up to three lives. Please make it a point to give the 'Gift of Life' when you can."

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Lady Rayders fall in regionals

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Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine consoles junior KC McCary Thursday late in the Rayders' Class C regional championship game loss to Kingsley.

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Charlevoix guard Alyssa Smith (left) drives past a Kingsley player.

GAYLORD — Too many shooters. Too many ball-handlers.

Kingsley had it going on in the Class C girls' basketball regional final at Gaylord on Thursday, knocking off Charlevoix, 63-39.

"They shot the lights out," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "And it wasn't just Ashley Slade. If we concentrated on her, Courtney Stocking made a shot. Then (Brittany Denter) would hit one. It was a barrage of 3s."

Kingsley's fourth 3-pointer of the night, from Slade with 3 minutes to go in the second quarter, put the Stags up 33-12. It was 39-16 at the half and 48-23 after three quarters.

"Charlevoix is a tough defensive team, but it plays right into our style because of our guard play," Kingsley coach Matt Schelich said.

Whereas McBain, which Charlevoix handled in the regional semifinal, 62-57, featured but one ball-handler, Kingsley has myriad.

Chief among was them Natalya Waurzyniak, a little senior but full of moxie and good to the hole; and Slade, a smooth, efficient and unselfish 5-foot-10 junior who got her game-high 17 points within the flow of the offense and without having to dominate the ball.

"(Waurzyniak) did a tremendous job against our pressure," Erskine said.

Stocking scored 14 for Kingsley and Waurzyniak had 10. The Stags, 22-3, were scheduled to play Ishpeming Westwood, 24-0, in a state quarterfinal Tuesday, with the winner advancing to the State Finals at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

"This is three regionals in a row for us, and that's a big deal," Kingsley coach Matt Schelich. "It's tough when teams are gunning for you. It takes a lot of hard work and effort."

On this night, Charlevoix, 20-3, just didn't have the ammunition.

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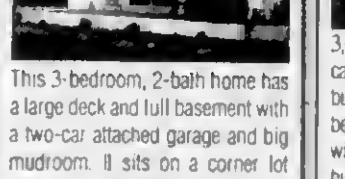

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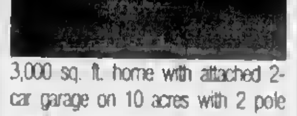

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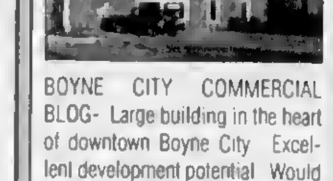

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Charlevoix's Nate LaBlanca (from left), Justin Friske, Corey Gotshall and Clift Jones watch from the bench as the final seconds tick away Monday in the Rayders' 74-56 Class C regional semifinal loss to McBain at Gaylord High School.

Rayders bow in semis

Charlevoix junior Weston Bryan (bottom) battles a McBain player Monday in a Class C regional semifinal game at Gaylord High School.

GAYLORD — Yes, coach, there's still a place for half-court defense and get-it-to-the-bigs offense.

"It's two different styles," McBain coach Bruce Koopman said. "We want to play a halfcourt game, and Charlevoix wants to get up and down for 32 minutes. It's nice to know our system isn't obsolete."

If anything, McBain looked like the vanguard Wednesday in a Class C boys' basketball regional semifinal at Gaylord High School. Its zone defense stifled Charlevoix on one end, as its guards moved unhindered on the other, and the Ramblers won, 74-56, earning the right to play Harbor Springs for the regional title 7 p.m. Wednesday at Gaylord High School.

McBain is 21-2, while Charlevoix finishes 20-3.

"It was kind of the reverse of last year's game, where we were ahead early and they came back and beat us by nine," Koopman said.

Charlevoix was up, 18-14, after the first quarter. The Rayders took a 31-20 lead with 3 minutes, 32 seconds to play in the half on a bucket from Justin Friske. But McBain went to a zone defense and as it tightened, the junior center's inside opportunities decreased.

Sprinter-fast McBain guard Caleb Sluiter made a baseline shot at the halftime horn to tie the game, 34-34, and from there it was all downhill for the Rayders. They never led again.

"Their zone really plugged up the middle, and in the second half the lid went on the rim for us," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "We couldn't find a perimeter guy to step up and hit the outside shot."

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Ladies fall in regionals

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> **Bret Erskine**
> RAYDER COACH

munition.

"I don't know if we were tired from the McBain game or what," Erskine said. "They deserved to win. We got beat by a better team tonight."

Brooke Whittaker led Charlevoix with eight points. Murphy Gillespie scored seven and Meridith Rich and Tammy Potter had six points apiece. Erskine held Becca Madison out of the lineup because of an ankle injury, although she did make a cameo appearance in the fourth quarter.

"You don't want it to come to an end, but we had a great year," said Erskine, who saw the Rayders win Lake Michigan Conference and district titles in his first season. "By the end of the year, we were playing really, really well. I'll miss the seniors, they made me laugh every day. The hardest thing will be getting done with work tomorrow and not having practice to go to."

Against McBain in the semifinal on Tuesday, the senior Desi Faust put down what would prove to be the game-winning shot, a 3-pointer from the right corner for a 58-55 lead.

She hustled back to block a McBain shot. But Janie Geesenian put back an offensive rebound with 40 seconds to go, what would be the Ramblers' last bucket.

Faust made both ends of a one-and-one with 23 seconds to go for a 60-57 lead. Then, after McBain threw the ball away on the other end, Charlevoix's Olivia Catt and Meridith Rich made a free throw apiece in the closing moments for the final margin.

Faust scored a game-high 20 points. She and Catt both hit 3-pointers in the opening 90 seconds of the fourth quarter to get Charlevoix's momentum going. Shauna Spencley also made a crucial 3-pointer, one of her two from downtown, out of a Charlevoix timeout with 2:50 remaining for a 52-51 lead.

There were three lead changes and two ties between then and Faust's final 3-pointer, with Charlevoix's Becca Madison hitting a scoop shot in the lane, and later a free throw.

Spencley, who played a crucial role in Charlevoix's district final win against Traverse City St. Francis, was in foul trouble and eventually fouled out. But that's when the Rayders' depth once again proved the difference.

"Olivia came in and ran the point, and did a tremendous job," Erskine said. "McBain has 10 players, and I'm sure the can play, but we have 15 who can play. It's not the quantity of minutes, it's the quality, and Olivia put in eight quality minutes. Having a fresh point guard ready to go is a real advantage."

Another reserve, Meridith Rich, scored 10 for the Rayders, including a couple first-half layups where she went right at and through McBain's bigger frontcourt.

For McBain, 20-4, Emily Bronkema and Jennifer Brunink both scored 11.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 07-011165-DE

Estate of Arthur L. MacAdams, Jr., Deceased.
Date of Birth. 04/18/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Arthur L. MacAdams, Jr, who lived at 07930 Ruffed Grouse Lane, Petoskey, Michigan died on November 06, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Julie MacAdams Winegard named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated. February 27, 2008.

Julie MacAdams Winegard,
306 Lincoln Place
Petoskey, MI 49770
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(L-03/05)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Country Days, Inc., a Profit Sharing Plan UTAD dated May 7, 1998, a Michigan Trust, of 105 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, of 200 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, dated December 20, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 5, 2004, in Liber 592 Pages 343 through 351, Charlevoix County Records, and which was assigned to MICHAEL BRODE, of 25855 Franklin Park Drive, Franklin, Michigan 48025, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 2, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on October 3, 2006 in Liber 768, Page 626, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $5,138,352.24

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 14th day of March, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

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PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-058-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Beginning on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence 1981 feet West of the East quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West: thence South 330 feet; thence West 263.2 feet, more or less, to a point 130 feet East of the East line of Meech Street; thence North parallel with said Meech Street 330 feet to said quarter line; thence East on said Quarter line 263.2 feet, more or less to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West. The above described land is subject to the right of way of Division Street along its North boundary. The aforesaid East line of Meech Street being established as intersecting said quarter line at a point 2374.2 feet West of said East quarter post.

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Beginning 1805.875 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and 330 feet South, thence South 483.25 feet to the centerline Petoskey Avenue, City of Charlevoix; thence Southwesterly along center of said Avenue 168.3 feet; thence North 549 feet to a point due West of place of Beginning; thence East 161.625 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

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Commencing at a point 1849 feet West of the quarter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence East along the center line of Division Street 132 feet to the Place of Beginning; and being a part of the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; SUBJECT to the right of way of said Division Street.

EXCEPT:

In the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

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The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: February 4, 2008

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(L-2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/05,3/12)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE

Default has been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by TODD L. HART AND SUSAN L. HART, husband and wife, to BAY WINDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, dated November 2, 2001, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 5, 2001, in Liber 442, Pages 079 through 084 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late fees in the sum of $36,808.86 and no proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, April 4, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 9.250% percent per annum, fee and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:

Lots 2 & 3, Block B John R. Vanca's Addition to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Dated: February 28 2008

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(L-03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by GREGORY J VEREYKEN and CRYSTAL J. VEREYKEN, Mortgagors, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated January 16, 2003, and recorded January 22, 2003, in Liber 513, Page 341, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $117,535.05, including interest at 7% per annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008

Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 lying Southwesterly of Highway M 66, Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 17; thence along the North line of said Section 17, South 87°22'09" East 992.30 feet, to the Southwesterly right of way of Highway M 66, for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said North line, South 87°22'09" East 434.76 feet, to the West 1/8 line of said Section 17, thence along said West 1/8 line, South 03°41'03" West 1325.31 feet, to the North 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence along said North 1/8 line, North 87°18'45" West 378.06 feet, thence North 03°41'03" East 1285.27 feet, to the Southwesterly right of way of Highway M 66; thence along said Southwesterly right of way, North 52°02'57" West 68.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date. February 15, 2008

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY:
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(L02/20, 02/27, 03/05, 03/12)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by The Amended and Restated Thomas L. LaVanway Declaration of Trust dated October 9, 1998 to Alden State Bank of PO Box 39, Alden, MI 49612 dated March 22, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 24, 2006 in Liber 737 of Mortgages, Page, 287 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine and 03/100 ($149,299.03) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary at public auction, to the highest bidder County building, 301 State St., City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 21, 2008, at 11:00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage, together with 7.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows to-wit.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a

Dated: February 7 2008

Alden State Bank
Mortgagee
Leon W Sluyter, Vice President

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Cherry Capital puts local foods on shelves

FOODS

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strained realm of industry in northern Michigan, and Hahn decided to take things into his own hands. In April 2006 he kicked off his business endeavor, trading in his Volvo for a refrigerated van, and the rest is history. Cherry Capital Foods helps provide and maintain a market for asparagus, apples, cherries, corn, and other locally grown products, as well as locally processed products such as syrup, apple sauce and wine. He has contracts with schools, hospitals, restaurants, grocers, retail markets and more, and plenty of promise for growth.

"Our projected growth is expected to double within the next year," he said.

A national radio spot, which aired on National Public Radio in January, gave Hahn a major public relations boost — "My phone has been ringing off the hook since it aired," he said of the feature on his business, available for listening on his website, www.cherrycapitalfoods.com— and contracts may begin to extend outside of the eight-county area he currently focuses on. A newly opened warehouse in Traverse City houses much of the product he helps distribute, and he plans to soon offer product sale from the location. Another personal goal, he said, is to help offer fresh food to customers.

"We are able to offer a fresher, more nutritional product," he said, which has been a boost for his involvement in the school project Farm to School.

"This is a national project offered by the USDA," Hahn explained, which offers funds to school districts that contract with local growers to offer such fresh, local product as part of their school meals.

While Hahn does not yet have a contract with Charlevoix Schools, he hopes to establish a relationship with them, and already works with Traverse City Catholic Schools, a number of colleges and some others in the northern Michigan area.

Giving the farmer an economic boost is another important part of Hahn's business. Providing Fair Market Value for products is something larger distributors are often unable or unwilling to do, giving much less bang for the farmers' buck than is necessary to maintain a strong agricultural industry. Offering Fair Market Value dollars instead of "pennies per pound" will help keep producers' businesses healthy, and keep the product coming.

"We can then faciliate movement of the product from point A to point B, and get Michigan products out on the shelves," he said, adding the recent contract with a vendor out of Chicago will help get Michigan product to southern Michigan and Illinois and further increase market demand.

"I already have producers who have expanded their operations to accommodate the increase this season. That speaks for the success," he said.

While he had high hopes in the beginning, Hahn said he had no idea his business would grow so fast. The demand structure is "far greater than I anticipated on the onset," he said, but he is seeing all the support he needs to continue. He's received commitment from local chefs, grocers, retailers and other customers, and expects the growth to continue. Some plans for the future, he said, is to standardize the distribution packaging — using a single measurement instead of bushels, pecks or barrels— and working with chefs to get some popular menu items which feature local product out on some shelves. For now maintaining partnerships is vital.

"Once you've got a fair amount of growers and chefs willing to work together and all willing to help with the entire structure, you're on your way. Those individuals (growers and retailers) deserve a lot of credit for helping to get this off the ground," Hahn said.

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Headed to state

Two Charlevoix High School wrestlers will step onto the biggest stage in their sport this weekend when they compete in the State Individual Tournament beginning Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Zeke Daman and Mat Golovich, both juniors, are among some 900 of the state's very best high school wrestlers in the tournament.

Daman, who wrestles at 119 pounds, takes a 42-6 record into the tournament, while Mat Golovich, 130, goes in with a 41-9 mark. The Rayders will wrestle in the Division IV event and each of their weight classes comprises 16 wrestlers.

Both Daman and Golovich placed third in their respective weight classes at the individual regional at Rogers City High School to earn a spot at the Palace.

Daman will open against Springport senior Jacob Eagen, who is 49-3. If Daman wins that match, he would face either Jon Hren of Hesperia, a senior with a 42-9 record; or Kevin Vanderpool of Hudson, a junior with a 41-16 mark.

Golovich will open against Addison senior Nate Elston, who is 41-5. If Golovich wins that match, he would face either Carson City Crystal junior Dan Osterman, 48-0, or Mendon senior Justin McClish, 34-12.

If and when a wrestler drops a match, he falls into the wrestleback bracket where he is still eligible for a medal. The top eight wrestlers in each weight class earns a medal.

Rayders lose in semifinal match

BOYS

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Charlevoix got a 3-pointer from Nate LaBlance with 1:13 to play in the third, cutting McBain's lead to 52-50, and one more from Thomas Parrish in the fourth, to make it 59-53 with 5:13 left. But the Rayders made only 1-of-7 from behind the arc in the final period, one in which they scored six points.

"Our zone worked, but if they would have made a couple of those 3-pointers, it could have been a totally different game," Koopman said.

Even then, Charlevoix would have had to stop McBain on the other end. That was a tough task, as Sluiter, Jordan Hoekwater and Ethan Sikkema were all capable with the ball in their hands, and had a plethora of bigs go get it to. With leading scorer Josh Eisenga, a 6-foot-7 senior, on the bench with foul trouble, and eventually being disqualified, senior forward Randall Sterk came to the fore and led McBain with 22 points. Hoekwater scored 13.

"They just beat us up inside," Haske said.

For Charlevoix, Friske scored 15 and LaBlance had 10 points.

This was the fifth time in eight years that Charlevoix and McBain have played at the regional level. Charlevoix has won three times, McBain twice.

"Any time you can beat Charlevoix, you have to feel good about it," Koopman said. "We have the utmost respect for them. Keith is the best coach in Northern Michigan. I'm just riding his shirt tail."

"I'm proud to have coached this team," Haske said. "It was another great season of Rayder basketball."

While Monday's mood was somber, the Rayders had plenty of reason to celebrate throughout the season, including on Friday, when they won their ninth district championship in 10 years — a remarkable run, by any standard — with a 64-60 win over Traverse City St. Francis on the Gladiators' home court.

Friske scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half to lead the Rayders, LaBlance also had 15 points, and Wilhelm added 10.

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"The Big Grin" boasts big success on hills

A snowboard competition, "The Big Grin," was held at Mt. McSauba Feb. 24, hosted by the City of Charlevoix and sponsored by Go Film Local Productions, Revolution Manufacturing, and Bandits International. Entertainment was provided by Charlie's Root Fusion. At stake was a sponsorship from Revolution Manufacturing, and a new snowboard for the winner. Participants came from all over Michigan. "Smart style" rules applied.

The front hill was magically transformed into a first class terrain park, with elements, or jibs as the snowboarders call them. All the rails and boxes were built by Brennan Stebe of Charlevoix, for his Eagle Project. With the help of Bo Boss and Chuck Meier, jumps were pushed into place and the design for the competition was directed by John Curtis of Go Film Local and Scott Stebe. There were jumps and jibs for all ages and skill levels, as was soon realized on Sunday when the competitors warmed up for the competition.

This event was all about one snowboarder's dream to give back to the ski hill he grew up on. John Curtis had a dream realized: An awesome terrain park on the front hill of McSauba. For some it looked ominous but on Feb. 24 when the riders took to the hill it was apparent the riders all appreciated it and embraced all that was done for them.

Footage from the event will be used in the documentary "The Exposure Project," which is the current film project by GFL.

The winners of the Big grin event are:

First Place: Marc Collier, Marquette and Charlevoix

2nd Place: Colin Campbell, Charlevoix

3rd Place: Shaun Couture, Charlevoix

4th Place: Conner Klooster, Charlevoix

5th Place: Cody Blunt, Mt. Pleasant

6th Place: Zach Merrill, Charlevoix

Best Trick: Kris Keiser, Petoskey

Most extreme: Andrew Mailloux, Charlevoix

Hardest Hit: Jake McLean, Charlevoix

Skier Division: Austen Lobenhertz

Courtesy photos

Marc Collier, winner of The Big Grin, and John Curtis of Go Film Local Productions. Right, Collier in action.

Charlevoix Area Hospital expands urgent care services

Courtesy photo

Urgent Care is staffed by Charlevoix Area Hospital Emergency Department physicians. Pictured, left to right, are Mitchell Carey, MD; Daniel Mann, MD; Melodie Brown, MD; Mark Smith, MD; Dennis Joy, MD; N. Craig Boss, MD; Greg Chupp, MD; Edward Newcomb, MD; and Ryan McConnell, DO.

A bad bump, sprain, fever, or pain can occur anytime. In fact, they seem to happen with greater frequency after business hours, or when the doctor's office is closed.

That's why Charlevoix Area Hospital has expanded its Urgent Care Center hours.

Urgent Care will now be open every day-including weekends and holidays-from 10 am to 8 pm. No appointment is required. Patients can walk in and usually be seen immediately for treatment. Located in the hospital's Emergency Department, Urgent Care is staffed by ER physicians and nurses.

Dennis Joy, MD, Medical Director of the Emergency Department, said the expanded hours are a welcome change that will result in excellent medical care 'round the clock, and better utilization of hospital facilities.

"This will be very convenient for visitors and tourists who require non-emergency care-while, at the same time, providing area residents with an appropriate alternative to the ER," he explained. "As an integral part of our new Emergency Department, Urgent Care puts all of our hospital's medical resources within reach, and ensures patients are seen by our skilled emergency staff."

Joy said many Urgent Care services are covered by health insurance plans, and no one in need of immediate treatment will be turned away.

For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital Urgent Care, please call Carol Gillespie, RN, Emergency Department Nurse Manager, at (231) 547-4024

A winter view

This view of Round Lake from the north side of Charlevoix taken last week is evidence of the frequent fresh snowfall seen by the region in recent weeks. The National Weather Service in Gaylord is forecasting the chance for snow showers from Wednesday through Saturday with snow stopping Saturday evening for a high around 30 on Sunday.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

That's my photograph!

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

MARCH 4 FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome. Beginning at noon at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

MARCH 4 SLEEPY-TIME STORIES

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite lovey for an evening of stories before bedtime. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350

MARCH 5 WRITER'S GROUP

Join other writers at 6 p.m. for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7340

MARCH 6 STORY-TIME

All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., 237-7350.

MARCH 6

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., March 7 Common Cents.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 7, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 7 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 8 TNT.

LAKE CHARLEVOIX WATERSHED PROJECT MEETING

The meeting will discuss Stover Creek erosion control, a rain barrel sale and a new website for Friends of the Boyne River. 10 a.m. to noon at the Charlevoix Public Library.

MARCH 8 PAWS FOR A STORY

Come visit the library at 10:30 a.m. to give your child an opportunity to read aloud to a dog. The library's certified PAWS teams of trainer and dog will be ready and waiting. Register for a spot by calling or stopping by the youth desk, 237-7350. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

MARCH 8 ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS BALL

This ninth annual event will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mohagany's in the Charlevoix Country Club. Ticket prices are $40 per single, $70 per couple. Tickets include a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas. There will be door prizes, a silent auction and a live auction, as well as hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Music will be provided by DJ the DJ.

MARCH 11 FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

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REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS: NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

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Spanish Conversation Circle: Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Writer's Group: Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

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A free, non-denominational support group, open to everyone, will offer help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Organized through the Community Reformed Church DivorceCare program, the group starts Feb. 1 and lasts for 13 weeks. Call (231)675-1925 for more information.

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The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

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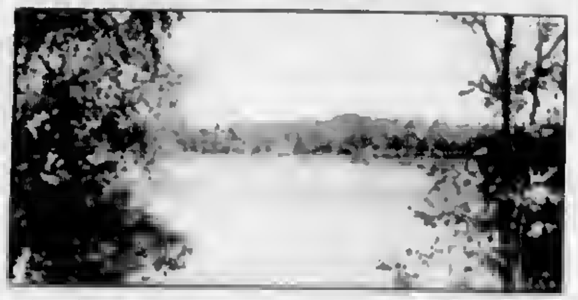

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Tradition thrives in Island Irish celebration

Courtesy photos

Beaver Island's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration brings crowds to cheer and brave souls to participate in the games, which include a cart race down Main Street (left) and a fish tossing contest. This year's celebration is slated for March 15.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> *"I don't think the festivities have changed all that much since the beginning."*
>
> **Steve West**
> BEAVER ISLAND CHAMBER DIRECTOR

Tradition, tradition, tradition.

That is the force that guides Beaver Island's annual St. Patrick's Day festival, which will return to the island March 15. Fish tossing, tug of war, live entertainment and good old fashioned fun have been part of the celebration for centuries, Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Director Steve West said.

"I don't think the festivities have changed all that much since the beginning," he said.

The games themselves and the families that participate in and watch them have been the same since Irish immigrants arrived on the island in the mid-19th century, West said. The annual celebration of the country's heritage is "strongly rooted in tradition," he added, with many of the island's residents participating as fifth or sixth generation "veterans." One change, he noted, is the welcome issued to non-islanders.

"We've really become fond of inviting others to our celebration and opening up the festival to 'outsiders' (not from the island) to see what we have to offer," West said.

Those 'outsiders' are welcome to learn about the long-standing competition between the Fish Stompers and the Hay Seeders, who battle every year in the Tug of War, one of the popular St. Patrick's Day festival events. West explained most residents belong to or claim one of the two teams, which represent the two original forms of

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Former county commissioner seeks state seat

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With much of the nation focused on who the next president will be, it may be easy to forget there are also some upcoming state races.

Charlevoix resident and former county commissioner Connie Saltonstall filed last week to run against Michigan State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire) for the 105th District which covers Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Otsego counties.

- Age 62
- Party affiliation: Democrat
- Previous political experience: Held seats on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education and the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners
- Work experience: 17 years as a school teacher; 18 years operating a research company
- Platform: Universal health care; renewable energy, job creation, environmental protection

Saltonstall

"I think I am a person who is willing to spend the time to work on the solutions and not get hung up on party politics," Saltonstall said. "I'm going to be working on 105th District issues, and our issues really aren't of a partisan nature. Everybody needs jobs, everybody needs education and everybody needs a healthy environment."

Saltonstall cited the impending closure of Dura, a manufacturing plant in Mancelona, as an example of where government should help retain businesses.

"I think we should see what we can do. If we can't save the plant, we need to at least help these people with retraining for a new job and I think we have to be actively recruiting new businesses to come here," she said. "You don't sit at a desk and say you want someone to take a job, you recruit them. You put an ad in the paper, you make it known you need someone to come to you."

Saltonstall also cited her work in trying to secure funding for Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

"Kevin Elsenheimer two years ago said that maybe he could work on getting the Charlevoix Boyne City Road to be an extension of M-75," she said. "And now two years later he was helpful to arrange a meeting for MDOT to tell us that, no, that is not going to happen."

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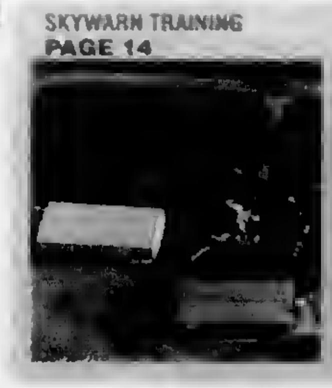

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Al Sylvester Zawistowski, 17, Vanderbilt. No operator license on person. $150 in fines and costs.

William Harley LaCroix, 55, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Mauricio Orellana, 43, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow: $260 in fines and costs.

Cody James Solgot, 23, Boyne City. Receiving and concealing: Greater than $200, but less than $1,000; Domestic violence. To serve 45 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs. Count Two: Credit for one day in jail; to serve 45 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Families First Men's Group;

$500 in fines and costs. Count Three: Receiving and concealing stolen property: Greater than $1,000, but less than $20,000. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 45 days in jail; 319 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; $850 in fines and costs.

Jackson Royal Watkins, 19, Boyne City. Use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve nine days in jail; 80 days held in abeyance; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

Justin Eugene Belford, 25, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Kyle Anthony Bankston, 21, Niles. Minor operating with blood alcohol content. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $630 in fines and costs.

Robert Louis Bunting, 30, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Kari Lynn Kraemer, 23, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Jeremiah Bricker Grove, 22, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana, first offense; attempted unlawful entry. Credit for 17 days in jail; 349 days held in abeyance; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; no contact with the victim; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Saul James DeYoung, 20, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Credit for 14 days in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; 171 days held in abeyance; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Crystal Fawn Lapine, 25, Ionia. No operator license. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 14 days in jail, $400 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Integrity Auto Care 06807 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Randy Weldon Maurer

Timothy Schroeder Builder, 01103 Sunset St., East Jordan, by Timothy Schroeder

REG Rentals, 203 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Richard E. Georgi

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RD&D Enterprises, 305 Silver St., 402 Boyne City, by Ronald Brockene III

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Norwood officials cry 'foul' over FOIA allegations

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"The most straight-forward way to avoid this would be if submissions made to the Planning Commission were provided directly to the other party."*
>
> **Duane Lawton**
> PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

While Norwood resident Bill Gnodtke concluded recently that Norwood officials procrastinated on a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request, officials say it just isn't so.

In a March 5 Charlevoix Courier article entitled "Norwood Mine Still in Limbo," Gnodtke was quoted as saying, "Five minutes before the deadline there was a telephone call that they (Norwood Township officials) were requesting a 10-day extension. Some of the information requested was crucial to the application and because we were never able to get it we were not able to enter it into the hearing."

The FOIA request in question was submitted by Norwood resident and Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS) member Marion Shea-Light on Feb. 14 pertaining to a reclamation fund dealing with the Wayne Wynkoop Limestone Mine issue.

NTCHS members hoped to have the information by the Wednesday, Feb. 27 Special Use Permit hearing, but were informed, according to FOIA documents, on Thursday, Feb. 21 that the clerk Chele Cyr was requesting an additional 10-day extension per statutes set forth in the Freedom of Information Act.

"We do not make phone calls for extensions," said Norwood Planning Commission member and deputy clerk and administrative assistant to the clerk Marilyn Maynard. "There's a lot of misinformation given out regarding this whole issue and the application and I think it's just to add another claim against the township."

She added, "They hammered it in that night (the SUP hearing of Feb. 27) that we withheld documents and that we asked for an extension. We can legally ask for extensions."

The records indicate that the notice for an extension on the FOIA request in question was made via e-mail at 2:52 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, the last of the five days the clerk had to turn the records over to Shea-Light without an extension.

As far as the extension request being sent five minutes before the deadline as Gnodtke claimed, Cyr said she does not keep regular business hours and considers the end of the day 10 p.m. and therefore the extension request was made at least seven hours before the deadline.

"I've never done a time," Cyr added.

"The point was that we weren't provided that information," Gnodtke said. "Yeah, they sent us back an e-mail saying they wanted an extension, but we needed that information prior to the hearing. If we don't have it, how can we respond to (Wynkoop's proposal)? It makes it kind of hard to prepare yourself."

Maynard said the township can only provide documents it has in its possession.

"At the time of her (Shea-Light's) FOIA, we didn't have those documents," she said.

The FOIA request was fulfilled on Feb. 29.

"Nothing was withheld," Cyr said. "A 10-day extension was filed. I don't want anyone thinking I withheld documents."

Shea-Light did not return calls by press time.

In a Feb. 28 letter from Planning Commission Chairman Duane Lawton to the concerned parties in the Wynkoop mine issue, Lawton directed both sides to be more cooperative with each other.

"Observation was made last night of each party not receiving copies of all the submissions of the other," Lawton stated. "The most straight forward way to avoid this would be if submissions made to the Planning Commission were provided directly to the other party."

He further stated, "This will be a more effective communication method than waiting on FOIA responses. Realistically, I expect the FOIAs to continue, and it would be very helpful to the township if material that has been received directly be listed in future FOIAs and noted as 'not required.'"

CORRECTION

Information printed last week regarding a crash indicated the cause was speed, however the cause was driving too fast for conditions.

St. Patrick's Day at Beaver Island

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livelihood on the island: Farming and fishing.

"This dates back to when there were only two ways to make a living here, farm or fish. That's how the teams started," West said.

The two sides face off each year on Main Street, where the festival activities are held, and have their battle in front of a cheering crowd.

The fish toss is another popular event, which involves taking a large lake trout, 10 to 12 pounds in size, freezing it, and challenging participants to throw the fish as far as possible. West said any technique is accepted, and there are many; the shot put technique, the two-handed approach, the "hold on to the tail and flail it as far as you can" approach, and whatever else participants can come up with. West said anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The shopping cart race, also open to anyone interested, puts one person in a cart and challenges another person to push the cart along the race course on Main Street.

Island life is "pretty laid back and spontaneous," West said, so while the games are scheduled to begin "around 1 p.m." the festivities generally get started "whenever we get around to it." West recalled one year when a snow storm moved in quickly just as the games were about to begin, so everything was moved indoors.

"Instead of tossing a lake trout for the fish toss, we used goldfish," he said. "We all still had a great time."

Live entertainment, from local bands and visiting bagpiper Jack Fellows, leader of the Grand Traverse Pipe and Drum Band, will play at both the Shamrock Pub and Donegal Danny's Pub, both downtown, throughout the weekend. West invited anyone and everyone interested in taking a "beautiful flight across the frozen lake" over to the island to come.

"March is the perfect time to get out and do something to get you out of that winter rut. This is the perfect way to do it," he said.

Both local airlines, Fresh Air Aviation and Island Airways, offer flights to and from the island.

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She added, "We need people in the legislature who are willing to put aside partisan politics and create solutions, and that's what I want to do."

Saltonstall feels providing universal health care will also aid the economy by reducing the burden on business owners, and she also wants to work toward protecting Michigan's land and water to maintain a healthy environment for residents and tourists.

"I think Kevin is a nice person. He's smart, he's a good attorney, but I think I can offer a greater involvement in our northern Michigan issues than we've seen," she added.

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The laws of blasphemy: A quick Gohs guide

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I'd planned to write about the impending switch to Digital TV, but then it hit me: I'm not running an information hotline. This is The Crying Towel, not the Kind-hearted Helpful Towel.

I was all set to expound on the mating rituals of the Himalayan yak when I get this e-mail from those devil worshipers over at the American Humanist Association saying they want to follow England's cue and repeal blasphemy laws.

It seems England had a hard time wagging the finger of shame at Sudan for arresting a teacher who broke blasphemy laws by allowing her students to name their mascot "Mohammed", the equivalent of your kid's teacher naming the class guinea pig "Jesus Christ", while the limeys simultaneously had similar laws.

American talking heads, including my favorite charlatan Bill O'Reilly, got in on the act, decrying those evil Muslim extremists for their inhumane ways. The irony of which being that there are still states, including Massachusetts, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Wyoming, which have said laws on their hooks.

According to Michigan penal code, "Any person who shall willfully blaspheme the holy name of God, by cursing or contumeliously [sic] reproaching God, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor," and "Any person who has arrived at the age of discretion, who shall profanely curse or damn or swear by the name of God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

As far as I could tell, my fellow media professional could get away with naming his microphones after the Muslim prophet and I was still OK to curse Shiva, Zeus and Scrappy Doo, but "Holy $#!*!*% God," I screamed for no good reason, "As often as I curse deities, they'll never let me out of jail."

Wondering what other strange laws there might be for the breaking, I began intense research, by which I mean listening to Supertramp albums and dropping pizza crumbs in the keyboard.

Though more unconventional than strange, it was with glee I read of the Australian teacher found not-guilty of abuse after jet slapping an unruly 8-year-old student. It seems "correction, discipline, management or control" is OK down under, which may explain why they have far fewer school shootings than do we.

Then I found a website which specializes in weird rules, but our legal department says watching episodes of Matlock does not make me a lawyer, no matter how many times I use the words "juris" or "habeas," so you might want to double-check accuracy of the following:

According to www.dumblaws.com, Michiganders may not: Be drunk on a train, seduce an unmarried girl or sell a car on Sunday, which pretty much kills my plans for this weekend.

You may not cut your hair without your husband's permission, and since those 'evil gays' are prohibited from the practice of obtaining ownership over each other via governmental certificate ceremony, this one is for the dames only.

Michiganian farmers may not sleep with their pigs, sheep, goats, cows or chickens; Though it is perfectly legal to get freaky with animals in Washington State so long as you do not harm them in the process—puts a whole new spin on the term "puppy love."

Look for the Evergreen State's new slogans: "A chicken in every pot, a dress on every goat" and "Single farmers, worried livestock."

Speaking of animal cruelty, Act 339 of 1919 states, "An animal control officer or other person killing a dog or other animal ... shall not use a high altitude decompression chamber ... for that killing."

And, since what happens in the barn stays in the barn, we'll never know if 339 was passed to prevent bachelor farmers from hiding the evidence of their forbidden love.

And, while it's probably too late to save my job after lampooning beastiality and child abuse, you can learn everything you never wanted to know about digital TV by visiting: www.dtv.gov.

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Evenday: A new seasonal holiday for all

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Evenday for Ear to the Ground by Roger M. Knutson

Each year at this time I attempt to encourage the development of a new and significant international holiday. As part of that continuing attempt I re-offer the column from two years ago.

Two years ago at this season I proposed a new worldwide holiday on the occasion of the Spring Equinox. It was meant to celebrate the idea that on that day everyone, all over the earth from the equator to the poles has the same number of hours of light and darkness. With the sun on that date positioned precisely over the equator, we are all equal in its light. I suggested, at that time that we could surely use a holiday that unites all citizens of the earth. And nothing is so ultimately important to us as the sun, which provides essentially all the energy that fuels life and growth on our globe. Even fossil fuels like petroleum and coal are products of that sun which lighted the earth millions of years before humans arrived on the scene.

It is safe to say that the idea has not yet caught on. I can only assume that it has not had sufficient advertising. I suggested two years ago that we call it Equal Day. Maybe it needs a somewhat catchier name. Evenday carries the same idea in a more complex way. Since the exact time of the sun's location over the equator is sometimes on March 20 (as it is this year) and sometimes on March 21, we might need to make annual adjustments of the holiday. I will firmly resist placing it on the nearest Friday or Monday in order to establish a long weekend. Some things, like the placement of the sun, are too important to be moved for our holiday convenience.

In our northern hemisphere of the earth, Evenday will mark our emergence from winter into spring, a most welcome change. On the southern half of the earth the March Evenday will precede their descent into winter from autumn, but there must be reasons to celebrate that transition as well. The larger problem may be finding a way to appropriately celebrate this international day.

The participation of schools will be vital. Only when every primary school class takes note of Evenday will it begin to find a place in the broader culture. A celebration of equality in every grade of every school would not be out of place. There could be equal signs everywhere and 12-12 might become as well known as 24-7. I stand ready to help our local schools in any way they might desire.

Maybe our stores could hold Evenday sales, and temporarily price everything at the same level. If we can only get Wal Mart to agree, the holiday could almost instantly become a part of worldwide culture. Restaurants could for one day sell all meals for one price. Fast food emporiums could do the same.

A single holiday that includes every political, religious, ethnic and economic group on earth might cause us all to think differently about equality. And who could object to a holiday based on the location of the sun?

When the equinox arrives on March 20 this year, give some thought to how you could celebrate it. What can you do on that day that will enhance the idea of equality for all? Even if the day happens to be cloudy, look up occasionally. We know the sun is up there somewhere even when we don't see much of it. Take note of the times of sunset and sunrise on March 20. And tie the idea of life giving sunlight to the idea of our worldwide equality in the light of that sun. Celebrate Evenday.

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LETTERS to the editor

COUNTY NEEDS A CHANGE

Editor:

It's unanimous! Everyone on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners is irresponsible! The first sentence is from Tuesday's News-Review. The second is mine.

For the second time in only a few months, since being chosen by the voters to represent them, this board has repealed a very important law just enacted by the old board. The former board had become progressive in their last year. The new board seems determined to destroy all the good that was done.

First it was the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) ordinance, and now it's the working-place smoking ban. Does anyone believe that these laws were not supported by the majority of voters in our county? If you believe that both laws had been supported by majority opinion, then we do not have democracy in this county. We have irresponsible and poorly considered rule by a few biased people.

I was at the meeting where these uninformed commissioners voted down the PDR ordinance, but, in reading the recent article in the paper, the discussion did not appear to be much different at the smoking ban vote. Their reasons were almost the same in their complete ignorance of the subject. In both cases their stated reasons were personal, ultra conservative and did not even begin to address the pros and cons of the pertinent law. They prefer to use worn out slogans and rhetoric rather than sound judgment as a basis for decision making. As a result, they persist in making bad decisions.

There were a lot of complaints about the old commission, but they gave us two good laws. I felt that some commissioners were very good and that I was well represented in my area (Hayes Township). I also feel that one former commissioner who retained her seat has done a lot of good for our community in the past, but she may be in the wrong crowd now. Most voters wanted a change, but did they want commissioners who display no regard for preserving farmland and open space or for the health of non-smokers? As voters we were trying to improve our political situation in the last election, but we clearly took a giant step backward... about 50 years!

Since the entire commission has shown themselves to be out of touch and disinterested in the opinion of the majority of their constituents, I suggest that they all simply resign immediately. Otherwise we will continue to be a county without leadership until we can correct this abysmal situation in the next election.

This time, change will certainly be an improvement.

Bill Henne
Hayes Township

INTOLERANCE IN CHARLEVOIX

Editor:

This letter is in response to an article in the Courier. The article is titled "Youth arrested for online threat." I appreciate the quick reaction of the school and the police departments.

I know my next statements may draw a mixed bag of opinions, but nonetheless it needs to be said.

The youth arrested is my nephew. There is never an excuse for violence of any kind, but in this, and many other cases, there are some circumstances that we believe contributed to the alleged threat.

He attended CMS for a few weeks in the fall. It became apparent that he was being bullied and picked on, so he went to EJMS. He was threatened with violence by some kids at the school (CMS), he was kicked in the privates also. In fact the threats continued even after he moved to East Jordan Middle School, via myspace.com. There were, as I hope the investigation into the computer will prove, certain youth individuals who felt it was necessary to continue to threaten and bully over the Internet. So much so that my nephew was afraid to even go to the movies in Charlevoix.

I have never felt violence is an answer, but if you look at the whole situation maybe we could understand what kids go through who are repeatedly picked on.

Yes folks, it happens right here in little old Charlevoix. Intolerance. We need to educate our young people to explore non-violent solutions. Mr. Haske has done a great job of addressing the bullying issue at CMS. I hope people will talk to their children about bullying.

Dan Zipp
Charlevoix

CHECK PROPERTY TAXES

Editor:

This week is an opportunity for each property owner to file objections about the assessment of your property. If you did not receive approximately a 20 percent decrease in your assessment, you should be asking your Board of Review why that is not reflected. You should also request your state officials, the County Board of Commissioners, to demand that their employees at the Equalization Department serve your interest, not tax crazed bureaucrats.

Samuel Adams wrote in the Boston Gazette, Jan. 9, 1769, in criticizing an apologist for the crown responded to the contention: "Formerly the right of taxation was in the King only..." with a bold and provocative statement: "We know that kings, even English kings, have lost their crowns and their heads for assuming such a right."

Do not expect to have your assessment reduced since the Board of Review has as its primary unstated function to spread the tax as mandated by the County Equalization Department on the citizens of their Township. This is not right, but it is a fact that not change until enough citizens say it must change? Citizens saying "no more" led to the passing Proposition A. That was a fine short term fix, but will not help your children when you pass them your property. Most children will not be able to afford the stepped up basis leaving only rich and affluent owning property in Michigan.

The assessment process is broken. Each citizen must demand that your equalization department will follow the "guidelines" of the State Tax Commission but do what is right and just for their constituents, the tax payers, and include foreclosures and bank sales in their sales studies.

Peter Vellenga
Boyne City

More letters on page 25

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quinn Alee Kilpatrick weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces was born February 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan and April Kilpatrick from East Jordan. Her grandparents are Brenda McGrath, Sheryl Fuller and Dean Fuller all of Flint

Nigel Axton Ruhling weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces was born March 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Marty and Donna Ruhling of East Jordan. His siblings are Jake and Isis. His grandparents are Jim Bowman and the late Karen of Charlevoix, and Joyce Ruhling and the late Marty of East Jordan.

Connor Dinand Uy weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born March 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ferdinand C. and Mary S. Uy of East Jordan. His siblings are A.J. and Lucy. His grandparents are Susan Moore of East Jordan, Tom Fiel of Boyne City and Lillia Chaing of La Carlota, Philippines. His great grandparents are Tom Fiel of Boyne Falls and Luz Metan of La Carlota, Philippines.

Classifieds pay off!

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra to perform

The next concert pair of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 in the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Center and will be repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

"We are calling this concert pair The Oxford Connection," stated Dale Hull, executive director of the local chamber orchestra. "And for very good reason. Our guest conductor is Paul Hilliam, conductor of the Heart of England Orchestra. In these concerts he will be conducting our own heart of northern Michigan chamber orchestra in Franz Joseph Haydn's, the Oxford Symphony."

Paul Hilliam was born in Canterbury and educated in Bournemouth. Following years of study in London, he worked extensively as an oboist before turning to conducting. Now Maestro Hilliam lives in Leicestershire, England where he serves as the Heart of England Orchestra's Musical Director, and Conductor. Though engagements now take Paul to Britain's most prestigious venues like Barbican Hall in London, Symphony Hall in Birmingham, St. David's Hall in Cardiff and to the famous Buxton Opera House, he has found time to come to northern Michigan to work with our Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra on three works that are especially important to him: the Oxford Symphony by Haydn, Songs of Travel by Ralph Vaughn Williams, and Saint Paul's Suite by Gustav Holst.

Baritone Peter Sims will perform the Vaughn Williams piece, under the direction of Maestro Hilliam and accompanied by thirty-five members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. Sims is enjoying his fifth year as a year-round resident of northern Michigan. A fourth-generation Bay View summer resident, he was active in the Bay View Music Festival for many years as a student of voice, piano and organ. Sims graduated from the Jordan College of Fine Arts at Butler University in Indianapolis with a Masters Degree in Vocal Performance. Sims performed with the GLCO last December in its performances of Messiah. He is currently Director of Music for the first Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs and serves as the Chorus Master of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus.

Filling out the repertoire for the Oxford Connection concerts is the Saint Paul's Suite by English composer, Gustav Holst. Holst met Ralph Vaughn Williams while both attended the Royal College, and they became lifelong friends. In 1905 Holst accepted the post of Director of Music at the St. Paul's Girls' School in Hammersmith, a borough of west London. Although he later served as a visiting professor at Harvard as well as the University of Michigan, he never relinquished his position with the St. Paul's Girls' School.

Tickets for The Oxford Connection are available at the door or in advance at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, at Kurtz Music Pianos in Traverse City, at the Jordan River Arts Council in East Jordan, or at Chambers of Commerce in Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Boyne City, and East Jordan. Ticket prices are $15 for adults and $8 for students of all ages.

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Thursday, March 13, 10:30 am
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MS Outlook
Friday, March 14, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Learn the basics of organizing your correspondence and schedule with Microsoft Outlook. Provided by NCMC.
Call or visit the library for a registration form, 237-7340.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, March 18, noon @ noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

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The Northern Michigan Chorale announces their annual Vocal Music Scholarship. These scholarships are available for anyone of high school age or older. Applicants need to be a resident of northern Michigan.

Letters of application are due by Monday, April 14, 2008 and need to include name, address and phone number. Also, in the application letter, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. Vocal students and High School applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from your music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, May 12, 2008. Applicants will be notified of time and place for the auditions.

Send letters of application to: Northern Michigan Chorale, Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

WILDERNESS TRAINING

Northern Cairn will be holding their first Wilderness Survival course for outdoor recreationalists on March 15 at Camp Daggett in Petoskey. It will cover land navigation with map, compass & GPS, in addition to water procurement, fire and shelter building, for that "unexpected night out". Lunch will be provided. Registration is $75. Josh Martin & Tim Webb are the instructors. For more information, call (231) 347-9742, extension 118.

Local musician heads to Carnegie Hall

BY EDITH GILBERT
BEHIND THE NEWS

To Carnegie Hall in New York City.

That's where Charlevoix's Andy Tuck is heading with a select group of students from Interlochen Arts Academy for a live taping by PBS. The show is called, "From The Top."

The all-expense paid, three-day trip will take place March 19 to 21. At a later date, yet to be announced, it will be broadcast from coast to coast to over 300,00 households on PBS stations. The half-hour program includes performances, off-beat humor, skits, and behind-the-scenes look at the music of young musicians from all over the United States. According to the director Christopher O'Riley, "These are amazing kids, full of hope and joy."

How true. Tuck's amazing life has been full of hope and joy from the moment he first attended Kary Johnson's introductory string program five years ago, while in the fifth grade at St. Mary School. This outreach program serves Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties and is sponsored by the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

With a variety of string instruments to choose from, Andy chose the viola because he said he loved the tone and richness of this instrument. Johnson remembers when placing the instrument in his hands: "I saw his face light up and a determination to make music begin!"

Because he has perfect pitch, she considers him a prodigy. She gave him private lessons for two years until she married and moved away. He continued private instruction with David Holland, viola teacher at Interlochen Arts Academy, who says he absorbs information "like a sponge."

By now Tuck didn't want to just play the viola - he also wanted to learn music theory and composition. In order to do this he was told he needed to learn to play the piano. His parents found an old Baldwin upright and thanks to a group of generous men - they call themselves "the Lunch Bunch"-- Tuck got his piano. Through more social networking, Dr. Maria Kranz, who teaches twice a month at Chicago's American Conservatory of Music, heard about Andy and said, "No one can teach him but me." After only a year he was playing Chopin and the Moonlight Sonata—with feeling.

One day he was invited to play for the late Sally Scholl, who was so enchanted with his music, she made arrangements through Crooked Tree Arts Center to have her grand piano delivered to his home and to let him use it for as long as he liked.

At this point in time, Tuck was also a member of the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra, and playing with the Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree, for the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, for weddings, and other local and charitable functions.

In addition to viola, Tuck also learned to play the trumpet and band under the supervision of Gary Stutsman at Northwest Academy.

When Tuck was 13 he was invited to play with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. He was the youngest player among this group of highly skilled professionals. Although he felt accepted by them, he was unhappy playing on his beginner's viola because he knew this instrument wasn't capable of producing the caliber of music he was able to make. Consequently, he entered a national contest sponsored by the American String Teachers' Association and much to his surprise won a high quality, Porter's instrument.

Andy Tuck

When Tuck graduated from grade school in 2005, at age 14, he was invited to accept a partial scholarship to Interlochen Center for the Arts. (In case you wonder, a full scholarship these days is $32,000 a year.) He was now ready to skip the 9th grade and enter the 10th grade.

In order to help raise an additional $10,000, the Charlevoix community sprang into action. Members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra planned a successful Scholarship Concert at Castle Farms. Tuck's parents, Debi and Tom Tuck, are both nurses at the Charlevoix Area Hospital and have three children. Tuck being the youngest. Fortunately they were able to set up a scholarship fund at the Charlevoix State Bank called the Andrew Tuck Scholarship fund. (10# 26-0277213)

When Andy graduates from Interlochen Arts Academy this year, the plan is for him to spend another year of post-graduate studies at Interlochen, because his parents feel that at age 16, he is too young to go to college. In the interim, Tuck is practicing excerpts from "Appalachian Strings" to be performed at Carnegie Hall.

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OBITUARIES

ERWIN 'ED' SMALLEY

Erwin 'Ed' Smalley, 83, of Charlevoix, Michigan, went to be with God on March 8, 2008, at his home.

Ed was born on August 30, 1924 in Vicksburg, Michigan, the son of Clyde and Mabel Smalley. He graduated from Mendon High School in 1942. On May 31, 1961, he married Patricia Mae (Whipple) Popenhagen in HickoryCorners, Michigan.

He served his country from 1943 to 1946 with the US Navy on the U.S.S. McCook to North Africa, Ireland and Portsmouth, England, to prepare for the invasion of France at Omaha Beach. In 1945, he was en route to the Pacific to prepare for the invasion of Japan and was present as part of the convoy with the U.S.S. Missouri when the surrender of Japan was signed.

Before moving to Charlevoix in 1967, Ed had lived in Kalamazoo and Bay City. He was a charter member of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and served on the church board for many years. He greeted everyone with a hearty hug and handshake.

Ed worked as a control operator at Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant in Charlevoix and retired in 1981. Ed loved to farm, raise cattle, and enjoyed working on anything mechanical. He always listened to music wherever he was working, especially 8-track tapes while farming in the fields. He loved sharing produce and flowers from his bountiful garden with friends and family. Most of all, Ed loved and cherished his family.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons, Larry Smalley and Jeffrey (Renee) Popenhagen, Sr. of Valdez, Alaska; three daughters, Linda (Peter) Sweeney of Charlevoix, Deborah Smalley of Boyne City and Darlene (John) Harris of Perry; eight grandchildren, Jasper (Stacey) Sweeney, Tawnya (fiancé Evan Bennett) Sweeney, Christine (Eric) Speer, Jeffrey Popenhagen, Jr., Joshua Popenhagen, Brittany, Danyne and Colleen Harris; five great-grandchildren, Maci, Liam, Aiden, Lauryn and Lily; one brother, Lyle Smalley of Kalamazoo; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Ed was predeceased by his parents; two sisters, Beulah Butcher and Gloria Byrnes; and one grandson, Brandon Popenhagen.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Dan Gilmore will officiate, assisted by Rev. George Smith. Interment will be in Undine Cemetery, Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan. Memorials may be given to Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene Ed Smalley Memorial Fund.

AMY MCCASLIN

Amy Shandell McCaslin, 38, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Amy was born May 5, 1969, in Warren, to Jacob and Virginia Diane (Bouler) Penfold. She worked at Charlevoix Area Hospital for fifteen years.

Amy was a devoted mother and grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and best friend to many people. She is survived by her children, Robyn McCaslin and her daughter, McKenzie Hoffman; sons, Tony McCaslin and Jacob Roach; soul mate, Mario Hill all of Charlevoix; parents, Jacob and Diane Penfold; brother, Casey Penfold; best friend, Tim Roach all of Atwood; sister-in-law, Shirley (Mike) Hand of Charlevoix; nephews, Pat Hand, Ryan and Avery Penfold; nieces, Kelly (Raymond) Fuller and Tabetha Penfold.

Contributions in Amy's memory may be made to the Family of Amy McCaslin, c/o Winchester Funeral Home, 209 State Street, Charlevoix, Mich., 49720. Services for Amy were held Saturday, March 8, at the Community Church of God in Charlevoix, the Reverend Neil Turner officiating.

WILLIAM HAROLD TOWSLEY

William Harold Towsley, 96, died Friday, March 7, 2008 at his home in Charlevoix.

Harold was born on April 26, 1911 in East Jordan, Michigan, the son of Amos and Harriet (Murphy) Towsley. At an early age, Harold's family moved to Charlevoix. As a youngster, he had worked on the Loeh Farm near Charlevoix. As a boy, Harold also delivered ice in the summer and coal in the winter. On April 10, 1937 in Charlevoix, he married Mary Perry and raised four children.

He had worked for the City of Charlevoix for many years as a diesel engine operator at the power plant. He retired in 1973. Harold enjoyed music and played the guitar, harmonica and fiddle. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Harold's true love was gardening and storytelling.

Harold is survived by his wife, Mary Towsley of Charlevoix; four children, Vera (Larry) Towsley Edison of Cedar Springs and Texas, Allan (Loretta) Towsley of Charlevoix, Roger (Betty) Towsley of Sand Lake and Stanley Towsley of Eckerman; six granddaughters, eight grandsons, five great granddaughters, nineteen great grandsons, five great great granddaughters, eight great great grandsons; numerous step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Calvin Towsley and two brothers, Carl Ray Towsley and Gordan Towsley; and one daughter-in-law, Vicki Towsley.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 13 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Nancy Rohde will officiate with interment at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 11 a.m. until service time at the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712 or the American Cancer Society, Northern Michigan Area Service Center, 525 W 14th St., Ste 5, Traverse City, MI 49684.

BERNIE WARD, JR.

Bernie Ward, Jr., 80, of Charlevoix, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at his home in Charlevoix surrounded by his loved ones. He was born May 16, 1927, in Charlevoix, to Bernie and Maeoma (Hall) Ward, Sr. Bernie graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1946. He worked for the City of Charlevoix Street Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bernie was a Charter Fishing Captain, and owned and operated Ward Brother's Boats in Charlevoix. For over fifty years, he held a United States Coast Guard 100 Ton Master's License. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club.

On June 8, 1949, Bernie married Fran Potter at the Barnard United Methodist Church. Fran survives him, as do his sons, Bernie (Sandy) Ward III, and Donald L. (Carol) Ward all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Natalie, Russell, Brittany, Christie, Brian, Kelley and Heather; brother William Ward of Charlevoix; sister, Joan Goldberg of California.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 9, at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. The funeral was held Monday, March 10 at the Church with the Reverend James Mort officiating. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. The Winchester Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DAVID WOODWARD

David Woodward, 56, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. His battle with lung cancer was short, but his brave determination and graciousness was a testament to his character. He was born May 29, 1951, in Flint to Irv and Virginia (Sauvage) Woodward. He grew up in Lapeer, graduating from Lapeer High School. He later attended General Motors Tech in Florida.

Dave had lived in Traverse City and Elk Rapids before moving to Charlevoix. He owned and operated The Muffler Shop before working with Doug Simpson at Simpson Electric in Charlevoix. Dave enjoyed fast cars, boating, ice hockey, and rollerblading with his beloved boxer Roxie, but his main hobby was rebuilding his State Street house.

He is survived by his wife Dehra (Potter) Woodward; stepchildren, Edward, Daniel and Amy Waldron; mother, Virginia Woodward of Myrtle Beach, SC; sister, Gleora (Don) Jones of Myrtle Beach; brothers, Tom (Judy) Woodward of Lapeer, Ken (Lisa) Woodward of Traverse City. His father, Irv Woodward, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dehra Woodward Family. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Charlevoix loses familiar face, beloved artist

Well-known northern Michigan artist Norman Howard Brumm died Feb. 29, leaving behind a legacy of art and appreciation for nature.

Brumm, born to Howard and Lela (Palmer) Brumm Sept. 30, 1938, developed an interest in art early in life. His first studio was in Norwood Township on Lake Michigan, opened following his graduation from Holland High School and Michigan State University, where he earned a Master's of Art degree. Brumm also taught art at Fremont Public Schools.

Although formally trained on oil painting, Brumm produced exceptional water colors and pen and ink drawings.

Brumm

In 1966, he met and married Judith Wedemeier and moved into the field of enamel on metal with the same enthusiasm he had brought to his paintings. The opportunity to depict in sculpture the things in nature he loved drew him deeper into the process of enameling, and soon his art work became sought after, and he decided to include other artisans in the making of his exquisite creations.

Honors began to come his way, a few highlights of Brumm's career include:

His wall hanging of Apple Blossoms was presented to President Gerald R. Ford in the White House

His sculpture of Pine was given to the Empress of Japan

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And when the Governors' Conference was held in Michigan, Michigan's governor ordered Kirkland Warbler and Pine sculptures to be given to each of the visiting governors.

For 28 years Sparrow Hospital in Lansing has given Sparrow sculptures created by Brumm as awards to their volunteers.

Those who worked with him and loved him remember with such fondness his artistic quirks, as well as the pure delight that he had while explaining some marvel of nature that he observed.

Through art fairs and his own studios in Charlevoix and Plainwell, his glass enamel sculptures, paintings and agate sun catchers were collected by many. He was a contributing artists at many art fairs including Charlevoix, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and many out-of-state shows.

Brumm is survived by his son, Joel, and daughter-in-law Sarah Brumm, and their five children (Reed, Forest, Cedar, Hawthorn and Sage) of Box Elder, South Dakota, sisters Joan Way of Charlevoix, and Nita Clarkson of Ludington. He was preceded in death by his son Andrew Palmer Brumm in 2005.

The family is planning a memorial in the spring.

Local blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at Charlevoix High School band room, sponsored by student council. Donors are needed. Please call (231) 547-3222, extension 2008 for appointment. Leave a message if needed.

New staff member

Rupinski

Tracey Rupinski is the new In Home Coordinator for Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She currently resides in Ellsworth with her husband, Pete. As the new In Home Coordinator, she performs in home nursing assessments to evaluate seniors for In home services such as meals on wheels, homemaking, personal care and respite services throughout Charlevoix County. Rupinski is also in charge of scheduling, training and supervising In Home workers, homemakers and nurses aides.

She received her Associates in Nursing at NCMC, and a Bachelors of Science in Liberal Arts at Michigan State.

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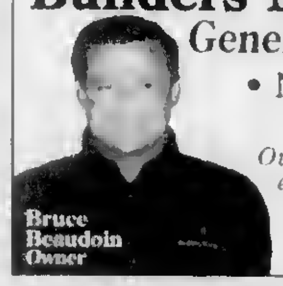

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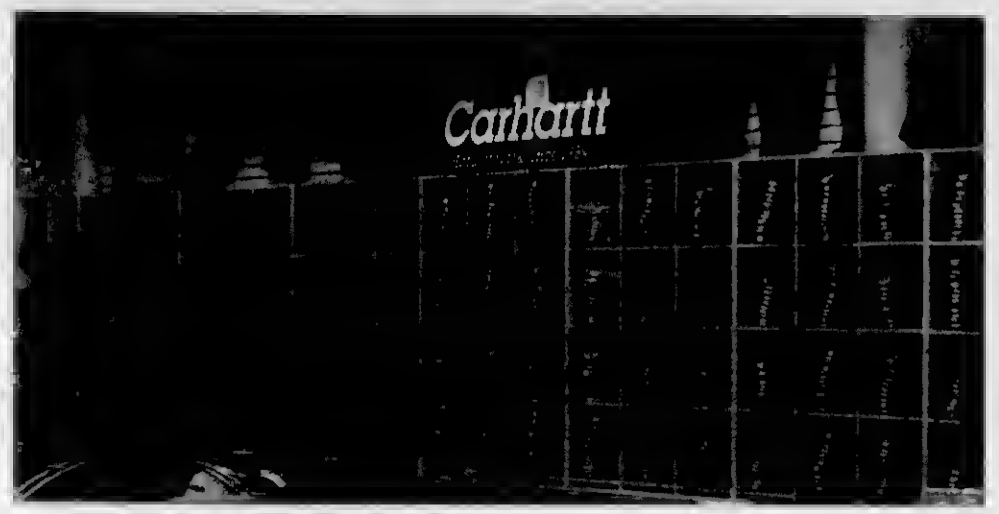

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

After just one year in business, Bosman's Mercantile of Charlevoix has enjoyed so much success that owner Chris Helstrum said he is ready to expand and will open a new store in Gaylord in April.

"We plan to open one store a year after this. We've done really well and been really welcomed here (in Charlevoix)," he said.

Assistant manager Jake McCollun will take over as manager of the Charlevoix store, Helstrum said.

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Supporting the community is important to the business, Helstrum said, and that will also continue.

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BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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He added, "This is a program for anyone that has enthusiasm for weather and is wanting to observe it and report it."

Keysor said there is no age minimum or limit.

"We have had people bring their kids. If they can sit for a couple hours and are interested in weather, they are invited to attend," he said. "The biggest thing you have to do is have your name and information available in our database so the weather guys can call them when they need things observed locally."

While Michigan does not compare to Tornado Alley in the Midwest, he said the Great Lakes state has its fair share of

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Seen here is just some of the aftermath from last October's deadly tornado which ripped through Kalkaska.

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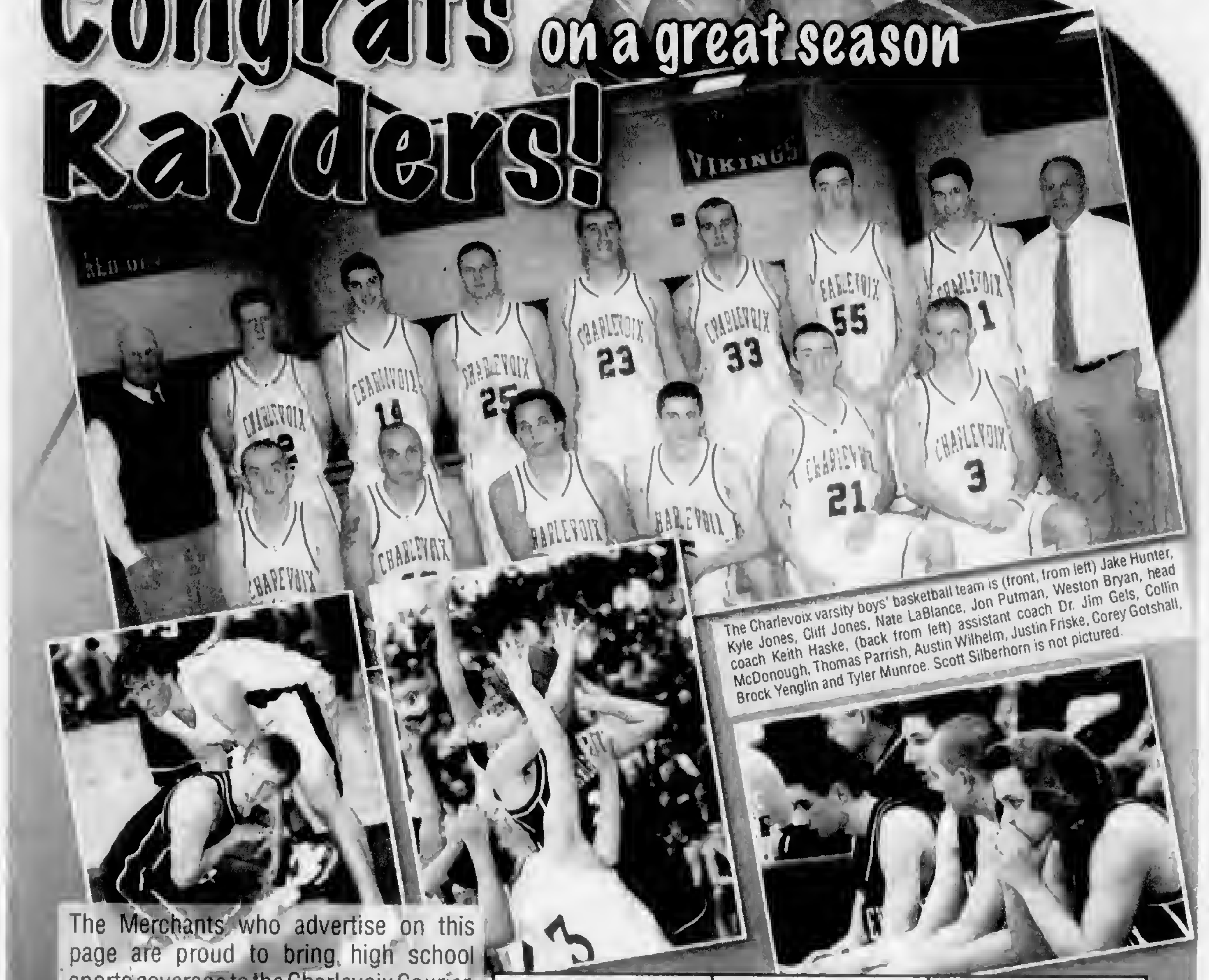

The Charlevoix varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Jake Hunter, Kyle Jones, Cliff Jones, Nate LaBlance, Jon Putman, Weston Bryan, head coach Keith Haske, (back from left) assistant coach Dr. Jim Gels, Collin McDonough, Thomas Parrish, Austin Wilhelm, Justin Friske, Corey Gotshall, Brock Yenglin and Tyler Munroe. Scott Silberhorn is not pictured.

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Chamber Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is coming to Charlevoix for the 17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22 at 2:00pm sharp in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix compliments of Northwestern Bank. Don't forget to bring a basket to hold your child's share of the 6000 prize filled eggs.

Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant will host the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Children may have a free photo taken with the Easter Bunny, courtesy of Charlevoix Camera, and then the whole family can stay for a special lunch. Call the Weathervane at 547-4311 for luncheon reservations.

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Knights of Columbus Cash Party

Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Cash Party at Castle Farms on Saturday, April 19. The cost is $150 which includes a great party and the chance to win $10,000. This is a fun opportunity to win $$$ while supporting a good cause. For more information call John Haggard at 547-4046.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Mar 14	Charlevoix Public Library offers MS Outlook Class 547-2651
Mar 15-16	2008 Home Show at North Central Michigan College 348-9770
Mar 17-22	Customer Appreciation Week at Friske Orchards 599-2604
Mar 19	Employees Who Steal Seminar 348-8121
Mar 20	Senior Center Spring Fling Dinner Dance 547-5361
Mar 22	17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt 547-2101
Mar 27	"Buy Michigan First" Seminar 929-5076
Mar 29	Creedence Clearwater Revisited at Odawa Casino Resort 877-442-6464
Apr 08	Charlevoix Evening Garden Club Meeting 547-5494

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, March 20 at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The next Industrial Development Committee meeting is at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 25 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

May 2 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Gary Stutzman, Co-Administrator of Northwest Academy.

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Training to certify area fire safety instructors

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix City Fire Captain Jesse Silva said it took nearly two years to get a fire instructor training course to the area, but the effort and patience was worth it.

A visit from Gary Crum, Region I and II supervisor from the Department of Economic Labor and Growth Office of Firefighter Training, brought a four-hour training course to Charlevoix last week, which served as the first step necessary to get more certified fire response instructors in the state.

"Right now we're so busy we're doing trainings every weekend from September to April," commended Silva, one of only three certified instructors in Charlevoix County.

Silva said counties within the region generally work together to supply instructors for various training courses necessary for fire response certification, and there are currently only about six in the area. Plans were in place to bring the sought-after training to the area about two years ago, but, due to state budget woes, that and other training sessions were canceled. Silva said the Fire Marshall's office assured him the training would come to northern Michigan as soon as possible, and now, thanks to local fundraising efforts in addition to cooperation from the state, it has.

Crum conducted the training before a group of nearly 45 fire safety professionals eager to earn their instructor certification. Currently in charge of training for a large portion of the state, Crum said he is excited to have such a strong response.

"It is a major task for us to perform these trainings and a major task for them to get certified. I am really happy with the response here," he said.

Silva said Charlevoix County and surrounding areas have been "raising the bar" in recent years in terms of fire training. For one "man off the street" to go through basic fire training and all other necessary courses to become a certified fire fighter, 476 hours — minimum— of training are required. Certified instructors like Silva are the teachers that provide those hours of training, and he said the demand has become too great.

"It is a strain on family life and a lot of stress. We need a break," he said, noting there are also a number of certified instructors in the area close to retirement, which would put further strain on instructors if newcomers do not move up to take their place.

"I am hoping we'll get three or four new instructors at least from this training," he said.

As Crum noted, last week's four-hour introduction is just a stepping stone to the work yet to come. Following this step of training and classes, officers can get a provisional instructor status, allowing them to teach classes in the presence of a full certified instructor. When ready, officers are evaluated by a three-hour lecture and a three-hour practical before given full certification. Silva said the entire process takes about two years.

"This really takes commitment. Not only does it take a lot of time, but these guys are getting paid (during provisional teaching)," he said.

The state requires such training events to "share the wealth" of training over a regional landscape, so Charlevoix was limited to the number of Charlevoix officers that could attend. Silva said officers from East Jordan, Boyne Valley, Alba, Hudson Township and other northern Michigan departments were involved.

Chamber, city update cooperative agreement

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

A revised agreement between the City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce "cleaned up" some agreement language, added a requirement regarding regular reports from the Chamber, and will continue the strong working relationship between the entities, Chamber Director Erin Bemis said.

Bemis, who worked with City Manager Rob Straebel on the document, said the most substantial change from the previous agreement will require her to offer a written report regarding expenditures and Chamber activity by December of each year. She provided a 2007 report to the best of her ability, she said, having gone through records in the Chamber, but noted as the new director she was not employed by the Chamber until Jan. 1, 2008.

Also included in the agreement is the $6,700 yearly payment, an expense offered by the city to the Chamber since 1989 when the contract was last developed. There has not been a payment made for this fiscal year, and because of the outdated agreement, Bemis and Straebel agreed it was time to update it.

"There are some things (such as references to the old building near Chamber Park) that no longer apply, so we've cleaned all of that up," Bemis told City Council members last week.

The draft contract, approved by council, requires the City to pay the Chamber $6,700 for 2007-08 and an additional payment of the same amount in 2009. As stated in the agreement, the funds will be used to "publish and disseminate information to make known the industrial, commercial, educational, recreational, civic, resort and other advantages of the City."

Straebel said the first payment will be made in April 2008 and the second in January 2009. Bemis noted her annual report will help assure Council and the community the funds are being spent appropriately. The agreement has been fully reviewed and approved by city attorney Jim Young. It expires February 2009 but the City can extend the agreement until Feb. 1, 2010.

In other news, A public hearing was held to close out the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for sewer line work associated with the Michigan Scientific Corporation. Straebel explained the CDBG expires March 31 and because the City has decided not to extend the grant time period, a close out is necessary. The $45,000 grant was obtained to assist the Michigan Scientific Corporation to expand their operations into their new building located at 12625 US 31. The grant was used to extend a sanitary sewer line to the new building.

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"Last year showed us. We had eight tornadoes in northern Michigan last summer and large wind and hail events," Keysor said. "We have about 1,200 spotters in northern Michigan, so that is a fair number of people involved in the process, but we'd like to have more."

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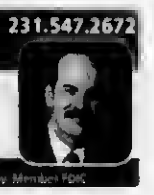

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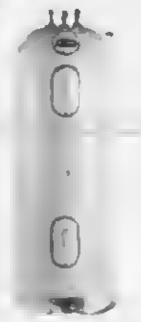

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Local youth to ski in Junior Olympics competition

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> *"This is all about the experience and enjoying the sport. It is so nice to see a kid work so hard for something and get a reward like this."*
>
> **Eric Lundteigen**
> GUNNAR'S FATHER

Courtesy photo

Gunnar Lundteigen, 12, of Charlevoix, is seen competing in the Midwest Qualifier youth ski competition at Marquette Mountain last month. He has advanced to the Junior Olympic competition in Colorado.

Gunnar Lundteigen may only be 12 years old, but he knows his way around — or down — a ski hill.

The Charlevoix youth recently participated in the Midwest Qualifier youth ski competition, held at Marquette Mountain last month, and his performance earned him a spot in the J-4 Junior Olympics competition to be held in Winter Park, Colo. March 19 through 21. His father, Eric Lundteigen, said his son's success on the ski hill is due to his dedication to the sport as well as his early start.

"We got Gunnar started when he was two years old, going down the little bump from the septic tank in the backyard," the elder Lundteigen said.

Now, 10 years later, Eric, a long-time ski racer and instructor, said he had no idea his son's ski enthusiasm would take him this far.

"It is all about having fun and getting the experience. He really enjoys this," Eric said.

The competition at Marquette Mountain put more than 90 young skiers from 13 different states up against each other, and the top performers— scoring based on percentages— qualified to advance to the national competition in Colorado. Skiers there will compete as members of regional teams— Midwest-Rockies, East and West regions, representing the entire country— in a variety of events. Gunnar has qualified to compete in three events: Giant Slalom, Slalom, and Super G.

"You don't get the opportunity to train at speeds like that around here," Eric said of Gunnar's chance to participate in the Super G competition.

Eric said skiing has become a family affair for himself— the former Charlevoix High School ski coach, a position he held for 13 years, and the current middle school ski coach as well as a former racer— his two sons, Gunnar and Garret, 9, and wife, Michele. A life-long ski enthusiast, Eric got his sons interested in the sport at early ages because it helps boost balance and muscle memory, he said, but their own interest took their participation to the next level.

"Gunnar started racing when he was about seven," Eric said, describing the transition the family's ski sessions have taken. "First we were in the back yard, then we were on the bunny hill at Mt. McSauba, now we're off to Colorado."

Eric said he couldn't say enough in support the local ski hill, Mt. McSauba, where he and his sons participate in the Fun Racing team. The hill is "a major resource for all kids" in the area, he said, and has helped keep his sons involved in the sport.

"I really want to thank Bo Boss at Mt. McSauba. He has been wonderful, and that is just a wonderful place," Eric said.

Gunnar is "extremely excited" about the chance to ski in Colorado, Eric said, adding the emphasis for such competition is on experience and "doing your best."

"This is all about the experience and enjoying the sport. It is so nice to see a kid work so hard for something and get a reward like this," he said.

Two age levels, J-4 and J-3, will participate in the Junior Olympic competition, but the older skiers, J-3 level, are the only ones who can advance to competitions in other countries. Eric said Gunnar's young age will be a benefit for him, because while he will not be able to advance regardless of his performance this year, it will be an excellent training experience that could help him in the future.

"You just want to do your best, that is the key. He'll have time to build up his experience," Eric said. "The goal at this age is to keep the kids having fun and keep them coming out."

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ALLOWANCE OF DOGS IN EAST PARK

Monday, March 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The City of Charlevoix is seeking public input on the possible revision of the ordinance prohibiting dogs in East Park. A public hearing will be held to consider revising the ordinance to allow dogs in East Park, except during mass gatherings, at the Monday, March 17, 2008 City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Council meeting will be held in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk, 02/29/08

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis –February 27, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-019, Exempt Charlevoix County from Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation 2005.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-014, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment and authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign the revised contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-015, Award Proposal. Commissioner Evans voting no.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-016, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-017, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment, and authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign the revised contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-018, Transit Manager.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, March 3, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present. The following proceedings took place:

- Held a public hearing on the naming of East Park.
- Held a public hearing on the the Michigan Scientific Corporation CDBG Grant close out.
- Motion passed naming the park bordered by Clinton Street, Round Lake, Antrim Street and Bridge Street as East Park.
- Motion passed to close out the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for sewer line work associated with Michigan Scientific Corporation.
- Motion passed to approve an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Motion passed approving the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement.
- Motion passed approving Change Order #16 for Phase 3 of the East Park/Marina Project in the amount of $122,579.65.
- Council also an update on Library operations from Library Director Val Meyerson
- Council gave direction to staff regarding a land swap for the Chicago Avenue Project.

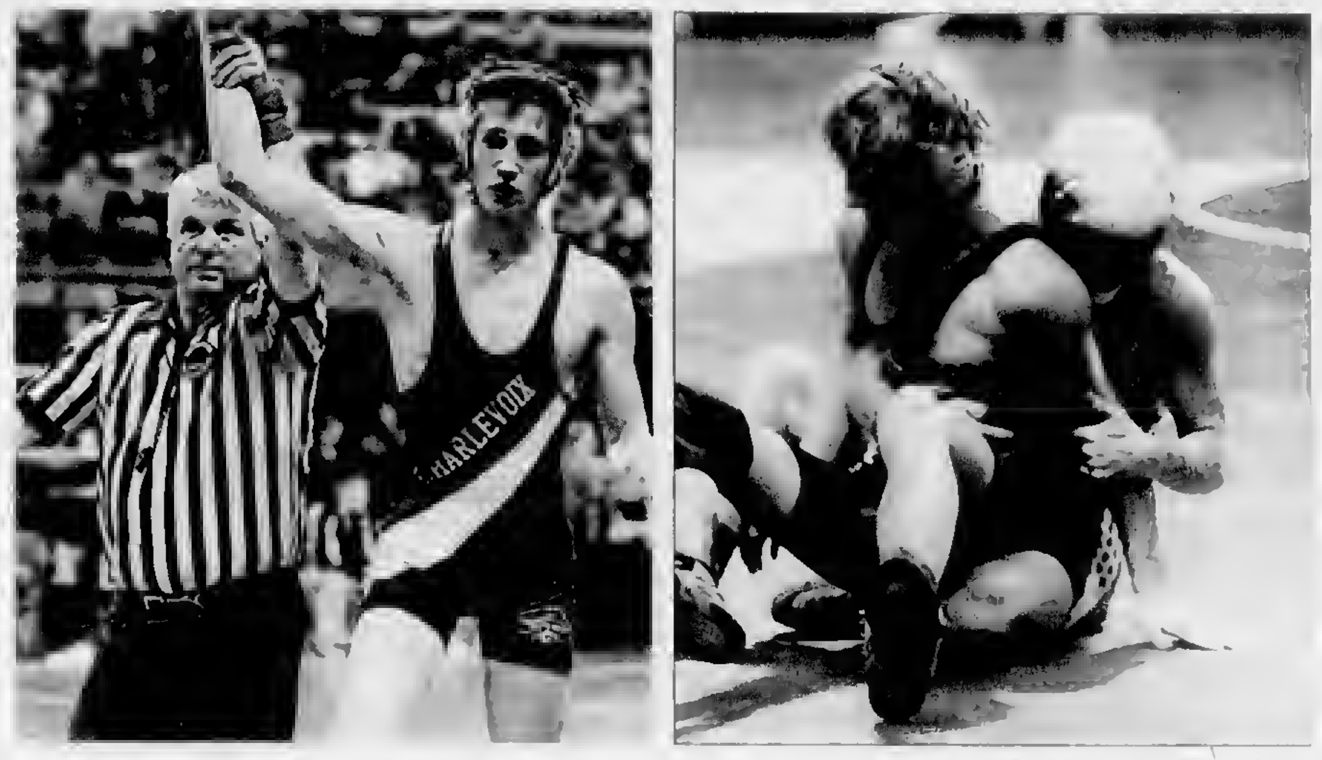
Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder wrestlers compete at state



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(Left) Charlevoix junior Mat Golovich has his arm raised by the referee after winning a match in the 130-pound weight class during the Division IV individual state wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills. (Right) Charlevoix junior Zeke Daman (left) tries to escape in a 119-pound match at the Division IV individual state wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills against Jacob Eagen of Springport.

AUBURN HILLS — Charlevoix junior Mat Golovich earned a medal with his sixth-place finish at 130 pounds Saturday in the Division IV state individual wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Golovich was the lone area wrestler to medal. Six wrestlers — four from Petoskey, two from Charlevoix - qualified for the event, which is comprised of some 900 wrestlers in four divisions. The top eight wrestlers in each weight class earns a medal. Petoskey wrestled in Division II, Charlevoix in Division IV.

Golovich finished 3-3 in the tournament, becoming the first Rayder wrestler since 1994 to earn a medal in the state tourney. Golovich was pinned in his opening bout by Nate Elston of Addison in 3 minutes, 10 seconds, then won three straight matches: 4-2 over Justin McClish of Mendon, 11-0 over Spencer Bogden of Martin; and 11-3 over A.J. Constable of Sand Creek.

Golovich was then pinned by Jeff Sabin of Kent City in 2:01, then fell to Travis Perkins of Blanchard Montabella, 8-0, in the fifth place match.

Damon opened the tournament by losing on a pin in 3:37 to Jacob Eagen of Springport, then fell to Jon Hren of Hesperia on a pin in 4:47. Eagen placed third. Damon, a junior, finished the season 42-8.

Photos courtesy Shawn Clanin

Charlevoix junior Mat Golovich (right) works on A.J. Constable of Sand Creek during the Division IV individual state high school wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Golovich placed sixth at 130 pounds, becoming the first Rayder since Keith Parish in 1994 to earn a medal at the state

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Rayder carpenters find fame in New Orleans

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Courtesy photos

Charlevoix High School building trades teacher Brian Certa and four of his students left last Friday for New Orleans to work on a home for the ABC television program Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Seen here is a home built for the Hughes family of Loulsvillo, Kentucky in an episode which aired last February. Members of the Cherlevoix High School building trades class are performing work similar to that seen here by volunteers working last year. The teacher and four of his students are working on a home in New Orleans for an episode which is scheduled to be aired later this May.

Charlevoix High School's building trades class sent four students and the teacher to New Orleans recently to work on ABC's popular reality series, Extreme Makeover Home Edition.

Instructor Brian Certa said he applied to work on the show, but didn't think he would actually be accepted.

"I just gave them a summary of who I was and what I did and said I would love to be a part of one of (their) construction projects," he said. "They've been doing 50 homes in 50 states and they want helpers from every state to work on the grand finale."

He added, "It's just going to be a wonderful experience for the kids."

While the filming of the show is top secret, Certa did say the construction of the project began March 7 and would last at least one week.

The program, now filming for its sixth season, is a reality series wherein needy families are chosen across the country to have their home remodeled or, in some cases, completely rebuilt by a crew of hundreds in a one-week period.

"Each episode of 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' is self-contained and features a race against time on a project that would ordinarily take at least four months to achieve, involving a team of designers, contractors and several hundred workers who have just seven days to totally rebuild an entire house - every single room, plus the exterior and landscaping," according to ABC. "The lives of the lucky families are forever changed when they learn that they've been selected to have their home walls moved, their floors replaced and even their façades radically changed. The result should be a decorator's delight if it can be done in time."

Certa took his best students who were 18 years of age or older: Kyle Jones, Cliff Jones, Corey Gotshall and Nate Tripplehorn.

"I think it's a tremendous opportunity and a great honor," said Charlevoix High School principal Suzanne Klinger. "Anytime we can get them (students) outside the community involved in helping others, it's just a life changing event for them."

Certa said he isn't sure, but he believes New Orleans was chosen as the grand finale because of the extensive damage left by the flooding after Hurricane Katrina.

"I don't know how big of a project it is, but they're bringing in seven of the contractors that have done past houses," Certa said.

Charlevoix Police Department utilizes 'mutual aid'

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Networking, efficiency and proactive preparation are benefits the Charlevoix Police Department will gain through involvement in the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement.

Police Chief Gerard Doan said by entering the agreement, the first of its kind for Charlevoix, the department will have stronger relationships with other departments throughout the region, which will bring more resources and better training to local officers.

"It is always nice to have the ability to call up another department and know them by name. The networking is a huge benefit and this level of working together can open doors for more collaboration," Doan said.

Thanks to approval from the city council last week, Charlevoix city joins Alcona, Antrim, Alpena, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford counties as well as Boyne City, Bellaire, Cadillac, Frankfort, Kalkaska, Petoskey, Traverse City, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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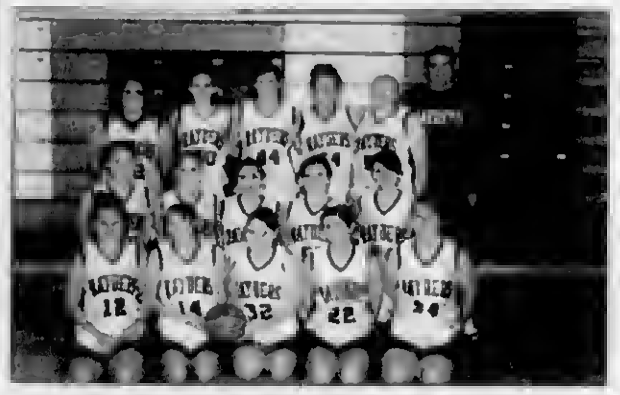

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING (NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)
CASE NO. 07006075-NA PETITION NO. 07000062

IN THE MATTER OF: MYCHIA TIFFANY WATROS

TAKE NOTICE: A petition hes been filed with this court regarding the following minor(s): Mychia Tiffany Watros who wes born on April 16, 2001 at Traverse City, Michigan.

The mother of the minor(s) is Sereh Agnes Wetros. If you ere or may be the netural father, you should eppear at Cherlevoix Probate/Family Court, 301 State Street, County Building, Charlevoix, MI on April 2, 2008 et 9:00 a.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor(s). Failure to eppear et this heering is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver ot notice for all subsequent heerings, and a waiver of a right to eppointment of an ettomey. Feilure to eppear at this heering COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default hes been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by GREGORY J. VEREYKEN. end CRYSTAL J. VEREYKEN, Mortgagors, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated January 16. 2003, end recorded January 22, 2003, in Liber 513, Page 341, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due et the date hereof, the sum of $117,535.05, including interest et 7% per annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008.

Seid premises ere located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, end ere described es:

Percel 2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1 /4 lying Southwesterly of Highway M 66, Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. Commencing et the Northwest comer of seid Section 17; thence along the North line of said Section 17, South 87°22'09" Eest 992.30 feet, to the Southwesterly right ot way of Highway M 66, for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing elong seid North line, South 87°22'09" Eest 434.76 feet, to the West 1/8 line of said Section 17; thence elong said West 1/8 line, South 03°41'03" West 1325.31 feet, to the North 1/8 line ot said Section 17; thence elong said North 1/8 line, North 87°18'45" West 378.06 feet; thence North 03°41'03" East 1285.27 feet, to the Southwesterly right ot way of Highwey M 66; thence along said Southwesterly right of way, North 52°02'57" West 68.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the dete ot such sele unless determined abandoned in eccordance with 1948 CL 600.324(e), In which case the redemption period shell be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dete: February 15, 2008

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE

Default hes been mede in the conditions of certein Mortgage made by TODD L. HART AND SUSAN L. HART, husbend and wife, to BAY WINDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, dated November 2, 2001, and recorded in the office ot the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 5, 2001, in Liber 442, Pages 079 through 084 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date ot this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgege for principal, interest and late fees in the sum ot $36,808.86 and no proceedings et law have been instituted to recover the debt now remeining secured by said Mortgege, or any part thereot, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given thet by virtue ot the power ot sale contained in seid Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made end provided, the Mortgege will be foreclosed by e sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof es may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, April 4, 2008, et 11:00 o'clock a.m. of sald dey, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so es etoresaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 9.250% percent per annum, fee and costs, attorney fees es provided by law end eny taxes end insurance that said Mortgagee, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, does pay on or prior to the dete of seid sale, seid premises being situated in the City of Eest Jordan, Cherlevoix County, Michigan end described as follows:

Lots 2 & 3, Block B John R. Vence's Addition to the Villege of South Arm, now City ot East Jordan, according to the recorded plet thereof.

The redemption period, es mede and provided by statute, is six months from the dete of such sele unless the property is abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Dated: February 28, 2008

By: Valerie K. Snyder
(P54732)
Attorneys for Bay Winds
Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 309
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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

Estate of Mary Ideme Pew, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 04/02/1922

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Idema Pew, Grantor of the Mary Idema Pew Trust, who lived et #303 Chicago Club, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on December 22, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent, her estate, or her Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Robert C. Pew, nominated personal representative of the Mary Idema Pew Estete and with Fifth Third Benk as Co-Trustees of the Mary Idema Pew Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP
Carl W. Dufendach (P30434)
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Suite 900
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49503-2487
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Robert C. Pew and
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms end conditions of a certein mortgage made by Country Deys, Inc., a Profit Shering Plen UTAD dated May 7, 1998, a Michigan Trust, of 105 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, of 200 Eest Main Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, dated December 20, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 5 2004, in Liber 592 Pages 343 through 351, Charlevoix County Records, and which was assigned to MICHAEL BRODE, of 25855 Franklin Park Drive, Franklin, Michigan 48025, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 2 2005, end recorded in the office ot the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State ot Michigan, on October 3, 2006 in Liber 768 Pege 626, and which there is cleimed to be due, at the date ot this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum ot $5,138,352.24.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale conteined in the mortgage, end pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigen, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 14th day of March, 2008 at 11 o'clock e.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public euction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Cherlevoix County, Michigan of thet premises described in tho mortgage, or so much thereot as mey be necessery to pey the emount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon et the contract rate and all legal costs, charges end expenses, including the attorney fees ellowed by tew, end elso eny sums which may be peid by the mortgegee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described es follows:

Lend situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, as is described es follows:

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-058-00, now pert of 052-123-054-10

Beginning on the Eest-West 1/4 line of Section 23, Township 34 North, Renge 8 West; thence 1981 feet West ot the Eest quarter corner of Section 23, Township 34 North, Renge 8 West: thence South 330 feet; thence West 263.2 feet, more or less, to a point 130 feet Eest of the East line of Meech Street; thence North parallel with seid Meech Street 330 feet to said quarter line; thence East on said Ouarter line 263.2 feet, more or less to the Place of Beginning, being a perl of the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West. The above described tand is subject to the right of way ot Division Street along its North boundary. The aforesaid East line of Meoch Street being established es intersecting said quarter tine et e point 2374.2 feet West of said East querter post.

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Beginning 1805.875 feet West of the querter post between Sections 23 and 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West end 330 teet South; thence South 483.25 teet to the centerline Petoskey Avenue, City of Charlevoix; thence Southwesterly afong center of said Avenue 168.3 leet; thence North 549 feet to e point due West ot plece of Beginning; thence Eest 161.625 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part ot the North 1/2 of the Southeest 1/4 of Section 23, Township 34 North, Renge 8 West.

PARCEL ID: Formerly 052-123-053-00, now part of 052-123-054-10

Commencing et e point 1849 feet West of the querter post between Sections 23 end 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence Eest elong the center line of Division Street 132 feet to the Plece of Beginning; and being e pert of the West Halt (W 1/2) of the Southeest quarter (SE 1/4) of seid Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; SUBJECT to the right ot wey of seid Division Street.

EXCEPT:

In the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing et the Eest quarter comer of Section 23, Township 34 North, Renge 8 West, as established by D.C. Nettleton, pest Deputy County Surveyor; thence along the East end West quarter line of seid section, es established by D.C. Nettleton, North 89°53'29" West 1849.24 feet (recorded es West 1849.00 feet); thence South 00°11'29" Eest (recorded es South) 33.00 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the South line of Division Street; thence continuing South 00°11'29" Eest 297.37 feet (recorded as South 297.00 feet) to a 1" rod; thence South 89°59'30" East (recorded es Eest) 44.00 feet to e 1/2 " re-rod recorded as being 1805 end 7/8 feet West end 330 feet South of said quarter comer; thence South 01°44'35" East (recorded as South) 183.26 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded es South) 257.26 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence continuing South 01°44'35" East (recorded es South) 3.75 teet to the Northerly line of Petoskey Avenue (Highwey U.S. 31); thence continuing South 01°44'35" East 34.89 feet to the center line of seid highway; thence elong seid center tine, South 69°18'34" West 418.97 feet (recorded as 420.70 feet); thence feeving seid center line, North 01°42'07" West (recorded as North) 34.90 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the Northerly line of seid evenue; thence continuing North 01°42'07" West (recorded es North) 409.84 feet to e 3/4 " pipe; thence South 89°53'29" East 396.16 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the West half ot the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 8 West and containing 3.367 acres. Subject to the rights of the public end of any govemmental unit in eny pert thereof taken, used or deeded for street, roed or highway purposes.

The redemption period shell be one year from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sele.

Deted: February 4, 2008

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Delault having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by CW Development Group, LLC, e Michigan timited liebility company, of 8392 Greenwood Street, Alpene, Michigen 49707 to FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan 49707, dated January 7, 2005 end recorded in the office of the Register ot Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, end State of Michigan, on Jenuery 17, 2005 in Liber 663, Pages 001-007, and modified by Future Advance Money Mortgege Modification Agreement deted August 24, 2005 and recorded in the office ol the Register of Deeds, tor the County of Cherlevoix, and State of Michigan on September 22, 2005 in Liber 705, Pages 707-708, Charlevoix County Records, on which there is claimed to be due, et the dete of this notice, for principal, interest end late fees, the sum of $1,285,344.46.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been tiled to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power ot sale contained in the mortgege, end pursuant to the statutes of the Stete of Michigen, NOTICE is hereby given thet on Fridey, the 18th day of April, 2008 et 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by e sele et public auction to the highest bidder, at the mein entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof es mey be necessary to pey the emount due, on the mortgage, with interesf thereon et the contrect rate and ell legal costs, cherges end expenses, including the ettomey fees allowed by faw, end elso any sums which mey be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

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Charlevoix Sheriff unveils 'Project Lifesaver'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

More than 100,000 Alzheimer's patients, several from Charlevoix, wander from home each year.

Sometimes people with dementia and other cognitive impairments are found alive after getting themselves lost and sometimes they are not. To increase the chances your lost loved one will be found in such an event, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department is implementing "Project Lifesaver" a joint venture with the Charlevoix County Commission On Aging wherein afflicted individuals are fitted with an ankle bracelet which can be tracked by sheriff personnel.

"I have been working on this for about a year to be able to secure funding outside the sheriff's office," said Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater. "This technology was specifically designed for, but not limited to, Alzheimer's and dementia patients. It can also be used on someone with down syndrome since they also tend to wander away."

The bracelet, no more cumbersome than a wristwatch, is composed of a plastic wristband approximately an inch wide which sports a radio transmitter the size of a large watch face.

Sheriff office personnel completed two days of training on the equipment last week.

"We must be notified within 15 minutes for this to be effective," Lasater said. "One of the biggest mistakes people make is they spend four to five hours searching for a loved one before they call us."

He added, "This is very efficient if we get notice in time, but we can't wait until they (dementia patient) wander 20 miles from here."

Project Lifesaver is an international project established in 1999. The startup cost to agencies is $7,680, which includes training and equipment.

Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 237-0103.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Sean hara is soma of tha nearly $7,000 worth of tracking equipment purchased by the Charlevolx County Sheriff Office, with grant money, which will be used to find Alzhelmer's patients who tend to wander if and when they get themselves lost. Anyone concerned about a friend or family member who has a mental condition which makes them prone to wandering should contact the Charlevoix County Commission On Aging at 237-0103 for information on how to participata in this program.

ACES brings exercise to area middle school students

Local schools helped make Michigan the most active ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) state in the country last year with a record breaking 1,049 schools participating. Charlevoix County schools can help Michigan retain their record this year by joining the world's largest exercise class.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports coordinates Michigan's participation in ACES, which is a worldwide effort to promote youth health and fitness. On May 7 at 10 a.m. students from all 50 states and over 50 countries will join together for the one day exercise program to celebrate the importance of physical activity.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Dan Mulhern will serve as ACES co-chairs again for 2008.

An increasing percentage of our nation's children are overweight, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 20 percent of children and youth will be obese by the year 2010.

While ACES is a one day event, it has inspired Michigan schools to encourage their students to become more physically active. Now reaching millions of residents worldwide, ACES is encouraging teachers, parents, and grandparents to take initiative to increase youth interest in physical activity.

Farm Bureau Insurance will continue statewide sponsorship for the tenth consecutive year. With their support the Governor's Council is able to continue providing materials to plan the event, as well as educational and support materials for participating students.

Schools can register for ACES by calling 800-434-8642 or by completing the registration form at www.michiganfitness.org/ACES.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the Michigan Fitness Foundation envision a physically educated population with the knowledge and skills to enjoy a healthy, vigorous and safe lifestyle in communities designed to support physical activity. The Governor's Council works closely with the Michigan Department of Community Health to promote healthy lifestyles to Michigan residents.

Police enter mutual aid agreement

POLICE

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and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in the agreement. Doan said as a member of the group, the Charlevoix department will have access to resources from all others involved.

"This agreement indicates a willingness to share not only manpower but equipment, training skills and other resources. Likewise, we'll offer our officers and equipment in the case of an emergency," he said.

The agreement outlines establishment of commanding officers and jurisdiction as well as procedures for responding emergencies and requests for assistance. Doan said this represents the "first stages of preparing for disaster response."

"I see a real need to have this type of cooperation among departments. This allows us to collaborate and share what we have, and means these northern Michigan departments are truly working together," he said

While such procedures are things "you hope you never have to use," Doan said, they are important to efforts of preparedness. In the case of any disaster or event— a major car accident or fire, a natural disaster or similar event— Charlevoix could call on any or all of these departments for assistance.

Under terms of the agreement, jurisdictions or departments involved agree they will not reimburse each other for the costs of any usual and customary services rendered, including wages, disability payments, retirement, furlough payments, charges made for equipment, supplies and material used or expended while rendering assistance. Each department is considered an independent contractor and shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts or omissions during the performance of the agreement.

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LETTERS to the editor

NORWOOD MINE

Editor:

The big pot is calling the little kettle black.

We now have the current plant manager, Kirk Cox, and former plant manager, John Laney, from St. Mary's Cement Company speaking out against approval of our 25-acre gravel pit. They are trying to compare our little sand and gravel operation to their 1,395 acre cement manufacturing and limestone blasting and quarrying operation. We are seasonally extracting without blasting sand and gravel using only excavators and loaders. Our final product is various grades of road gravel.

St. Mary's is running a 24-7 operation that includes drilling, blasting, giant offered equipment and an enormous cement kiln that produces tons of airborne pollutants a day

Our 25-acre gravel pit does not have enough impact on the environment to even require a permit from the DEQ. St. Mary's DEQ permit is forty-six pages long and allows them among other things, to emit 4,404 tons of Sulfur Dioxide and 207 tons of Nitrogen Oxides into the atmosphere every year.

In Norwood Township our sand and gravel operation has impacted less than 25 acres of agricultural land. St. Mary's is quarrying limestone from 329.8 acres of land in Norwood Township. How can they be opposing my small sand a gravel operation when they are drilling and blasting this much acreage in the same township, bordering over two miles of the same State Park adjacent to the only area that the park allows for overnight camping, where families go to enjoy nature and for its fresh air and quiet settings.

Wayne Wynkoop
Norwood Township

VOTING ADVICE

Editor:

Presidential candidates should have input concerning their debates. Here are some suggestions to improve those debates.

Increase the number of debates from three to six debates starting from the middle of September to the end of October. One debate per week, same day, same time. Be able to speak directly to each other, and question each other. At the first debate each candidate state their concept of the significant issues facing the country, and the next president, in order of their importance. Sit at tables instead of standing.

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

Your letters are welcome!
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Picturad is the Charlavoix Crew 11, (front row, from left) Associata Advisor, Jon Baughan, Jake Waterman, Boy Scouts Jordan Jelineck and Connor Currler (future Crew members) and Nick Cook; (middle row, from left) Craw Advisor, Lynda Stolt, Brennan Staba, Gul Awada, Trevor Currler, Aaron Malewitz, Christian Morrison, and Associate Advlaor Glen Stolt; (back row, from left) Scuba trainer Murray Kilgour, Casey Riley, Paul Stolt, Brian Shutler, and Associate Advisor Scott Stebe.

The Charlevoix Crew experience

Charlevoix Crew 11 is a recently re-established Venture Crew. A Venture Crew is a branch of Boy Scouts of America, is co-ed and for young adults ages 14 to 20. Venture Crew 11 is looking to participates in high adventure activities. Currently the group just finished phase 1 of scuba certification and will complete the certification in June or July this year with a couple of opened dives near Depot beach. The crew is also planning (with the aid of their trainer) a couple more dives during the summer months.

With a motto "EXPERIENCE IT!" that is just what this crew plans to do. The scuba certification is in preparation of a Florida Sea Base Scuba Adventure in the summer of 2009. Located in the Florida Keys, the group will be completing ten dives during our week long stay. Anyone interested in joining the crew on the adventure, can call 547-4204.

Any young adult who seeks adventure is encouraged to check out the Charlevoix Venture Crew. The Crew is run and all events are planned by the young adult members (14 to 20). Adults are present and engaged only as advisors.

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Local teacher works to enhance literacy

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Having recently secured a grant to build a mobile library and implement a literacy program at her school, Northwest Academy early elementary teacher Phoebe Gohs grades assignments turned in by her kindergarten through second-graders. Both the library and literacy intervention program are scheduled to begin next fall with the 2008-2009 school year.

A well-rounded education is key to a successful future, and literacy is vital to obtaining that education.

To that end, Northwest Academy of Charlevoix's early elementary teacher Phoebe Gohs has written and received a $3,000 grant from Dollar General stores to implement both a library and literacy program for the school and public in general.

"Literacy is imperative. It's the most important thing that kids learn," Gohs said. "If you cannot read, you cannot learn anything else."

Gohs got the idea to apply for the literacy/library grant, she said, after attending a workshop at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

"I wrote the grant and got it. I was amazed," she said. "I thought that only professional grant writers could get grants."

Gohs, who is in the final stages of attaining her master's degree in reading and literacy, plans to unveil the programs at the beginning of next school year.

"We're going to do a survey with students and staff, teachers and parents to find out what our greatest needs are and what would be the most valuable books," she said. "We're going to purchase the books over the summer and we will buy library carts because it's going to be a mobile library. It will be catalogued and stocked and ready for the 2008-2009 school year."

The secondary portion of the grant is for a literacy intervention program which will help all Northwest Academy students who are reading one year or more below grade level.

"They will participate in a thrice-weekly ... program during the September-Decemher semester," Gohs said. "And, after that, it will be open, free of charge, to any students in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are interested."

Gohs will administer the literacy program, which will focus on teaching students how to read for retention of knowledge.

"The literacy intervention program will allow a reading specialist to work in an environment with a low student-to-teacher ratio on skills specified to the students' needs," she said. "Special attention will be paid to content literacy in grades six through 12."

Gohs added, "A good example of content literacy is: How best to read your social studies text book to get the information you need from it."

Northwest Academy currently utilizes the Charlevoix Public Library in lieu of an on site collection of research materials.

"It will be nice to have resources here for students and teachers to use within their classes," Gohs said. "If a student is studying weather, I want that student to be able to visit the mobile library and get a book on tornadoes."

While the grant will help Northwest begin building their mobile library, they will be far from having all the books they need.

"Absolutely any type of trade book that (donors) would like to give would be great. Bring them to Northwest Academy or call 547-9000," Gohs said and thanked the Charlevoix Public Library for helping Northwest by offering different activities for their students.

"They've really stepped up and offered a lot of programs for our kids," she said.

This is Gohs' second year teaching at Northwest Academy where she started the early elementary program from scratch.

In the interest of full disclosure, it should be noted that Phoebe Gohs is the wife of Charlevoix Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs.

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The tour will include concerts at churches and schools in the Tacoma and Seattle area. Their Homecoming Concert will be performed in Trinity Chapel on the Bethany campus at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 29. The concert is free and open to the public. Specific information regarding performance venues on tour is available on the Bethany website, www.blc.edu.

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MARCH 29 GENEOLOGY WORKSHOP

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BNI

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The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

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Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart

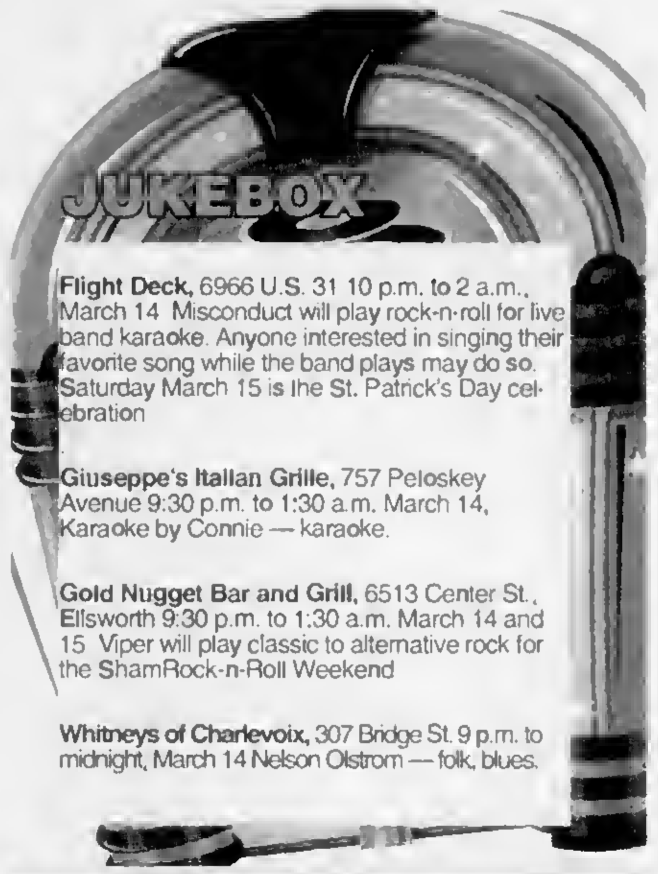
County Historic Preservation meeting

The Charlevoix County Preservation Society will hold a program at the East Jordan Portside Art and History Museum Downtown Site at 7 p.m. March 31.

The group will have an opportunity to see the historical exhibits that have been displayed at City Hall.

Pat Porter Bloom will be the speaker. She will discuss the new book, "The Business Interests of William Pitt Porter In East Jordan, Michigan," by R. P. Bowen.

Pat is the granddaughter of W.P. Porter.



Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., March 14 Misconduct will play rock-n-roll for live band karaoke. Anyone interested in singing their favorite song while the band plays may do so. Saturday March 15 is the St. Patrick's Day celebration

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Peloskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 14, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 14 and 15 Viper will play classic to alternative rock for the ShamRock-n-Roll Weekend

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The annual St. Patrick's Day festival on Beaver Island brought young and old, native and visiting, Irish and 'want to be' Irish out on Main Street and in and out of local businesses Saturday, March 15. Sponsored by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, the annual event challenges bystanders to a frozen fish toss, a shopping cart race and a tug of war. Many onlookers, including (top left) nine-year-old Coral Terry (left) mother Jan Terry and their dog, Pacha, dressed for the occasion. (Top right) runners for Island King and Queen, Beth McCafferty and Buddy Martin perform a song for their potential subjects. (Bottom) Representing the Fish Chuckers, one of two teams on the Island, these brave souls tug in the Tug of War competition. For more Beaver Island St. Patrick's Day action, see page 27.

Local arrest made in Bay County case

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Thanks to diligence in the crime lab and Michigan's use of DNA testing for all misdemeanor and felony crimes, the Bay County Sheriff's Office got a break in a nearly five-year-old attempted murder case— a break that brought them to Charlevoix to make an arrest.

Bay County Sheriff deputies arrived in the area March 7 to arrest Mark Moore, 31, who had been residing for an unknown period of time in Charlevoix County, following a nearly five-year investigation. Moore was connected to a November 2003 attempted murder, burglary, assault and arson case in Bay County through DNA testing, Bay County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jim Cblebowski said.

"In Michigan, everyone charged with a felony or misdemeanor must submit to DNA testing prior to their sentencing," Cblebowski explained.

Moore was arrested for an unrelated crime and was serving out a probation sentence for that crime in the Charlevoix area. Cblebowski said the Michigan State Police Crime Lab utilizes a database of DNA from all

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Janik praised

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix Schools Superintendent Chet Janik has passed his first major test as top administrator.

In a Feb. 12 narrative prepared by consultant Mike Washburne from the Char-Em ISD on the closed session to evaluate Janik's performance, the superintendent was lauded for his professionalism, accomplishments and candor with staff and community alike.

"I could not ask, actually, for a better performance from a superintendent. We as a board picked the perfect superintendent for the job and he's done a great job," said Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education Vice-president Dean Spencley. "He's involved with everything. He's getting things done. You could not ask for anybody who works harder."

Janik, who was hired in May 2007 to replace superintendent Jim Cooper, who filled in for former superin-

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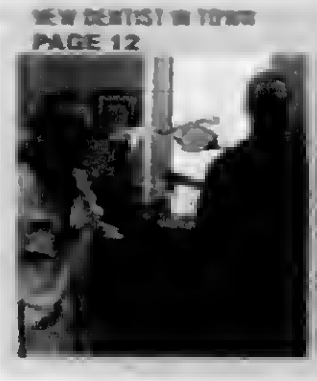

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Tyler Spencer Grech, 17, Taylor. MIP. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Shawn Anthony Spicer, 32, Boyne Falls. Motor vehicle operator without security. Pay $315 in fines and costs or serve 15 days in jail.

Antonio Joseph Hartle, 45, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; 41 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; $980 in fines and costs.

Nolan Lee Lent, 22, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 15 days in jail; 62 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Jody Lynn Johnson, 39, Boyne City. Improper registration. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Kayla Lynn Brock, 19, Charlevoix. Third degree retail fraud. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve four months on probation; $412.98 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Scott Cox, 49, Ann Arbor. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Tristian Lynn Millard, 25, Flint. Controlled substance: Possession of marijuana. Serve 10 days of community service work; 170 days held in abeyance; to serve six months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; $500 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Taya Leann Scott, 30, Boyne City. Delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 35 months in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for 35 days in jail; $210 in fines and costs.

Anthony Duane Jacobs, 34, Cheboygan. Two counts of false reporting of a bomb/harmful device, third offender notice. Sentenced to 45 months to eight years in a Michigan correctional facility; $378.81 in fines and costs.

Teresa Grace Cutright, 44, Boyne Falls. Aggravated assault. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve 30 days in jail; $80 in fines and costs.

William John Pearce, 42, address unknown. Sex offender fail to comply with registration requirements. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 53 days; to serve 270 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Timothy James Henderson, 24, Boyne City. Controlled substance (delivery/manufacture) marijuana. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 120 days in jail; $470 in fines and costs.

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dennis Harvey Clark, 47 and Cynthia Marie VanVolkenburg, 33 both of East Jordan

Matthew James Everling, 25 and Stephanie Joy Kerner, 23 both of Charlevoix

Christopher Jay Lund, 29 and Rebecca Lyn Plante, 22 both of Charlevoix

BIRTHS

Matthew Ronald Peters weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces was born March 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Emily and Jason Peters of Alanson. His siblings are Zachary, Brendan, Michael, Griffin, and Allison. His grandparents are Karen Weber Jensen of Harbor Springs, George Peters of Jeddo, Kathy Pflug of Larks Lake, Patrick Pflug of Alanson. His great grandparents are Jack and Bev Weber of Harbor Springs, Dorothy Peters of Boyne City and Kathleen Pflug of Omaha, Nebraska.

Sheriff: No peeping at tanning salon

Rumors of improper cameras and "peeping tom" allegations at a local tanning booth are unfounded, Sheriff George T. Lasater announced last week

"We started hearing reports at the begining of (last) week. We wanted to have things cleared up one way or the other by Friday, and we do," he said, noting an extensive investigation found no evidence of foul play.

Reports claimed a citizen had installed cameras at a tanning business in Charlevoix. Interviews and investigation of the business gave investigators no leads, according to the Sheriff's office. The person of interest has been cooperative with investigators, Lasater stated.

While the complaint is still under investigation by the Sheriff's Office, Lasater said at this time the person of interest has been exonerated. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's office at 547-4461.

Marijuana found

Sheriff George T. Lasater announced on March 6, 2008, officers from Grand Traverse Band Police Department, East Jordan Police Department, and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office K-9 Team in a cooperative effort executed a search warrant on tribal land located off of Ranney Road.

Information was gathered through an investigation the Sheriff's Office and East Jordan Police initiated. Information led officers to believe there was marijuana being grown at the residence. A growing operation was located inside the home along with an amount of marijuana and paraphernalia.

The investigation was an excellent cooperative effort between the three agencies which led to several felony charges on the suspect stemming from the investigation. The suspect name/identification being held pending arraignment.

Sheriff Lasater complimented the efforts of the K-9 Officer Rob Scholey and the Sheriff's Office K-9 dog, Rex.

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Charlevoix man charged with attempted murder

CRIME

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Mark Moore, 31, of Charlevoix will face a preliminary examination March 19, charged with physical and sexual assault, burglary, arson and attempted murder.

The alleged crimes occured in Kawkawlin, Mich. in November 2003.

arraigned criminals in the state and the information is checked randomly for matches at all times. While deputies found no useful leads in the case while investigating in 2003 — "We had a number of dead ends," Chlebowski said— the database contained DNA left at the scene. The random check for matches proved useful, and the Michigan State Police notified Bay County of the break in the case, four and a half years after the incident.

"The credit here really goes to those working diligently in the crime lab," Chlebowski said, also noting the assistance of the Michigan Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Department who helped track the suspect down.

Moore's alleged crime occurred when he visited a massage parlor, Green Spa, in Kawkawlin, located in Bay County, in November 2003. Chlebowski said Moore allegedly physically and sexually assaulted the two Asian females working in the parlor at the time before robbing the establishment, binding the women and setting the building on fire. Luckily for the women, they were able to escape the binds and run to a nearby gas station to call for help. The suspect, however, was able to flee the scene.

"This very easily could have been a double homicide. As far as this guy knew, he had gotten away with this," Chlebowski said.

Thanks to cooperation with the MDOC Probation and Parole Department, Michigan State Police and local law officials, Bay County deputies were able to apprehend Moore, who is currently being held in Bay County. He has been arraigned and charged with two counts of attempted murder, criminal sexual conduct first degree, armed robbery, arson of a dwelling house and arson of real property. Each of the charges are punishable by life in prison or "any number of years" in prison, depending on what happens in court, Chlebowski said.

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> **Lt. Jim Chlebowski**
> BAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Moore has been assigned an attorney and is awaiting a preliminary exam, set for March 19.

Chlebowski credited deputies Chris Mausolf and John Ruterbusch of the Bay County Sheriff Department for their work on the case. It was their diligence, as well as that of the crime lab staff, that brought Moore into custody. The work is not done, however.

"There is still some investigation to do on things we want to bring into the case. We're not done yet," he said.

Chlebowksi also emphasized the reality that small, rural towns are not exempt from such dangers. Crime can "happen anywhere, whether you're in Charlevoix, Saginaw, Bay City or anywhere else," he said, adding sometimes "you don't realize how important the police can be until situations like this."

Superintendent passes evaulation

JANIK

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tendent Dr. John Sturock, who took a job down state, was evaluated in an open dialogue style process.

Board members had an opportunity to voice concerns and praise for Janik.

"The first part of his tenure dealt with the onslaught of budget cuts necessitated by the State's financial crisis. During that period, he became aware of multiple challenges that had resulted in a culture of uncertain morale among both the staff and Board of Education," stated Washburne, who facilitated the evaluation. "Chet spent his first months identifying problems and meeting with concerned parents, staff and board members. During that period, he also successfully hired a new high school principal. An August retreat with his administrators defined a collaborative style of leadership. He was able to learn their perceptions of challenges resulting from serious spending reductions."

Washburne went on to state that Janik excelled in strategic planning and facing "major challenges" while remaining "characteristically humble."

"Chet's got a great sense of communication and integrity and put those two things together and you get a lot of things done," said Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Dick Swenor. "You want to work with somebody like that. I think he's brought great leadership in tough times that all northern Michigan schools are battling with. He keeps everybody informed of what's going on and he lets us have input."

He added, "I definitely think there is a higher morale within the staff. He's built trust in the old-fashioned way: He does what he says he's going to do and he doesn't over promise things and then not do them. I think our community is lucky to have a man of that stature leading our kids."

Washburne also cited Janik's aptitude for multitasking, collaboration and reaching out to the community.

"I have no concerns whatsoever with it (Janik's performance)," Spenceley said. "With the tough times ahead, I don't think we could be going in a better direction thatn... what we are going in right now."

Spenceley's advice for parents of Charlevoix students: "If you have concerns, call him and he'll listen. He's up front and honest and nobody I can think of could have done a job like he's done so far."

Janik said he is very pleased and humbled by the results of his work performance evaluation.

"It has been a very positive experience though very trying at times with budget issues and state mandates, but it has been a rewarding experience," he said. "I'm very pleased I was selected last spring. Our end goal (as a board) is to do what's best for the kids, and as long as we maintain open communications and dialogue, I think we will continue to be successful."

Janik added that his success and the success of Charlevoix Public Schools are only possible through a continued team effort.

"I think the next nine months will be critical with the bond and how we proceed on our path to the future," he said. "We will be focusing on keeping our high academic standards during a time of reduced budgets, and another major issue of priority for me as well is to try to meet facility needs such as bussing and technology."

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THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

To fight corruption is noble, but what happens when it does more harm than good?

If the elder Gohs didn't work at Boeing in Seattle, Washington, I wouldn't have given this story a second look, but when I heard the aerospace giant recently lost a 30-year U.S. defense contract to build 179 air-to-air fuel tankers to French company Airbus, I was aghast.

The deal, which could be worth up to $100 billion in your taxes was a lock for the company which faithfully supplied our military with planes for more than 50 years, that was until Sen John "I'm so angry I could bite the head off a puppy and swallow it whole" McCain got his pasty little claws on it.

It seems two Boeing executives were caught inflating prices on a deal back in 2003 and McCain, as chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, investigated the allegations of corrupt bidding practices before two suits were fired with another resigning, and the deal was scuttled.

McCain said he saved the taxpayers $6 billion in the '03 bust; OK, Gohs get it: Corruption bad, McCain good, fire hot and doughnuts delicious.

A couple years later the job once again went out for bids. But wait, this time European Aeronautic Defence & Space (EADS is Airbus' parent company) lobbied McCain in the months leading up to the bidding deadline.

No one will say why McCain was lobbied, but the good senator subsequently sent letters to the Department of Defense demanding certain bidding criteria—including a change which disallowed bidders from explaining why their opponent's subsidy status would hurt said bidder—be changed.

As Pat Buchanan wrote in a March 11 column (yeah, I'm a Buchanan fan, wanna fight about it?) he quoted McCain as gloating and taking credit for the Boeing bid corruption bust, "I have always insisted that the Air Force buy major weapons through fair and open competition."

Fair and open? Not only has Airbus been subsidized by, "a socialist cartel, subsidized by the governments of Spain, France, Britain and Germany" as Buchanan put it, but the U.S. government has been working an "unfair trade" case through the World Trade Organization against Airbus for years.

The idea that this information could not be considered in the bidding process was only less absurd than the U.S. Air Force considering any but an American company for a job which deals with U.S. defense and tax dollars.

Four days after McCain's request was made, the U.S. Air Force changed their bidding rules in Airbus' favor.

But wait, it gets better. Several of McCain's campaign workers either have worked or currently are employed by the lobbying group which worked for EADS.

In a time when even the appearance of impropriety is enough to flay someone, I find it hard to fathom how McCain has escaped nationwide condemnation for his part in sending 40,000 American jobs to that great employment graveyard in the sky.

Air Force officials said Airbus simply made a superior product and the 2003 scandal had no bearing on their decision.

During the press conference to announce the winning bidder a few weeks ago, USAF officials repeatedly praised Airbus for its large plane's capability to carry more fuel and equipment. I find it hard to believe they couldn't have gotten what they wanted out of Boeing by simply setting them down and telling them what they wanted—Boeing officials left the bid debriefing scratching their heads and citing confusion over what exactly the air force wanted. Boeing was even discouraged from offering their larger 777 tanker.

In all fairness, both parties knew the rules going in and Airbus intends to militarize the tankers in Alabama for a total of 2,000 jobs—I just have to wonder if the American working man can feed his family on table scraps.

Thank-you Sen. McCain, you saved the American taxpayer $6 billion at a cost of $94 billion.

We may be the brittle shell of a once great economic powerhouse, but take heart, for we will be the most honest nation in the bread line.

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Good grief can serve as a good lesson in life

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

In the past few weeks we have felt the loss of significant individuals in our community.

Incidences like these bring back memories of my own mother's passing, and serve to remind me that it's a good thing to talk about our grief. When someone dear to us passes away it has an impact that affects us the remainder of our lives. How we deal with our loss is varied depending upon our age, religious beliefs, and relationship to the person who died.

Life doesn't prepare us for loss. It's something learned through experience. Seek out others who have empathy for what you're going through. One loss could mean losing a father to one person while it's losing a husband to another, or a grandpa or good friend to yet another. We need to accept how each is feeling. Yes, time makes it better, but there isn't a timeline that is the same for everyone. Grief is the only emotion that can be brought back in an instant with an aroma, a touch, a song, or something we see. Learning to let go and live life will actually help bring back the best memories. Healing allows us to enjoy them. You can feel more like yourself again when the experience is shared with others who have experienced a loss. No one wants to grieve alone. Be good to yourself and give yourself a break when you need it. Grieving is a process; recovery is a choice.

And for children especially, be patient, honest and attentive. Have them write a good-bye letter. Involve them in the ceremony. Note their attention span is shorter and they quickly learn to go on with life. Maybe they are serving as an example for us. We can learn so much from them; they will only fear death if we do. As adults we go through more of these experiences and after a funeral we smile with our faces but children smile with their hearts.' Their senses are keen and they follow our lead.

Be honest and use your belief system to describe what is happening. Talk about the things they did with the person who passed, and the fun times you shared, and assure them that their loved one is always with them in spirit. Death is like taking off your coat and leaving it behind. Grandma or grandpa may be gone but their coat is still here just like their spirit.

Dying teaches us to live. When our friends experience a loss we sometimes just don't know what to say, but your presence will mean more than you can ever imagine. The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention. Supporting someone is best done by listening, and if you are the one mourning, seek out others who will listen and have empathy; then do something good for yourself. Holidays will be difficult as well so it may mean changing traditions.

Life is for the living but we can still honor those we grieve. Plants from their home, placed in your garden, is a wonderful way to remember them and additional plants can be added with special anniversaries. A child's painting of the loved one may be framed for all to see.

So, good grief is a good lesson and serves to remind me to educate others to live their life well and also to remind my teacher friends that no teacher on their deathbed said, "Wow, I should have written more lesson plans."

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LETTERS to the editor

ST. MARY'S SPEAKS BACK

Editor:

On March 12th the Courier published a letter to the editor that was written by Mr. Wayne Wynkoop in which he says that St. Mary's Cement (the 'big pot' as he calls it) is an opponent of his mine (the 'little kettle' as he calls it). He specifically alleges that a former cement plant manager (Mr. John Laney) and the current plant manager (Kirk Cox, as he calls me) are speaking out against his mine and that is the subject of this letter.

I cannot say what Mr. Laney's position is, as I have not discussed it with him. If Mr. Laney does have an opinion on the subject I would take his comments seriously because I respect his knowledge and integrity.

On the other hand, I can say for a fact that Mr. Wynkoop's comments about both my personal opinion and that of St. Mary's are complete fabrications. What little I do know of his mine operation is from the newspaper and from that there seems to be some kind of controversy within the community about it. I can only assume that Mr. Wynkoop's decision to make up an opinion for both me and my company is an effort to try to take some of the scrutiny off his own 'little kettle' and focus on our 'big pot.' Now I will admit I am speculating a bit as Mr. Wynkoop and I have never met, much less discussed how either I or St. Mary's views his mine project.

Whatever the reason was for his letter to the editor, I feel compelled to offer some unsolicited but well intended advice directly to Mr. Wynkoop. In the future, if you decide to publish my opinion, please make an attempt to get it from ME instead of making one up, and the same goes for my company. Once you have the information from me, then I would personally appreciate representing it correctly if you choose to repeat it (starting with the correct spelling of my name.)

With regard to your mine project specifically, had you asked my opinion in the first place, I would have told you that I hope it turns out well for both you and the community you intend to do business in. Beyond that, neither I or St. Mary's have any opinion on the subject.

St. Mary's and I both pride ourselves on being responsive to our community stakeholders, so if anyone has a question about our operation or even about my personal opinion, then pick up the phone and please ask. You may not entirely agree with the answers but I promise I will at least be respectful enough to provide one.

Dirk Cox
Plant Manager, St. Mary's Cement
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THANKS TO RICHARD TUNISON

Editor:

Thank you, Richard Tunison.

It is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge Richard Tunison's resignation from the Charlevoix Senior Center Board of Directors (announced via letter by Tunison, who resigned as vice president and treasurer of the Charlevoix Senior Center, citing desire to devote more time toward personal interests.) Richard served on the Board of Directors for over eight years, serving in several capacities to include Treasurer and Vice-President. During his tenure on the board, he was instrumental in the renovation of the center over the last four years and has hosted the AARP tax preparation, to include training several new people this year. He is also involved in the Greensky Hill Methodist Church, Retired Teachers Association and several other groups. He is deeply devoted to all that he helps and I want to wish Richard well in all of his future endeavors.

Earl Muma
Director
Charlevoix Senior Center

FARMING IS IMPORTANT TO LIFE

Dear Editor:

If, like most of us, you eat on a regular basis, I'd ask that you take a minute or two to consider where that food comes from. Unless you're growing it yourself, all that fuel for your body came from a farm – not to mention any wool, cotton, linen, and leather that you might be wearing.

For the most part, American farmers like myself are a pretty quiet minority – less than 2% of the entire population – but during National Agriculture Week (March 16 – 22 this year), we like to stand up and remind the other 98% of our society that what we do is important.

Thanks to increasing efficiency, you and I and all Americans spend a smaller percentage of our income on food here (about 10% on average) than in any other society on Earth. People in other parts of the world sometimes have spend anywhere from a quarter to a half of their income just to keep the cupboards full and food on the table.

If the notion of going hungry isn't compelling enough, consider the increasingly diverse uses our humble farm commodities are being put toward. Researchers are continually looking for — and finding— new ways of squeezing valuable products like renewable fuels, medicine and building materials from our farm fields, orchards, forests, and livestock.

Then there's the economy. Hard times have taken a toll on every segment of Michigan's economy, but it's worth pointing out that agriculture here is expanding and is now the state's second largest industry, generating more then $60 billion annually.

It's a vital component of the local economy as well. Charlevoix County is home to more then 260 individual farm operations, generating products valued at $2 million every year. All of these local farms like my own are independent, family run businesses.

The bottom line is that agriculture in Charlevoix County and across that state and nation is an industry worth protecting and respecting.

Joseph F. Seidel
Charlevoix County Farm Bureau
Promotion and Education Chair

SUPPORT FOR SMOKE BAN

Editor:

My wife and I recently spent three wonderful weeks in Arizona. With their statewide law banning smoking in restaurants and bars, it was a real pleasure to never have to worry about breathing secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke isn't just annoying, it's dangerous. Anti-smoking laws protect people from avoidable cancer, heart disease, and stroke.

The science is clear, secondhand smoke causes illness and death that could be easily prevented. The U.S. Surgeon General declared in 2007 that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and that establishing smoke-free workplaces is the only effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace.

Thankfully, 16 states now ban smoking in all workplaces, including restaurants and bars. Earlier this month Nebraska became the latest state to enact a law mandating smoke-free worksites, restaurants and bars. When Nebraska's Republican Governor signed the bill into law, he said: "In weighing the merits of this bill, I took into account the valid concerns about local control and the rights of business owners, as well as the health concerns and the rights of the public to clean indoor air. The public health concern is a critical one, and that is why I signed the bill into law."

After breathing Arizona's clean indoor air, I can see why visitors to Michigan are so disappointed when they learn that our state still allows smoking in bars and restaurants. What a shame that the Charlevoix County Commissioners do not care about protecting people from the serious health risks associated with secondhand smoke. How much longer will Michigan lag behind other states when it comes to adopting clean indoor air laws?

Kenyon Stebbins, PhD
Harbor Springs MI

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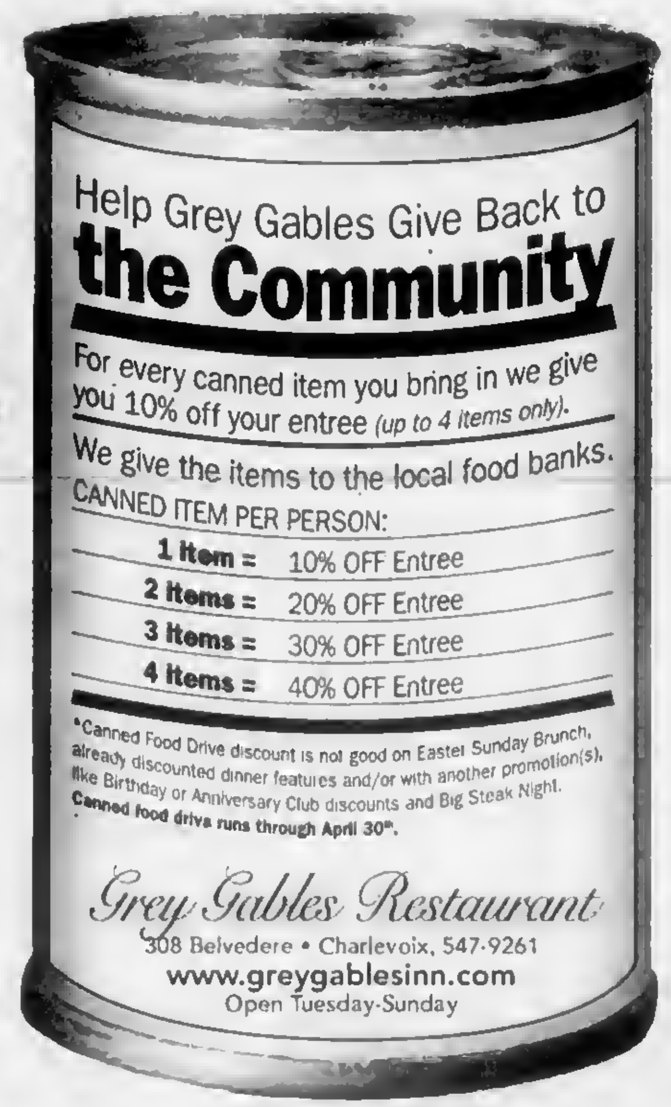

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SINGLES 4 CHRIST

Singles for Christ for singles 40 and over will have dinner at the Bob-In Again, 1150 Bayview Road (US 31 N) at 7 p.m. in Petoskey March 15. The group will then go back to Zion Lutheran Church, 500 W. Mitchell by the hospital, and watch funny movies, play board games and play cards. A special artist, Sheila Barnes, will be demonstrating a class on the craft of origami (paper folding craft). Please call Freida for reservations, (231) 347-5747.

YOUTH ART SHOW AT CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER

On Saturday March 15 the Crooked Tree Arts Center hosted the opening of the 2008 Youth Art Show. The Youth Art Show showcases the artwork of 28 schools in the Charlevoix-Emmet County school district from kindergarten through high school. This year, the 2008 show will be juried by Jane Diller and John Stevens of Boyne City. Awards will be presented at Saturday's opening.

The Youth Art Show will be on display in both galleries at the Crooked Tree Arts Center through April 5, 2008. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information please call the Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Courtesy photo

Giving back

The Northwest Shrine Club is donating $2,000 for usa among the four countias it raprasents: Antrim, Cherlevoix, Emmet end Kalkaska. Bacausa of the needs of tha area, tha monies ara being donated to certain araa food pantrias. Pictured above is Shrinar Doneld Bowers, prasanting a check for $165 to Mexina Barmann at the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

March is Parenting Awareness Month

Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan (PPWNM) is offering special programs and resources in honor of Parenting Awareness Month in March. Informational discussions titled, "When Sex is the Subject," led by PPWNM's education specialists, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 at PPWNM's Traverse City and Petoskey health centers.

"When Sex is the Subject" is geared toward parents of pre-and-young teens. It focuses on communication between adolescents and their parents, with a goal of helping parents become the primary sexual educators for their children. The information parents will learn in the program will help them have ongoing discussions with their children about puberty and sexuality, mixed messages in the media, peer pressure, and friendship. Information about normal adolescent development and behavior will also be shared.

"Parents will receive basic information on healthy sexual development and advice on how to use teachable moments in ongoing conversations," said Janna Deering, education specialist for PPWNM. "Because students receive information about sexuality from so many sources it is important for parents to make a conscious effort to impart their values to their children."

The program is free and participants are welcome to bring a lunch. Registration is required by Friday, March 21. To register, call the Planned Parenthood health center in Traverse City at (231) 929-2054 ext. 15, or in Petoskey at (231) 347-9692 ext. 13.

Women: Run for breast cancer awareness

The fourth annual Women's Non-Competitive Triathlon will be held May 18 in Charlevoix.

The event is described as a "spirit triathlon for women," organized by Michelle Rick-Biddick in 2005 who set a personal goal after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Wanting to create an event focused on awareness, education and fun for women, the event has raised over $20,000 for 2 local cancer support groups, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength. The TRI encourages women ages 14 to 114 to challenge themselve,s raise money, build self-confidence and have a great time.

Donations raised help purchase a digital mammography machine at a Charlevoix area hospital. All proceeds stay local.

Registration is $50 per person for pre-registration and $75 per person the day of the race.Races hegin at 10 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race category, the most creativly dressed participant, the winner of the crazy volunteer contest and the $2,000 club.

For more information contact Rick-Biddick, director, at (231) 547-4369 or email tlc.fitness@hotmail.com.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the new location of North Country Community Mental Health Charlevoix Office located at 06250 M-66 North, Charlevoix, Michigan. The Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 4:30 p.m.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890

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Support for Bergmann Center

Gary Snoeck, Grand Knight from the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus, recently presented Bergmann Center axecutive director Suzanne A. Muma with checks totaling $863.32. Proceeds were raised during the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The funds will go toward a variety of community activities that tha clients at Bergmann Center participate in.

Choral concert planned

The Little Traverse Choral Society directed by Tim Hendrickson will soon present their Spring Concert 'Inscriptions.' The concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13 at the Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River.

The concert will showcase works chosen expressly for their textual content written to commemorate particular moments in history. The concert will feature several works by Z. Randall Stroope. "Inscription of Hope" is based on an inscription written on cellar walls by Jews in hiding from the Nazis during WWII.

Other works by Stroope include 'Where the Earth Meets the Sky,' a blending of Native American and African poets and 'Passage' utilizing text from Walt Whitman's poem, "O Captain, my Captain."

"Three Madrigals" by Emma Lou Diemer are based on words taken from Wm. Shakespeare Twelfth Night, Measure for Measure, and Much Ado About Nothing. The choir will also perform the beautiful "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," the fourth movement from Johannes Brahms' "Ein deutsches Requiem," "Wie Lieblich sind deine Wohnungen".

The highlight of the concert will be the inaugural performance of "The Mountain" composed by Wendel Werner and written specifically for the Choral Society and for Hendrickson's choral ensembles at Delta College. Werner is based in Knoxville, TN and has composed several works for choral organizations in that area.

Advance tickets of $10 adults, students and children 12 and over $5 are available from Choral Society members and from the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will also be available at the door. Adults $12 and Children 12 and over, $6. For more information, call (231) 327-3762.

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Writer's Group *Wednesdays, March 19, 6:00 pm*
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome

Quilters Group *Thursday, March 20, 10:00 am*
Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors @ your library for this work session

Story-Time *Thursday, March 20, 10:30 am*
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Guitar Hero *Thursday, March 20, 3:30-5:00*
Middle school students are invited to enjoy Guitar Hero on the big screen

Music & Movement *Saturday, March 22, 10:30-11:15 (ages 0-4)* Join Audrey in this fun session and help build confidence, self-esteem and social skills for your infant or toddler.

Book Talkers: Feast of Love *Monday, March 24, 6:00 pm*
Join this lively book discussion on the Feast of Love, by Michigan author, Charles Baxter. This acclaimed novel, set in Ann Arbor, is a collection of vignettes that explore the subtle movements of love between ordinary people

French Conversation Circle *Tuesdays, March 25, noon @ noon*
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

eBay *Wednesday & Thursday, March 26 & 27, 6:00 pm*
The Library is please to host these to sessions on basic and advanced eBay skills with certified eBay trainer, Kathy Ackerman. Call to register: 237-7340.

The Friends of the Library are hosting music in the Belvedere Periodical Room each Sunday, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

The Library will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

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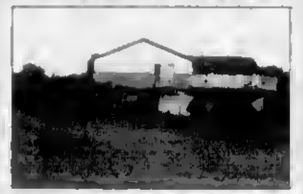

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OBITUARIES

NORMA BEAUDOIN

Norma Beaudoin, 87, of Charlevoix, died Monday, March 10, 2008 at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

She was born on January 18, 1921 in Library, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Louis and Marie (Gariglio) Fini. She married Lyle C. Beaudoin on October 14, 1950 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

They summered in Charlevoix from 1958 until their move to Charlevoix in 1971. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by two children, Michael Beaudoin of Indianapolis, IN and Sharon (Tod) Butler of Bloomfield, MI; nine grandchildren, Brett (Jackie) Butler of Cleveland, OH, Jill (Curt) Sosnowski of Clarkston, MI, Michael Beaudoin, II of Houston, TX, Katie Beaudoin of Houston, TX, Philip Beaudoin of Indianapolis, IN, Stephen (Lydia) Beaudoin of Indianapolis, IN, Brendalyn (John) Pas of Oakland Twp, MI, Christy (Steve) Harris of Woodland Hills, CA and Susan (Robert) Brown of Rochester Hills, MI; nine great grandchildren, Madison, Chandler, Cameron, Jack, Halley, Tyler, Tori, Lindsay and Menie; one son-in-law, Gaitskill Barr of Franklin, MI; and two sisters, Judy Gregory of Belleville, MI and Dolores Sarzynski of Westland, MI. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Barr on April 4, 2005.

A private memorial service will be held later this year. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor # 17, Chicago, Ill. 60601-7633. Arrangements by the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

ohBOIX!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Spring Arbor University is pleased to announce students from the Charlevoix area who are on the Fall 2007 Dean's List. The Charlevoix student's name is Scott Parrish, a Senior studying Social Studies-Elementary.

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes students from the Charlevoix area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages.

The fall semester ended in December.

The honors students include Jennifer M. Smith, a Senior from Beaver Island, and the following students are all from Charlevoix: Sarah C. Cross, a Junior, Cortney S. English, a Senior, Nick W. Gotshall, a Freshman, Brittany M. Niswander, a Junior and Lauren J. Silberhorn, a Senior.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of students receiving academic honors for the fall semester. Students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all "A" grades, received highest honors. High honors go to those earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students with a 3.74 to 3.50 grade point average. Robert Boss of Charlevoix received an Honors award.

Michelle Fritsch, a junior at Colorado College, is attending the American University Center of Provence in Aix-en-Provence, France as she continues her studies in French and Francophone cultures.

Michelle is the daughter of John and Nora Fritsch of Charlevoix.

Peter Londgren, the son of Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, was named to the Fall 2007-08 Academic Year Dean's List at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. Londgren is a 2007 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Madison McKenzie of Charlevoix made the fall 2007 Dean's List at Olivet College, a feat only 231 students attained at Olivet College 2007 fall semester Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Elyse Michrina of Charlevoix was named to the Dean's List at Lake Superior State University in the fall 2007 semester by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average throughout the semester.

Amanda Boss, Janay Drost and Shayna Drost all of Charlevoix, were named to the Dean's List at Hope College for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.

Daniel Thomas Myers of Charlevoix was named to the 2007 fall semester Dean's List at Michigan State University. Myers is studying Agriculture and Natural Resources and Fisheries and Wildlife in the Latimer College at MSU.

Caitlin Elizabeth Taylor of Charlevoix was named to the 2007 fall semester Dean's List at Michigan State University. She is studying Landscape Arcitecture.

Michael Grosberg of Charlevoix was recognized at Kirtland Community College for being named to the Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester. To qualify for the president's list, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's list candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

Ferris State University announced the Academic Honors List for the semester ending December 2007. Among those listed are Ericca Hovie, Thomas Newberry and Daniel Soullier, all of Charlevoix.

Ferris State University announced its graduation list for the fall 2007 semester. Among the graduates was Thomas Newberry of Charlevoix, who earned a CERT degree in Supervision.

Appeals filed in Alba well case

BY MICHAEL JONES
GAYLORD HERALD TIMES
STAFF WRITER

ALBA — Appeals were filed this week challenging permits granted by state and federal agencies to allow a deep injection well near Alba which would receive treated wastewater generated from clean-up efforts at Bay Harbor.

Gaylord attorney Susan Hlywa-Topp said appeals were filed Monday and Tuesday on behalf of Antrim County, Star Township and Friends of the Jordan River Watershed. The appeals came as an attempt to reverse the decision by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allowing permits for the drilling of a well, which could receive approximately 150,000 gallons of wastewater a day from the Beeland Group which wants to sink the 2,150-foot injection well 5 miles east of Alba.

Star Township Supervisor Richard Steel said an admin-

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More time alloted for Charlevoix Pointe Inn

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix Pointe Inn, hoped to be a 30-unit suite hotel, now has a Nov. 6, 2008 completion deadline

Despite contention from both Planning Commission members and neighbors of the project, a proposed suite hotel project directed by Randy and Nancy Carey and family received a six-month extension on the site plan from Planning Commission members last week.

Nancy Carey said plans for the 30-unit suite hotel, to be located at 115 Pine River Lane, began to take some shape about three years ago but a number of delays have come up, the most recent involving the struggling Michigan economy.

"Obviously the atmosphere of the city has attracted people (to want to stay at hotels or vacation in the area) but because of the economic condition we were not able to solidify a contract to move forward with development and construction," Carey said.

The Careys, represented by attorney Ed Roy of Traverse City, recently approached the Planning Commission for the second and final legal extension for the project. City Planner Mike Spencer noted poor economic conditions have traditionally been acceptable reasons for extensions and planning commissions across the country have "been sympathetic to economic hardship." While commissioners agreed to an extent on that point, the five-to-four vote to grant the extension proved they did not unanimously support the project.

"I think they've been given lots of time. You haven't told me enough to think it is justifiable to be where we're at," Commission chairman John Hess said.

Commissioners Francis Flanders, DJ Way and Shane Cole were in agreement the building was "ugly" and suggested it did not fit into the aesthetic scope of the city, but Roy cautioned commissioners against relying on aesthetic preferences when casting their vote.

"When people's opinions become involved, having these (zoning and development) requirements becomes arbitrary. Because nothing in the plans has changed since the first extension was granted, it would seem inconsistent and possibly illegal not to grant the second extension," Roy said.

Hess noted the first extension was an automatic extension granted last fall. The original site plan was approved in November 2006 following extensive discussions regarding various aspects of construction and design. Hess, Flanders, Way and Commissioner June Cross voted against the extension, while Cole and commissioners Larry Boog, Brian Vollmer, Diana Gully and Dan Buday voted in favor of it.

"I would like to see when the snow is gone to have the area cleaned up and made to look presentable," Cross said.

The extension gives the Careys until Nov. 6, 2008 to have the project done.

Carey said the idea for the Charlevoix Pointe Inn, as it is expected to be called, began when she and family members decided to do something for the city in memory of her husband's (Randy Carey) grandfather Peter Campbell. She said Campbell was a well-known figure in the community and the original owner of the property on Pine River Lane. Being unfamiliar with development and construction, she and her husband, as well as his brother Peter Carey and their aunt Anne Bandfield, met with then city planner Gary Harsch to "see what the best approach was." Plans for the suite hotel were then born, but that was three years and more than $100,000 ago.

"We were trying to avoid the three-year process, but there are a lot of restraints and laws involved, and here we are," she said.

Steven Hansen, who identified himself as a neighbor of the project, said he is opposed to it.

"There are good reasons for having time limits and I feel this project is clogging up orderly development of the city," he said.

Carey said the family has had some offers from contractors, but they want the project to be done by "the right contractor" so it is "a project that lives up to the standards of the city."

"This needs to be done by the right developer who will do the best job," she said, adding "we feel for the residential neighbors but we didn't ask for it to be rezoned into commercial property and we are doing this in the most amiable way possible."

The family is happy with the time period now allotted, and feel confident the project can be completed before the November deadline. Carey said the family, who has owned Carey Shoes since 1919 and remains a strong supporter of Charlevoix, hopes to bring an enterprise to the area that is beautiful and can offer an economic boost.

"We've worked with the people at Castle Farms and for their events they sometimes have to send people an hour away (to stay in a hotel) because there aren't enough in Charlevoix. This would be a way to offer more lodging and keep those visitors here," she said.

Carey, who also is an agent with Coldwell Banker in Petoskey, is working on marketing proposals for the project. She said the family hopes to conclude the work as soon as possible.

Photo by Erica Goff

This property, located at 115 Pine River Lane, is slated to house a 30-unit suite hotel that was granted a six-month extension by the Planning Commissoin. Owners now have until Nov. 6, 2008 to complete the work.

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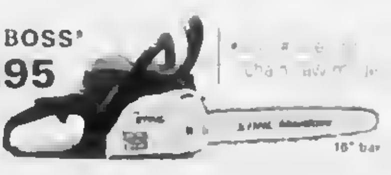

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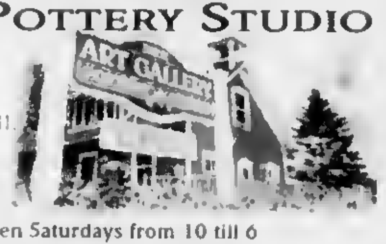

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Local dentist heads for Tennessee, sells practice

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Newcomer Melissa Makowski will replace long-time Charlevoix dentist Harry Suckert when he relocates to Tennessee in coming weeks. Makowski will officially take possession of Suckert's practice April 1.

Citing the importance of his children's education, Charlevoix Dentist Harry Suckert will soon move to Tennessee.

Suckert, who has worked in dentistry for 17 years, said his children can no longer get the Christian education they need in Petoskey so he is moving to what he referred to as the "buckle" of the Bible Belt.

"We're excited to be able to continue our children's education, but we're sad to leave Charlevoix," Suckert said. "Charlevoix is a beautiful community and a wonderful community with wonderful people."

Suckert, who found his way into medicine by accident, hopes to purchase an existing practice in his new southern home.

"I worked in construction for my dad's plumbing and heating business in Minnesota, but I had to get out because of my allergies of cats and dogs when I'd go into houses to do work," he said. "So I went to college and I figured I'd stay in school until I flunked out or got a degree and I took my medical admissions test on a dare."

He added, "I got in and I love it. It's wonderful. It's micro-construction."

Suckert will be succeeded by Melissa Makowski, who has purchased his practice.

"I'm very excited to serve the Charlevoix community," Makowski said. "I view my profession as a privilege to serve people and I feel very fortunate to be able to do it in a beautiful community with welcoming, warm people."

Makowski, who graduated from University of Detroit Mercy, has been a doctor of dental surgery since 2005.

"I like doing cosmetic dentistry. I like doing restorative dentistry. I like working on children," she said.

Makowski, who lives in Bellaire with her husband, will officially take possession of the business on April 1.

"We're making sure everybody is on the same page," Suckert said. "Our number one concern is continuity for staff and for patients. We could have sold the property probably about a year, year-and-a-half ago, but we wanted to make sure we had the right person."

He added, "We developed a reputation of a gentle touch and we wanted to make sure we had somebody who continued that."

Makowski grew up in the thumb area and attended Harbor Beach High School, made her way into medicine with the support of her family.

"My mother-in-law encouraged me to seek dentistry and it is what really interested me," she said. "I like my job, and when my patients think of their dentist, I want them to think well of me."

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County Board resolves to avoid conflict issue

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What began with a request by a concerned citizen ended with official county action.

Now nearly two years after local citizen Ellis Boal questioned the county on a possible conflict of offices for Marc Seelye, the county's drain commissioner and soil erosion officer, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has taken action.

"We took him off the Stormwater Appeals Board," said top commissioner Chris Christensen. "And we're amending the original resolution which made the soil erosion (officer's duty) a full-time position. He (Seelye) will remain the drain commissioner and we will be posting an opening for letters of interest for the Stormwater Appeals Board."

The move came six months after Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema received what some consider a vague opinion from Michigan's State Attorney General's office.

"They are just not in compliance with the attorney general's letter," said Boal, who feels the letter is clear that the soil erosion duties can be assigned to the drain commissioner, but not the other way around.

Seelye

However, according to Jarema, there is no confusion on the matter.

"The A.G.'s opinion said there is potential for a conflict because our ordinance says he (drain commissioner) can sit on the appeals board, but basically he would be reviewing appeals from the Stormwater Ordinance that he issued," he said. "With him off the appeals board, I don't see any problems with him doing both (soil erosion and drain commissioner) jobs."

According to a 2006 Michigan Attorney General opinion, counties may not impose Stormwater laws on the townships in their purview.

"The townships are in the process of drafting, with Marc, township ordinances which will mirror our county-wide ordinance," Jarema said. "In dealing with the legality of it, we have not taken any money or issued any permits. People have been complying with the rules voluntarily."

Seelye said he sees the commercial plans of developers and added that he has received no complaints of stormwater scofflaws.

"If he could convince me all the criminals in the county are complying voluntarily with laws, then he could convince me all the developers in the county are complying with laws," Boal said. "Basically we're in a lawless landscape, and the soil office and drain office are the two most environmentally sensitive offices in the land."

He added, "This is a matter of great concern, huge concern."

The ordinance in question deals with how stormwater, which may collect and drain off one person's property and onto another's, is handled.

"Let's say you live on a hill and you put impervious surfaces like a house and paved driveway on it: That water can't go into the ground. It has to go somewhere and the ordinance requires people to keep track of their runoff stormwater so it doesn't affect the people living below them," Jarema said.

The county may soon repeal the Stormwater Ordinance since it was opined as illegal by the attorney general.

"I don't know that the issue is closed," Christensen said. "But it's moving in the right direction."

Boal also took issue with what he calls "sub-minimum wage" with Seelye holding his soil erosion officer duties for 22 and one-half hours per week instead of the required 8 hours per week.

"I'm not even going to address the wage issue," Seelye

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USDA grants up for grabs

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The USDA has millions of dollars at their disposal for everything from municipal sprinkler systems to shingles for the elderly.

And, the Rural Development arm of the Department of Agriculture encourages public officials and citizens alike to apply.

"Basically we're the business sector of what we can do for the infrastructure of your communities," said Blake Smith, a community programs specialist with the USDA, in a presentation to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners during their Wednesday, March 12 meeting. "We have a direct (loan) program to help low and very low income people to purchase homes. We have a guarantee program that comes from individual lenders and we have housing repair programs for people who own their homes—up to $7,500 for seniors."

While many dozens of types of equipment and programs fall under the USDA's eligibility requirements for direct and guaranteed loan/grant funds, some of those include:

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- Dental clinic
- Nursing home
- Outpatient care

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- City airport
- Street improvements
- Off-street parking

"City halls we've helped with renovation, demolition and building brand new ones," Smith said. "It just goes on and on what we can do."

Chairman of the board of commissioners Chris Christensen said he hopes interested individuals will not hesitate to contact the USDA for help.

"It's always worth investigating for help with infrastructure," he said. "It's definitely worth taking a look at."

He added, "I think there's a lot of opportunities here if people want to familiarize themselves with the programs."

Smith said other grants include up to 50 percent venture funding match for agricultural types of business.

"If they're going to grow their own grapes to make wine to sell, that would be a feasible project," he added.

The local USDA branch, which covers a 15-county area, is located in Traverse City and can be reached by calling (231) 941-0951

Visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mi for more information on the many programs administered by the department of agriculture.

Conflict resolved

CONFLICT

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said "I agreed to do the job and I am being compensated."

He added, "As of right now, the legal council's (Jarema's) opinion is that it is not going to be a problem to continue doing the duties of both jobs. If something comes along from the attorney general's office stating it is not legal, I will resign."

Seelye will present the townships with information pertaining to a uniform stormwater code as early as March 31.

"Each township will have the opportunity to adopt an ordinance which puts back to the county permitting and enforcement," he said. "It's up to them if they want to do it or not. We cannot force them to adopt it."

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Site plan for CPA office approved, with tweaks

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Neighbor privacy and environmental concerns addressed in conditions for site plan approval

Charlevoix City Planning commissioners approved local Certified Public Accountant Sam Supernaw's site plan for a new professional office last week, tacking on a few more requirements to address concerns from neighbors.

Supernaw's request for a Special Use Permit, which would allow him to remodel the home at 206 Petoskey Avenue for use as a professional office, drew strong opposition from neighbors of the home who cited traffic problems, environmental concerns and disruption of the neighborhood as negatives of the plan. The SUP request was required before Supernaw could use the home, which is in a Residential 1 Zone, for professional office use. Planning Commission members granted Supernaw's request last month with seven stipulations that addressed most concerns voiced in person and via written comment. The project was brought before the board again last week for approval of site/development plans, which led to further debate and additional conditions before approval was granted.

City Planner Mike Spencer provided a letter, written by Lori Martinchek who, along with siblings and her father, Louis Warner, own the home at 211 Nettleton Street which adjoins the residence in question along its south property line. Martinchek said she and her family are concerned about a number of things related to the project, including dangers due to increased traffic flow in the area, decreased property value due to having a business and parking lot there, and the view from Warner's back yard. One of the conditions placed on the SUP approval required Supernaw to extend the row of cedar trees that acts as a hedge barrier along a portion of the property line. There seemed to be some confusion as to whether a fence or shrubbery should be used as the barrier— Martinchek noted the family was requesting a solid fence now but initially believed that was not an option due to confusion at February's public hearing on the issue.

"We were told there couldn't be a fence and that is why we didn't ask for that before now," Martinchek told the board last week.

Martinchek also emphasized the perceived dangers of having a professional office in that location on Petoskey Avenue. Summer traffic congestion makes it "extremely difficult" to turn left from either Nettleton or Petoskey, and she noted neighbors agree the business will make the problem worse. Commissioners were united in their belief Supernaw's business will do no such thing.

"I don't foresee a CPA office making much of a difference in traffic," Commissioner Diana Gully said.

"The traffic will exist whether we make this an office or not," Commissioner Francis Flanders said, with others agreeing the office is "not even in its busy season" during the summer.

Addressing concerns regarding environmental issues, potential eyesore problems and the fencing issue, Commissioners granted site plan approval with the stipulations:

- Supernaw consult with a professional engineer prior to construction and have the plans reviewed to determine if mitigation measures are necessary for storm water control and other drainage issues. If the engineer determines measures are necessary, appropriate action should be taken and shared with the Planning Commission;
- Supernaw shall maintain the existing cedar hedge on the property in healthy condition and install a six-foot solid fence from the trees along the south property line extending west to the existing garage;
- and Supernaw shall install shrubbery along the front yard that meets landscape requirements within that zone.

Martinchek said her family was happy about the concerns that were addressed, but noted "the traffic issue was a major concern."

While the final vote was unanimous, not all commission members were pleased about the additional stipulations.

"As a business owner, I think we are hammering this guy, making him do a lot of extra work and spend a lot of extra money putting in a fence and shrubbery, where does it end?" Commissioner DJ Way said.

Jodi Alger-Lyons of Home Planning and Design, Ltd. who has been working with Supernaw on the project, noted her client has done "everything that was asked of him" following February's meeting.

"We had a list of proposed changes and we did that. Just tell us what we need to do (to move forward)," she said.

Despite the frustration, Alger-Lyons said her client wants to continue moving forward with the project and do what is possible to address the concerns of his neighbors.

"I have issues with some of this but I think he (Supernaw) has gone above and beyond with this project. He is trying to be a good neighbor," Way said.

City Council agreed, granting the final step of site plan approval Monday by accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation.

In addition to the conditions set forth for the site plan, Supernaw must also abide by the seven conditions noted for his SUP approval:

- The three parking spaces proposed to the front alley shall be removed
- The parking lot for the proposal shall not be lighted
- Any exterior lighting on the structures shall utilize down lighting techniques to avoid light shining into homes of adjoining property owners
- The existing cedar hedges along the south property line shall not be removed and the applicant shall continue the coniferous buffer to the alley along that property line.
- The applicant shall follow the procedures for Development Plan approval
- The applicant shall place a 12 x 18 inch sign on private property stating, "No Through Traffic"
- The applicant shall provide a 15-foot buffer from the south property line to the parking surface.

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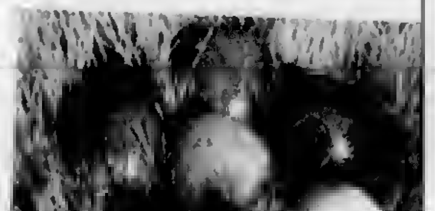

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Thursday, March 27, Heartsaver First Aid from 6-9:30 p.m.: The Heartsaver First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Course content includes General Principles, Medical Emergencies, Injury Emergencies, and Environmental emergencies. This class is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a first aid emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. Cost is $35.

Saturday March 22, Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This is a new course being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The target audience for this course includes those involved in child care such as child care workers, teachers, foster care workers, camp counselors, youth organizations, and coaches for children's sports organizations. The Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in a child in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Topics include First Aid Basics, Medical emergencies, injury emergencies, environmental emergencies. Modules included are Pediatric First Aid, Asthma care training for childcare providers, adult/child and infant CPR and adult/child AED. Cost is $55.

Wed., April 30, Heartsaver AED from 6-9 p.m.

This Heartsaver AED course teaches CPR, AED use, relief of choking in adults and children, and the use of barrier devices for all ages. The target audience is those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. Cost is $35.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Michigan

In a national effort to raise public awareness about colorectal cancer, public health officials encourage adults over age 50 to be screened for the disease.

"Screening for colorectal cancer is extremely important because early detection of the disease saves lives," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director, for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "We strongly recommend getting screened because finding and removing precancerous growths before they become cancerous is very effective in preventing the disease."

Colorectal cancer is the number two cancer killer among men and women in Michigan, second only to lung cancer. During 2005, 936 men and 993 women in Michigan died of colorectal cancer. Although many Michigan citizens are dying from colorectal cancer, this disease is treatable if detected early.

Everyone is at risk of developing colorectal cancer, also called colon or bowel cancer. The primary risk factor for the disease is increasing age. The Michigan Cancer Consortium recommends colorectal cancer screening for men and women of average risk starting at age 50. Other risk factors include:

A personal history of colon cancer, pre-cancerous colon polyps, or inflammatory bowel disease;

A family history of colorectal cancer or pre-cancerous colon polyps;

Being Jewish or of Eastern European descent;

A diet high in animal fats or low in fiber;

Not being physically active;

Obesity;

Having diabetes;

Smoking; and

Heavy use of alcohol

"You can help prevent colorectal cancer by getting screened and enjoying an active, healthy lifestyle, maintaining a healthy weight by exercising regularly, and eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. And don't smoke," Meyerson said.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. To schedule colorectal cancer screening, contact your health care provider. For additional information about colorectal cancer screening recommendations, visit the Michigan Cancer Consortium at www.michigancancer.org.

LIFE
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Kennedy exhibit

It has been forty years since legendary Life Magazine photojournalist Bill Eppridge assigned the 1968 presidential campaign of Robert Francis Kennedy. In the Edith Gilbert Gallery at the Crooked Tree Arts Center from April 18 through July 26 there will be 42 photographs taken by Bill Eppridge during this time.

"Everything I saw and everything I heard, it's still there inside my head, like a slow motion movie," Bill Eppridge has said of that night—June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Senator Robert Kennedy had just won the California primary and was almost certainly going to be his party's nominee for President. He made a short victory speech, walked off the stage in the hotel's Embassy Ballroom and turned right...

"I can see it all," Bill said, "and I think about how our history would have been different if Robert Kennedy had come off the stage that night and turned the other way. Every day I think about that."

Eppridge has covered many remarkable stories during a career that has spanned more than 40 years with National Geographic, the weekly LIFE magazine and Sports Illustrated. His story list reads like a history of current events in the last four decades of the 20th Century.

Robert Kennedy: A Time it Was will open on April 18 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey and run through July 26. The exhibit will mark the 40th anniversary of Kennedy's death and it will coincide with the release of Eppridge's book on the Senator's presidential campaign: "A Time it Was: Bobby Kennedy in the Sixties." During the run of the exhibition there will be appearances by Eppridge on June 27 and June 28 and by Frank Mankiewicz, Bobby Kennedy's Press Secretary, on April 26. Other guest appearances will be announced.

For more information please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 (231) 347-4337 or go online to www.crookedtree.org. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation

Health Department fights teen smoking

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan continues to help Michigan teens live tobacco-free as part of a statewide push for tobacco prevention.

Youth activities, tobacco prevention education, and a local media campaign are part of the Health Department' "Fight the Light, Fight for Life – Stop Tobacco Use" project in Charlevoix County. Charlevoix County is one of 12 recipients receiving grants from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to conduct tobacco cessation activities at 27 Michigan high schools across the state. American Lung Association and Tobacco Free Michigan are also partners in the statewide project.

"We are taking specific steps to help improve Michigan's grades on the annual Tobacco Report Card," said Teresa Sington, who coordinates tobacco control efforts for the Health Department, referring to the American Lung Association's State of Tobacco Control 2007 report, released recently.

Michigan earned "F"s in tobacco prevention and control spending, smokefree air, and youth access, and a "B" for its cigarette tax. The full report can be accessed on-line at www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org

Locally, the Health Department's efforts also involve high school students, who are a key group in which to reduce the harmful effects of tobacco use, smoking, and secondhand smoke. According to the 2004 Michigan Youth Tobacco Survey, 80 kids try their first cigarette in Michigan every day and another 50 become daily smokers. The survey also shows that 17 percent of high school students are smokers.

"Our message to youth is three-fold," Sington said. "Don't smoke, quit if you do, and stay away from secondhand smoke."

Two Charlevoix County schools, Boyne Falls Public School and Charlevoix High School, surveyed students about their tobacco use in November 2007 as part of the BCBSM project. The majority of local students surveys have not smoked or used other forms of tobacco in the past 30 days (86% and 85% respectively), although possibility of smoking in the future is not this strong.

517 surveys were distributed in the high schools and 389 14 to 18 year olds completed them, a 75% return rate.

Tobacco prevention education is a key activity for all 27 high schools participating in the Blues' statewide campaign, including Boyne Falls High School and Charlevoix Middle School.

Also part of the project is a local media campaign consisting of radio advertisements., print advertisements, and cinema ads, targeting youth in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. The ads were developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable population, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about any of the Health Department's tobacco control activities, visit www.nwhealth.org. Individuals seeking information or help are directed to the Michigan Tobacco Quit line at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669)

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Controversy continues over Alba well dilema

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istrative law judge is expected to review the appeals and make a decision whether to hear the appeal.

"Depending on what transpires with the appellate court will determine our next step," Steel said.

According to Topp, if the appeal is denied the next course of action could be taking the agencies to court.

"We have to wait for a determination to see if the petition is complete and if it is, we wait for any interested parties (including the DEQ and EPA) to answer to the appeal."

The appeal is based on several factors including, Topp said, that "Beeland is required to only treat the pH of the water in order to inject it, but they are not required to treat for heavy metals which it has been documented the water contains."

Topp said concerns have been raised that local drinking water could be contaminated by the heavy metals. "If and when there is a release at ground level, it could contaminate the Alba drinking water."

Topp also contends there is no documentation or data that the underground Bell shale will be a confining layer to contain the injected water, which is currently disposed at a wastewater treatment plant near Traverse City.

"There are prudent and feasible alternatives for disposing of the water," Topp said. "There are also concerns of environmental justice. We are talking about taking waste from the affluent Bay Harbor to a rural poorer community, which then becomes an ethical issue."

The DEQ and EPA approved permits to sink an injection well to pump treated water into an underground limestone cavern to the Beeland Group, a subsidiary of Jackson-based CMS Energy, which is responsible for clean-up efforts of contaminated runoff water from Bay Harbor near Petoskey.

The contamination is the result of water leaching through underground piles of cement kiln dust at Bay Harbor, which was built on a former cement plant adjacent to Little Traverse Bay. The Beeland Group has installed collection lines at Bay Harbor to capture the seepage as water leaches through the kiln dust before entering nearby surface water. After the collected water is treated, it is then transported for disposal.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO 08-011203-NC

In the matter of Stephen John Bruneel-Carpenter/Stephen John Carpenter
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including David John Carpenter whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following
TAKE NOTICE A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 2:45 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose
To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Renee Michele Bruneel requesting that the name of Stephen John Carpenter/Stephen John Bruneel-Carpenter be changed to Stephen John Bruneel
Date: March 19, 2008

Renee Michele Bruneel
4467 Church Road
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231)487-1838
(L-3/19)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE

Default has been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by TODD L. HART AND SUSAN L. HART, husband and wife, to BAY WINDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, dated November 2, 2001, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 5, 2001, in Liber 442, Pages 079 through 084 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late fees in the sum of $36,808.86 and no proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, April 4, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 9.250% percent per annum, fee and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:

Lots 2 & 3, Block B John R. Vance's Addition to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Dated: February 28, 2008

By: Valerie K. Snyder
(P54732)
Attorneys for Bay Winds
Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950
(L-03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26)

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Monette R Bennington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 and also recorded via affidavit dated June 26, 2007 and recorded January 3, 2008 in Liber 832 Page 521 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, by assignment date January 22, 2008 and recorded February 14, 2008 in Liber 836 Page 859 and also subsequently recorded via affidavit on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($555,707.85) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on April 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; then at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore.

EASEMENT PARCEL: A 25 foot strip easement described as: Situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at the East eighth corner of the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West: thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (Northline of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.58 feet; thence at an angle of 01 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an iron stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth line 69.95 feet to an iron stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 607.6 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 25.03 feet; thence at an angle of 92 degrees 50 minutes 18 seconds to the right from the last described course 600.06 feet; thence at an angle of 70 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds to the right from the last described course 26.50 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 13, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-85876
ASAP# 2713730
(L-03/19/2008, 03/26/2008, 04/02/2008, 04/09/2008)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by CW Development Group, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, of 8392 Greenwood Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 to FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan 49707, dated January 7, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 17, 2005 in Liber 663, Pages 001-007, and modified by Future Advance Money Mortgage Modification Agreement dated August 24, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan on September 22, 2005 in Liber 705, Pages 707-708, Charlevoix County Records, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $1,285,344.46.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 18th day of April, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89°59'05" East along the East and West 1/4 line 1004.41 feet to the Northeasterly line of Highway M-66 and the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along the East and West 1/4 line North 89°59'05" East 320.59 feet to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence South 00°05'22" West along said 1/8th line 33.05 feet to the South bank of Stover Creek; thence South 35°01'19" East along said bank 86.30 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 67°38'09" West 301.94 feet to a T-iron stake on the East line of Highway M-66; thence North 21°57'11" West along said highway 156.36 feet; thence Northwesterly along a 1984.86 feet radius curve to the left an arc distance of 80.32 feet along said highway (long chord bears North 23°46'42" West 80.32 feet) to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

Tax ID # 004-035-012-70.

Property Address: 6800 Highway M-66 North, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 7, 2008

BODMAN LLP
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan
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Cheboygan, MI 49721
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(L-03/12, 03/19, 03/26, 04/02, 04/09)

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- **ST. AUGUSTINE, BOYNE FALLS**

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Palm Sunday Weekend
March 15, Mass, 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew
March 16, Mass, 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine
March 16, Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew

Holy Thursday
March 20, 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew

Good Friday Services
March 21, 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew and 7:00 p.m. Tenebra at St. Augustine

Holy Saturday Services
March 22, Blessing Easter Baskets, 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine

Easter Vigil
March 22, 9:00 p.m. at St. Matthew

Easter Sunday
March 23, Mass, 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine and Mass, 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew

Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
00S291 M-66 N,, Charlevoix, (231)547-6430

Easter Sunday Worship and the Word,
March 23, 10:30 a.m. (Sunday School for all ages.)

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street, Charlevoix, (231)547-2654

Maundy Thursday
March 20, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday,
March 21, Ecumenical Service at Assembly of God Church at 12:00 noon.

Easter Sunday, March 23
7:30 a.m. Sunrise service at Ferry Beach
9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast - fellowship hall
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
200 State Street, Charlevoix (231)547-6322
Fr. John David officiating

Maundy Thursday Service
March 20, 7:00 p.m

Good Friday Service
March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Service
March 23, 10:00 a.m. with Easter Brunch following in the Fellowship Hall. (Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State Street, Charlevoix, (231)547-9122

Easter Sunrise Service
March 23, 7:30 a.m. at Depot Beach

Traditional Easter Worship
March 23, 1:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
1005 Bridge Street, Charlevoix (231)547-6652

Holy Thursday
March 20, Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
March 21, Stations of the Cross will be at Noon with Service at 12:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass
March 22, Service will be at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 23, Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Ellsworth

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Park & Elm, Ellsworth
(231)588-7455 Chris Wallace, Pastor

Worship Services, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:10 a.m.

Good Friday
March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Community Good Friday worship at Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church hosted by area churches.

Easter Sunday
March 23 at 7:15 a.m. Community Sunrise Service, held at Eastport Baptist Church hosted by area churches.

Indian River

CROSS IN THE WOODS
7078 M-68 Hwy, Indian River
(231)238-8973

Holy Thursday, March 20,
7:00 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's supper
8:30 to 10:00 p.m., Keeping watch with Jesus in the Chapel
9:45 p.m., Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 21,
3:00 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's passion
7:00 p.m., Ecumenical Service: Joseph of Arimethea

Easter Vigil
March 22, 8:00 p.m., Blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Scripture readings of our Salvation History and Baptisms and Confirmation Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday
March 23, 8:30 a.m. Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass

Easter Services

Levering

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST
4516 N. US 31, Levering (231)537-2000

Easter Sunday Service
March 23, 9:00 a.m., Easter Brunch, 8:00 a.m.

Petoskey

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1450 E. Mitchell Road, Petoskey (231)347-5448
crossofc@sbcglobal.net crossofc@sbcglobal.net

Maundy Thursday
March 20, 7:00 p.m., Joint worship at the First Christian Church

Good Friday
March 21, 7:00 p.m., Joint Service at Emmanuel Episcopal

Easter Sunday
March 23, 8:30 a.m. with Holy Communion and 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1020 E. Mitchell, Petoskey
(231)347-2350
www.eecpetoskey.org

Maundy Thursday,
11:00 a.m. 1928 Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar, Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Maundy Thursday,
7:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Good Friday
12:00–1:00 p.m., Music and Meditation, 1:00–2:00 p.m., Scripture Readings, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Music and Meditation, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Service
Rite 1, 8:00 a.m., Rite II, 10:00 a.m. with Music and Child Care.

Petoskey

EPSILON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8251 E. Mitchell (corner of Silver Creek), Petoskey (231)347-6608

Easter Sunday Service, March 23, 11:00 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey
(231)347-4792

Sunday
March 16, Palm Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Friday
March 21, Community Good Friday Worship, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday
March 23, Easter Services, 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Breakfast served between services.

NEW LIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH
619 Waukazoo Avenue,
Corner of Grove & Waukazoo, Petoskey
(231)347-3448

Palm Sunday
March 16, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
March 20, 6:00 p.m. (Christ's Last Supper)

Good Friday
March 21, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 23, 10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer Service
M-F, 17th - 21st, 7:00 a.m.)

Petoskey

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
513 Howard Street, Petoskey (231)347-4133

Holy Thursday
March 20, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
March 21, 1:00 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets,
Saturday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil
March 22, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 23, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Walloon Lake

WALLOON LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH
04320 M-75 N, Walloon Lake
(231)535-2288 www.walloonchurch.com

Easter Sunday Service
March 23, 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Charlevoix County Commission

The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, March 12 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners:

Item: Community Foundation Grant request

In brief: The probate court administrator requests a $2,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to provide for drug court enhancement programming

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: GIS laptop request

In brief: The Charlevoix County Geographical Information Systems department requests $1,300 to purchase a laptop computer.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Homeland Security Board

In brief: Resolution for Grand Traverse County to act as the fiscal agent for the Region 7 Homeland Security Board, of which Charlevoix County is represented. Grand Traverse County vows to act as fiscal officer for all 16 counties in Region 7 so long as all counties agree to hold Grand Traverse harmless in the event that reimbursement on any expenditures is later proved unavailable or ineligible.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Amend the general fund and building inspection budgets

In brief: Ken Doty requests that the Soil Erosion Department of the county be transferred financially from the Building Department to the general fund.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item Stormwater Appeals Board

In brief: Request for the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner to be removed from the Stormwater Appeals Board.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: County expenditures

In brief: Resolution to approve expenditures as of Feb. 28 as reviewed by the Charlevoix County Audit Committee: Total expenditures for the month of February were $3,891,941.85

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Veteran travel reimbursement

In brief Resolution to decrease the amount paid to veterans for their mileage pertaining to travel expenses for doctor visits. The current mileage rate for veterans is 28.5 cents per mile. This will save the county money, but veterans will still be reimbursed for the full 50.5 cents per mile by the IRS.

Board action Unanimously approved, 6-0

Agenda items not requiring action include:

- A report from the United States Department of Agriculture by Blake H. Smith on grant programs available to governmental entities as well as private citizens and businesses in the county

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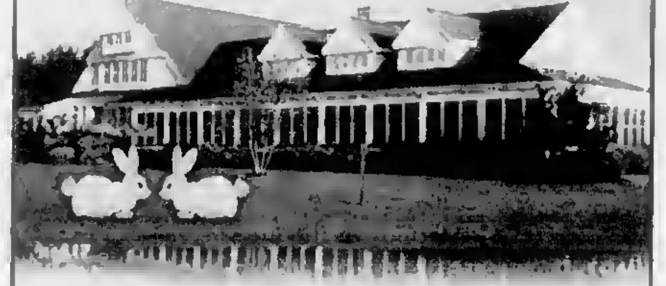
Mahogany's
Easter Brunch



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Dep. Rob Scholey with Rex, visiting area students.

K-9 partner

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix County Sheriff Deputy Rob Scholey never has to worry about his partner running late, calling in sick or not be excited to see him. In fact, Scholey and his partner ride to work together everyday.

"He lives at my house with me, he is my partner, and he is happy to see me every morning," Scholey said of his K-9 pal and partner, Rex, Charlevoix County's police dog.

Rex has been with the department, and with Scholey, since October 2006. He assists in narcotics detection, tracking, article searches, suspect apprehension and handler protection. Scholey said Rex has been a huge help to the department, and assists other law enforcement agencies in the area whenever he is needed.

The furry 'fuzz' also creates an opportunity for officers like Scholey to get out in the community on a friendly level. Since Rex's arrival on the force, he and Scholey have spent time visiting area classrooms to allow elementary students to get a look at Rex and see the good of law enforcement first hand.

"They get to see the dog, see that he is a friendly dog, and it is a chance for the kids to have contact with law enforcement," Scholey said.

Scholey and Rex visited Eric Lundtergen's third grade classroom at Charlevoix Elementary School March 7. Scholey said the students "loved it." Scholey noted Rex is "very versatile."

"He went on a drug raid the night before, and he can turn around and be a cupcake with the kids," he said.

Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, March 10 meeting

Item: Graduation Requirements and Honors Recognition Policy Revision

In brief: A resolution to amend graduation requirements per state standards and revise the honors program policies.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Community Reformed Church Auditorium Use Request

In brief: A resolution to allow the church to use the Charlevoix Public Schools auditorium for its Easter church service.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Eighth-grade to Washington

In brief: Resolution to allow the eighth-grade class to take their annual trip to Washington D.C. this spring

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Girls' tennis proposal

In brief: A resolution to allow the girls' varsity tennis club to become an official Lake Michigan Conference sanctioned team. This sport will be funded by the team for three years when it may ask Charlevoix Schools to fund it

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Superintendent's evaluation and contract renewal

In brief: A resolution to approve superintendent Chet Janik's contract, extend it for an extra year (through 2011) and approve his work performance evaluation (see related story). NOTE: Janik's salary has not yet been approved pending budget discussions

Board action: Approved, 5-1 with board member Bo Boss as the lone nay vote. He explained his vote was due to the contract having been written before he joined the board and he felt it irresponsible to support something of which he knew nothing. Though in later correspondence to the Charlevoix Courier, Boss stated he supports Janik 100 percent and is glad he is the superintendent.

Item: Administrative/non-bargaining contract renewal

In brief: A resolution to approve the contracts for all non-bargaining and administrative officials including the school district's principals, business manager and head of personnel

Board action: Approved, 5-1 with Boss as the lone nay vote. Boss cited a similar reason for voting against this resolution as well.

Item: Maintenance Facility Bid Process Authorization

In brief: A resolution to allow Chet Janik to give the architect on the new bus garage facility the OK to finish plans and to put the job out for bids.

Board action: Approved, unanimously 6-0

Agenda items not requiring board action

The board accepted a letter of retirement from Kris Schaperkotter a high school English teacher who served Charlevoix Public Schools since 1992.

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MARCH 19
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate Al Gooch's 10 years of leadership as director of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool

MARCH 20
OUILTERS GROUP

Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors at 10 a.m. at your library for this work session. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

MARCH 20
GUITAR HERO

Middle school students are invited to enjoy Guitar Hero on the big screen. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

MARCH 24

BOOK TALKERS: FEAST OF LOVE

Join this lively book discussion on the Feast of Love, by Michigan author, Charles Baxter, at 6 p.m. This acclaimed novel, set in Ann Arbor, is a collection of vigoettes that explore the subtle movements of love between ordinary people. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clioton St.

MARCH 22
MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Join Audrey from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in this fun session and help build confidence, self-esteem and social skills for your infant or toddler.

Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

MARCH 29
GENEOLOGY WORKSHOP

Presented by the Job Winslow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Traverse Area District Library The workshop is open to anyone interested in working on their family tree. There will be chapter genealogists and members to assist those attending on a one-on-one basis. There is no charge and registration is not required. It would be helpful to bring any useful data or documents about your family. For more information call Lin Meeker at 264 8502 or Mary Rose at 936-6337.

APRIL 12

SHOP-A-THON AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISING SHOW

C.A B. National Honor Society students will be running a STORYTIME for kids at least once every hour while the parents shop! Food booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. run by Concord students with a variety of foods offered throughout the day. Proceeds go to the Yearbook, Music department, Dance aod other student groups! If you are a consultaot, craftsman or artist interested in participating call: (231) 536-0889. We're also welcoming any donations for our silent auction.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS: NEWCOMERS WELCOMEI

French Conversation Circle: Tuesdays at noon

Writer's Group: Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Story time: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m

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BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at)547-4062.

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WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

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The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of comoodities the center cao deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food paotry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

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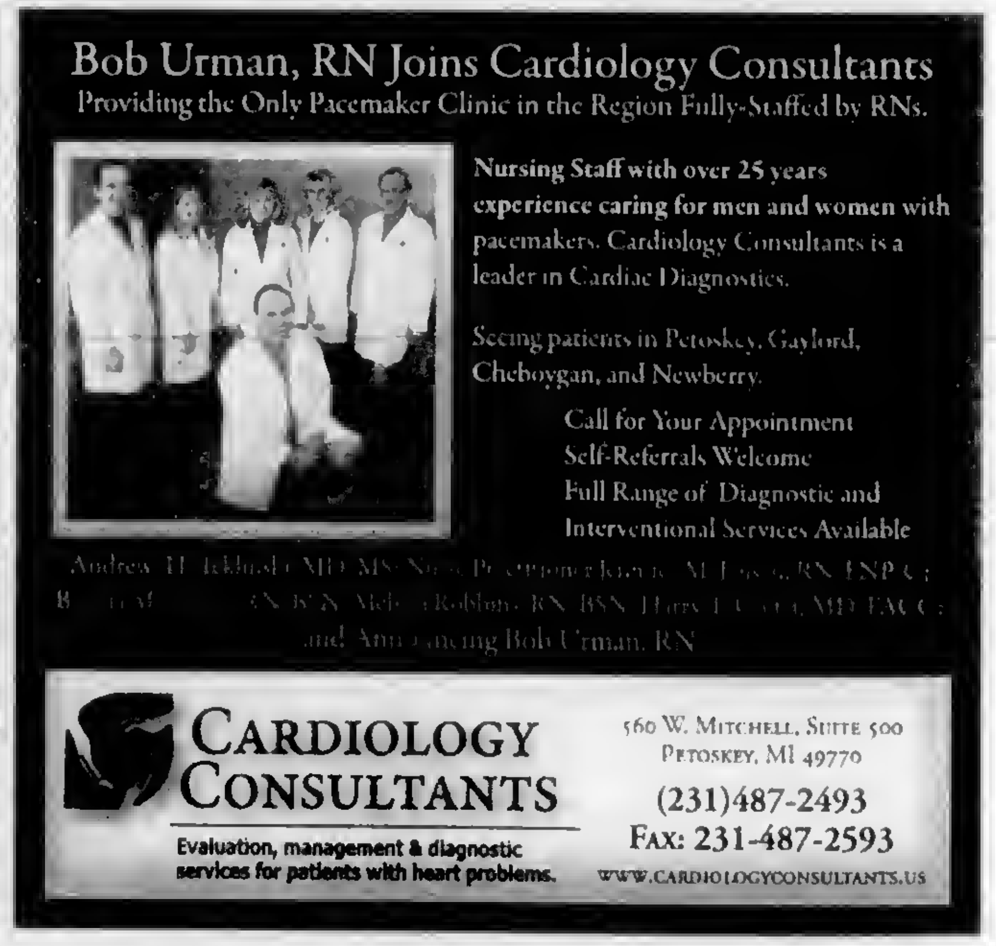
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Island Irish celebration

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Brenna Green was one of many to attempt the challenge of hurling e frozen fish down Main Street during the annual fish toss competition held Saturday, March 15. The avent was part of the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Team members (back to front) James Cook, Bill Gordon, Jeremy McBain and Sena Vetting compete in the cart race/obstacle course game. The team is attempting to walk together on four-man wooden skis.

(Left) Competitor Chuck Pop chucks a frozen fish down Main Street during the fish toss competition on Beaver Island.

(Right) Island King contestant Beth McCafferty struts her stuff during the annual King and Ouean pageant during Beever Island's St. Patrick's Day celebration March 15. McCefferty dressed in St. Paty's Day spirit and read e traditional Irish limerick.

Easter Egg hunt in Charlevoix

The 17th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 2 p.m. in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane restaurant will host the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children may have a free photo taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera, and then the whole faoily can stay for a special lunch. Call 547-4311 for reservations.

Following the luncheon and photographs, the Easter bunny will hop down to Bridge Park, located above the Beaver Island Boat Company, for the Easter Egg Hunt compliments of Northwestern Bank. The egg hunt begins at 2 p.m. sharp, so be sure to have the kids there and ready to go. Don't forget to bring a basket to hold your child's share of the 6,000 prize filled eggs.

New this year is the addition of Charlevoix's Eggstravaganza! The Easter Bunny has dropped special eggs at all the Charlevoix participating businesses with special savings on purchases. Visit one of the participating businesses listed below and prior to completing your purchase, pick out an egg for additional savings. Participating businesses are: Consign Design, Elements, Ga Ga for Kids, Pine River Books, Revolution Bike, Shop of the Gulls, Clothing Company, Charlevoix Harbor Wear, and Central Drugs.

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Dogs in park? Still in question

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> No decision made at public hearing. A vote is expected at April 7 city council meeting
> Where: City Hall at 7 p.m., public input welcome

While Charlevoix City Council members agree a new ordinance is necessary to define the new boundaries of what will be East Park, they have not yet decided what the language will say about dogs in the park.

The issue of prohibiting dogs in the park became a heated discussion months ago, with council deciding no dogs would be allowed within the old borders of East Park. Mayor Norman Carlson noted the completion of East Park's renovation will create a new southern boundary, so legally the ordinance language must be changed to reflect the new boundary. It seemed, then, he and others agreed, it would be a good time to reconsider the dog issue. At a public hearing held last week, opinions on both sides were heard.

"Taxpayers have spent their money on this park, and kids are as important as dogs. They should be able to go down there and roll around without worrying about E. Coli," council member Gabe Campbell said.

Citizen Gaye Amick countered by noting dog owners cleanup after their pets — they are required by law on all pub-

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School hopes to 'knock out' knock out game

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix Middle School students got a lesson in overcoming peer pressure and making smart decisions when school officials reacted to an incident involving a group of students making poor decisions.

Keith Haske, CMS principal, said a series of assemblies were held Friday, March 14, to discuss with students an incident that occurred the day before involving students playing a "game" during school hours. Commonly called the "knock out game" or "pass out game," it involves intentional hyperventilating and passing out for a kind of high. Haske said a number of students were

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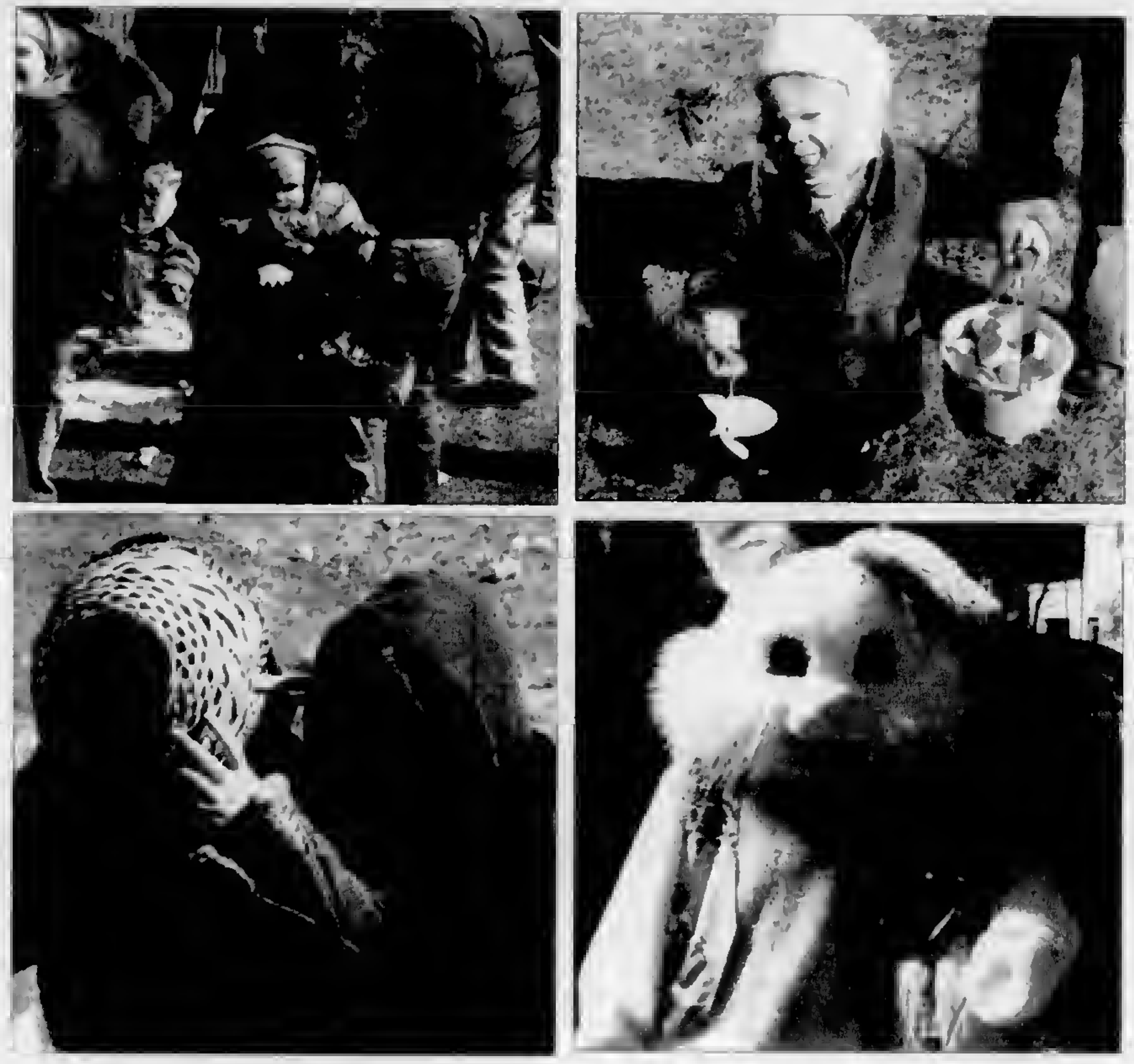

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Easter Eggstravaganza

(Top left) Faith Wynkoop helps 18-month-old daughter Harmony Veenstra navigate the craziness which ensued during the 17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce last weekend. Dozens of children of all ages made the mad dash to fill their Easter Baskets in Bridge Park on Saturday, March 22. (Top right) Jasmine Brooks of Charlevoix shows off the basket she filled with colored eggs during the Eggstravaganza. The 2-year-old braved cold temparatures and numerous competitors unscathed. (Bottom left) Four-year-old sisters Andrianna (left) and Ondreya can barely contain their excitement in the minutes leading up to the hunt. (Bottom right) Julia Doskoch, 9, of Charlavoix poses with the Easter Bunny in downtown Charlevoix.

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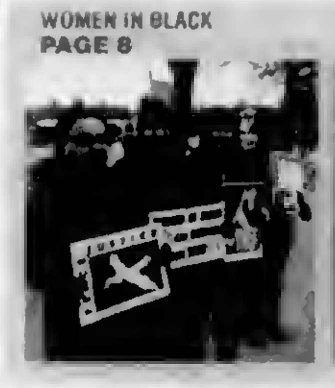

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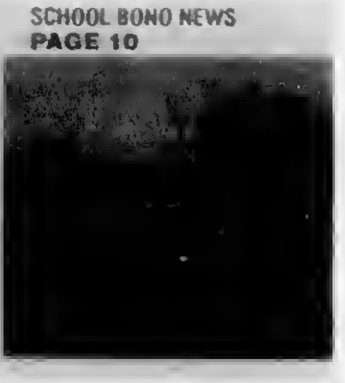

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Theodore Earl Kehrer, 50, Charlevoix. Embezzlement. Credit for six days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend economics class within 90 days; $550 in fines and costs.

Theodore Louis Degenhardt, 22, Troy. No operator license on person. Totaling $300 in fines and costs.

Rosemary Sue Egan, 18, East Jordan. Retail fraud: Third degree. 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve three months on probation; not to enter Family Dollar; to write a letter of apology; $350 in fines and costs.

Micha Leigh Castaneda, 23, Charlevoix. Aggravated assault. Credit for seven days in jail; to serve 60 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs

Gregg John Dixon, 44, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Jacob John Maltby, 25, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Paul LeRoy Fredenburg, 27, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Credit for 45 days in jail; 48 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend men's group; no contact with the victim; $796.80 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Alway's Green, 01395 Zink Road, Boyne City, by Shawn A. MacNaughton

Aspen Grove X-C Center, 5745 North M66, East Jordan, by Louis Awodey

Leisure Property Management, 03009 Leisure Lane, Boyne City, by Gerard Hofhauer

Maverick Painting & Misc, 67 Park Drive, East Jordan, by Misty M. Pauley

Black Beaver Woodworks, 1220 Marion Center Road, by James Tank president Kitchens North Inc.

Bay Villa Rentals, 12369 Waller Road, Charlevoix, by Carrie L. Titus

Webster Express, 4572 Loeb Road, Charlevoix, by Tim and Keith Webster

Timothy Schroeder Builder, 01103 Sunset St., East Jordan, by Timothy Schroeder

Breakers Limited Partnership REG Rentals, 203 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Richard E. Georgi

BIRTHS

Braiden Scott Thompson, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces was born at the Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Nate and Lisa (Boss) Thompson of Grand Rapids on Monday, March 10 at 9:25 p.m. His grandparents are Wayne and Sandy Boss of Charlevoix and Roger and Anne Thompson of Mishawaka, Indiana. Great grandparents are Dawson and Joann Way of Charlevoix.

Merissa Elelynn Ramsey weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces was born March 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Bethenie Hall and Bradley Ramsey of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Dave and Edie Bierschbach of Gaylord, Gary and Marge Ramsey of Charlevoix and Mike and Jeanne Hall of Elmira. Her great grandparents are Great grandma Williams of Shelby Township and Great great Grandma D'Handt of Mt. Clemens.

Damon Lomar Green weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces was born March 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Shecolby Green of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Tracey Green and Marcellas Green both of Charlevoix.

Elijah Joseph Hissong weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces was born March 12 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Jodee Hissong of Boyne City. His sibling is Calvin Gillespie IV. His grandparents are Lyle Hissong of Oscoda, Robin and Jim Berry of Boyne City and Sandra Cam of East Jordan. His great grandparents are Rob and Ruth Nichols of Boyne City and Stan and Sally Hissong of Flint.

Travis James (T.J.) Harmon weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces was born March 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Reva Scott and Robert Harmon of Charlevoix. His siblings are Meghan, Troy and Christopher. His grandparents are Cindy and Pat LaChappelle of St. Ignace, Orval and Barb Harmon of Sheperd, and David Fitzpatrick of Ellsworth. His Great grandparents are Eunice Schafer of South Carolina, Mary Fitzpatrick of Monroe and Great great Grandmother Jessie Sparks of Monroe.

Ayden Ambrose Maltby weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces was born March 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sarah Groh and Jacob Maltby of Boyne City. His siblings are Alyssa and Lexy Petrico.

Two drug busts lead to arrests in county

A Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office deputy sheriff, while working weighmaster duties for Charlevoix County Road Commission, observed a suspicious vehicle on Ranney Road, which was stopped with four young citizens. Upon investigation of the vehicle after the deputy noticed a strong odor of marijuana, a quarter pound of marijuana was located. The deputy sheriff contacted Charlevoix Police Department where a search warrant was authorized for the residence, which was within a school zone. Charlevoix Police Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office officers conducted a search of the residence where controlled substances were located.

The young adults ranging in age from 16 to 23 have been charged and possibly future charges will follow. The Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema's office authorized the warrants.

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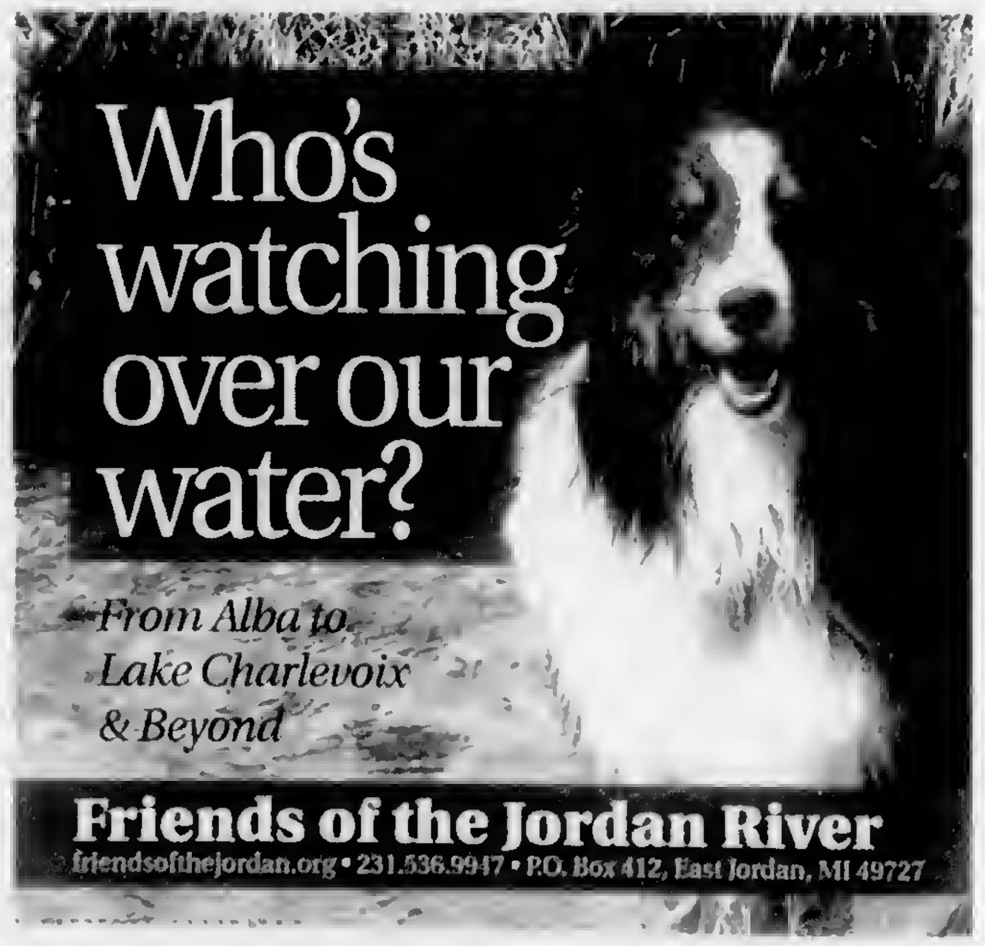

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Council may revisit dog ordinance next season

DOGS

Continued from page 1

lic property— and there are other animal feces such as ducks at the park already. She also noted it is important to consider the number of service dogs (i.e. seeing eye dogs) that would be denied park access, and that "it is important for people to socialize with dogs."

Citizen Marell Staffel also voiced support for allowing dogs in the park, highlighting the negative message that is sent by the signs with a slash through a picture of a dog.

"We want people to have a good first impression. As a community we need to make pet owners feel welcome," she said. "Banning dogs from the park because of a few irresponsible people contradicts the welcoming attitude we need to have as a resort town."

Attorneys drafted an ordinance based on discussion at an earlier meeting that suggested dogs could be allowed in the park except during city events such as Venetian Festival or other city-approved events. Discussion suggested, however, that may not be what everyone wants.

"We have an ordinance now and it works. I think we've changed enough for now and we should wait and see how this first season goes before we decide whether to have dogs down there or not," council member Dennis Kusina said.

Lyle Gennett agreed, suggesting council accept an ordinance that changes only the boundaries of the park but maintains same ruling on dogs for this year, then revisit the issue after one season in the new park. Jill Picha agreed, adding she would like to "get an idea where we're at in one year; I think it will be worth visiting again."

Sherin Chamberlain suggested a "compromise" that would allow dogs in the green space in the center of the park, but not near the Harbor Master Building on the north end or the Performance Pavilion on the south end.

Campbell and Carlson said that would just add to difficulties, especially in regard to enforcement of the ordinance.

Carlson said he doesn't see what benefit would come from waiting a year to make a decision.

"We've all seen the plans and the layout, we know what it is going to look like. Also, the taxpayers have paid for this and many taxpayers are pet owners, so I don't see why they can't bring dogs in (not during events)," he said.

Carlson also noted the ordinance presented to council last week was "a give-and-take, win-win situation," that met everyone's concerns. The ordinance stated that dogs on a leash and held in control were allowed in the park, except during a city-approved event. The document also defined the area and perimeter of the park.

"I think we need to be friendly and encouraging to our tourists, and we've done what we can to get them walking and heading downtown, which is our jewel, and now when they get there we're going to tell them they can't take their dog in parts of it," he said.

All council members said they had received a number of comments from citizens about the issue, but only two citizens spoke at the public hearing. The draft ordinance presented last week will be considered again at the next council meeting — 7 p.m. April 7 in City Hall— and can either be accepted as presented, or changed to not allow dogs at all, allow them in limited areas in the park, or whatever council decides. Public input will also be accepted at that meeting. Council members also noted comments pertaining to the signs, suggesting that if dogs are not allowed, different signs should be used.

"I think that if people have an opinion, this will give them a chance to come down here and show their position in numbers, and make their voices heard," council member Greg Stevens said.

U of M to visit NCMC in April

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THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I was reading "The 'Higher Law'" by Edward S. Corwin last week in preparation to expound on the Second Amendment battle raging in Washington, D.C.

Friends and foes of firearm ownership are desperate to learn if the nation's capital will repeal or retain a 1976 law which outlaws handguns.

D.C. remains the murder capital of America, though gun prohibitionists say the murder rate would be higher without the ban.

Corwin quoted ancient Athenian orator Demosthenes, but just as I was about to read it, the wife told me she wanted a traditional Seder dinner on Easter Sunday; Forget we're not Jewish and forget Passover was a month away, I was working here!

Demosthenes said, "Every law is a discovery, a gift of god, — a precept of wise men."

I took issue with his words, not only because of myriad dumb laws, but because god is a giver of free will, not an overzealous baby-sitter.

Then I remembered the 10 laws and wondered if Moses hadn't cooked the whole thing up. I only say that because of the little known 11th Commandment: "Zipporah shall stop reminding me, I mean Moses, that she could have married a wealthy sheep herder instead of waiting by that pit for seven years."

Who am I to argue King James? Besides, the wife was hounding me about ratatouille, unleavened bread, Haroset and lamb chops with mint jelly.

I told her the meal would cost a small fortune and I didn't want to spend all day in the kitchen when I should have been working on this column.

"We don't have to," she said in her ever cheery manner, knowing full well I haven't said "no" to a request, no matter how strange, in 14 years.

I bartered for a few more minutes of research before shopping and reread the article of concern: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

It seemed pretty plain to me that we get the guns, but alas the war of semantics would have to wait until I returned from the grocer.

Home, and with wallet $94 lighter, I Googled a recipe for unleavened bread which doubled as chimney patch: 1. Mix unspecified amounts of flour and water, 2. Roll thin and prick with fork, 3. Bake 'til crisp, 4. Pretend to enjoy, 5. Save broken teeth as Passover souvenirs or use them to make a necklace.

With the Haroset fermenting and the house reeking of eggplant and garlic, I tended to Corwin, who quoted Calvin Coolidge as saying men don't make, but discover laws; So big G wanted us to have guns, but we weren't supposed to be killing one another—I was confused and I wasn't alone.

Apparently, 2,300 years after M-dog descended the mountain with his tablet of "shalt nots," the Chinese invented gunpowder. It took about 15 minutes for some Asiatic McGuyver to fashion the world's first gun out of bamboo and shoot his best friend in the face over a game of mahjong gone bad.

And we've been shooting one another ever since, which is why the Supreme Court may soon decide whether guns are a right of individuals or militias.

No doubt the law will be interpreted as all superfluous edicts are: From the prejudices and experiences of the justices reviewing the case.

Good old-timey common sense dictates that, since murder is already a crime, there's nary a need for extra gun laws, but the courts have not traditionally sided with common sense: What do you expect from someone who wears a robe to work and bangs a hammer whenever he's unhappy?

Criminals will always exist because laws are only good for two things: Keeping honest people honest, and punishing those caught breaking them.

A man willing to take another's life isn't going to let a little thing like a seven-day waiting period stop him.

Speaking of punishment, the Ratatouille tasted as bad as I expect anything with "rat" in the title should taste, though the Haroset and lamb were edible.

Danger will always be a reality, and taking away the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves will not diminish that danger.

By the way, history says Demosthenes used a pen full of poison, not a gun, to kill himself, but he could've just as easily slit his wrists with a Seder biscuit.

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Sleep, sleep, sleep ...we all need our Zzz's

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Sleep is certainly in the news. There have been magazine articles, newspaper stories and most recently a segment on "60 Minutes" about sleep research. Clearly, something that we do for nearly one-third of our lives deserves attention

One of my long-time colleagues at Luther College in Iowa was a sleep researcher who hired students to have their brains wired up while performing various mental and physical tasks after periods of sleep, no sleep, or partial sleep. A college is the perfect place to do such research since most of the students are already doing casual, independent research on how little sleep they need while managing their lives.

As a college student, long ago, I attempted to emulate Thomas Edison who was reported to have no more than four hours of sleep in any one day. My experiment worked well for a week or so, and then I found that I would fall asleep any time I sat down or stopped moving, regardless of circumstances. I not only slept in lectures, laboratories, and the library, I slept in the cafeteria while eating and while waiting in line. I still don't know how Edison managed it.

The urge to sleep can be overwhelming. In 1954 while practicing night landings during Naval training near Pensacola, Florida, I very nearly fell asleep numerous times while flying around alone in the cockpit at 2500 feet waiting for my turn to land. I still have nightmares about it. If the roar of a seven-cylinder radial engine and the fear of immanent death cannot keep a person awake, there are probably few things that can.

We are likely to view getting along on only a few hours sleep as a positive, even admirable trait, but increasing evidence from sleep research suggests it is neither positive nor admirable. There are severe regulations applying to truck drivers and airline pilots about how many hours a week or month they can work. Those rules seem to be related to safety, but we have few rules to limit hours of work without sleep for medical interns or harassed young lawyers attempting to make partner at their firms. We most probably do think of the 80 hour week, whether practiced by a politician or an entrepreneur as noble and worthwhile. No pain, no gain, we say. That thinking would seem to be in error.

What does sleep research tell us about our usual habits? It tells us that many if not most people are sleep deprived to some extent. The time necessary to "knit up the raveled sleeve of care," as Shakespeare wrote, is seven to eight hours of sleep per day. Although naps can help, and there is some capacity to "catch up," after weekly sleep deprivation by sleeping ten or twelve hours on weekend days.

What happens to human functioning if we are seriously sleep deprived? Research suggests that we become increasingly slow and stupid as the deprivation continues. Mental and physical tasks are performed less well and we are likely to become irritable and eat more. Incipient type II diabetes is even noted as one product of sleep deprivation. Total sleep deprivation for long periods can produce severe psychosis, which is why we properly consider such deprivation to be torture

Oversleeping is somewhere between rare and impossible. When we have slept enough we wake up. If we have not slept enough we tend to behave poorly and fall asleep.

I can only wonder what Thomas Edison might have accomplished if he'd had more sleep.

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LETTERS to the editor

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Editor:

Are we all looking at the big environmental picture?

Perhaps our current dilemma about disposal of Bay Harbor's toxic leachate should not be focused entirely on the new DEQ-approved deep well permit in Alba. However, shortsighted this injection well approval may be, it does provide an opportunity for Northern Michigan residents to carefully review a much larger concern. Specifically, we need to correct the planned dispersal of a known environmental toxin to a currently uncontaminated area.

For the same reason our health experts encourage regular hand washing to prevent spreading human disease, we need to critically analyze the rationale for long term transportation of unhealthy materials to a currently healthy site in Alba. The "out of sight; our of mind" mentality of a deep well injection may provide some temporary sense of well being for regulators and local residents. Nevertheless, we must recognize that deep well disposal is not fool-proof and therefore allows huge, unmeasurable risks for contaminating other Northern Michigan natural resource treasures.

With all of the science, technology and engineering expertise available in Michigan, how can we afford to take environmental risks that can directly jeopardize our future prosperity? The Bay Harbor dilemma provides Michigan a benchmark opportunity to thoroughly investigate and completely isolate environmentally unhealthy materials. All Michigan residents deserve better environmental solutions than burying our mistakes in a deep hole out in the back forty.

Ed Strzelinski
Boyne City, MI.

ERAS END ... LEGACIES DON'T

Editor:

Here in my winter state I read of the passing of Bernie Ward and the remembrances came in a rush to my mind. The obituary in the Courier (March 12) contained all the necessary facts and I found myself reading it over several times and I said to myself that more had to be spoken. I thought how much I wished to have been in Charlevoix on the day of the service so that when Reverend Mort turned to those gathered and asked if anyone else wished to be heard and remark of Bernie they could now do so. I would have taken my turn and recalled how almost single-handedly he began an era on the Big Lake on the green and white "My-Fran" - which certainly still catches fish somewhere, as does Bernie himself (or did we call him Junior). This note to the Courier, which I hope you will print will necessarily suffice.

I first met Bernie in the late 60s. I was the most novice of Lake Trout fishermen having come down from the old RR bridge and having bought an old wooden Thompson, which Jim Bellinger painted black for me, and bought a rod and some lead line and ventured out the Pine River. There were as I recall two boats out a lot - My Fran and a very long brown one. The novices of the world needed a teacher and Bernie was always that ... the brown boat captain was not. We talked on CBs then and mostly at the dock in the evening. He was always the teacher... "Well you might use a smaller dodger and go for a downrigger and give up on the fly and try the small blue fire plug but you might have to change the size of the treble hook and the fish seem scattered but a good blow is coming and they will soon gather up." I can hear his voice so clearly. Bernie was teaching.

In 1979 I went away for 25 years or so and then came back with the old Thompson now painted green - not by Jim Bellinger - and Bernie had retired and the legacy was in full force ... Sonny Don and My Fran Two now troll the lake as their father once did and they have learned to teach from him as well. Occasionally Dad would come down to the shop on a busy day to go out for a morning or an evening troll and to offer his sage advice - welcome or not. The legacy continues with the boys and the grandchildren and all is very much like the past ... maybe the Trout are a little smaller and the Salmon a little bigger and we talk on fancier radios and we have all learned a great deal more than we knew when the era began.

Bernie is now gone but the memories of him can never be gone. He will make our life better in the years to come. That is the blessing of memory. One day last summer on a windy day I stopped by the shop and Bernie was in the captain's seat and Sonny was next to him and we talked a little fishing and some lure-speak for a few moments. Sonny suggested that it was still too early to go to the larger size but then the teacher intervened and told us that the fish were soon going deeper where it was darker, etc. etc. The old man from the very beginning of it all was a great teacher. I will miss him ... we all will miss him. But he taught the boys well and they in turn taught the grandchildren well and that is the legacy that continues.

Bernie - catch your next limit.

Stuart Levine
Annandale, New York State

DEFEND DEFENSE

Editor:

In his column, "Keep national defense in American hands," Benjamin Gohs made several interesting points about the U.S. Air Force's decision to award the contract for its new fuel tankers to a mostly-European company, EADS. Boeing, which assumed it had a lock on the contract, is appealing the decision to the GAO. Some have charged that John McCain, through last-minute lobbying, had a hand in pushing the contract toward EADS.

The Air Force says the EADS proposal was superior in almost every way to Boeing's. Boeing claims subsidies received from several European countries give EADS an unfair advantage. Those countries point out that Boeing is also highly-subsidized, through tax breaks (corporate subsidies, American style).

McCain says his "lobbying" was intended to encourage a fair and transparent process, and consistent with his reputation as a corruption-buster. He urged the Air Force to consider the ability of the plane to carry cargo and troops in its evaluation, something that favored the larger Airbus. And he urged deletion of the subsidy impact language.

What if McCain was working to ensure a transparent and fair evaluation process, and the result was that EADS won? Then I guess we'd have to ask ourselves three things. First, should we award the contract to the home-town team anyway, just because it's the hometown team? Second, what the heck is wrong with Boeing? And third, can John McCain really be that naïve?

Raechel Wright
Charlevoix

APOLOGY

Editor

This letter is to apologize to Mr. Dirk Cox, plant manager for St Mary's Cement, for a letter written by me to the Charlevoix Courier dated March 11 2008 addressing what I believed to be involvement by Mr. Cox. I was incorrect, so I do apologize to Mr. Cox and all of St Mary's Staff.

Sincerely,
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Women's Resource Center gives helping hand to many

**BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR**

A single mom struggles to afford food and clothing for her children, and has little money left for day care, and finds it nearly impossible to make ends meet with minimum wage income.

A woman stuck in an abusive relationship, lacking in courage, self-esteem and options, fears getting out because she has no income and no where to go.

A troubled teen needs someone to talk to about life, concerns, fears and anxieties.

Each of these people, and many others, can find the help they need, whether it is counseling, a safe house, affordable day care or a number of other services, at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Serving a five-county area — Antrim, Emmet, Otsego, Cheboygan and Charlevoix— the agency is the answer many northern Michigan residents are looking for.

"We serve more than 5,000 people every year, and our numbers keep going up," Executive Director Jan Mancinelli said.

The need for services in every county has gone up in conjunction with the increase in economic struggles in Michigan, Mancinelli noted. The problems often become two-fold, she explained, because not only are families struggling to make ends meet and perhaps needing help with day care costs and other expenses, but also facing increased stress levels that can lead other problems.

"When people are struggling with money, it causes other stresses in the family, and that just leads to more struggles. We definitely see there is more need for services as the economy gets worse," Mancinelli said.

But the agency, which receives about 50 percent of its revenue from state and federal sources, is also feeling the economic impact. State budgets have been cut, grants have remained stagnant for close to ten years, and costs have skyrocketed. It is not a recipe for financial success.

"As these costs have gone up, we've attempted to keep pace with meeting that need, but it is difficult," she said.

Mancinelli noted, however, not all is bleak. Community support, which, in a variety of ways, contributes the other half of the agency's revenue, has remained strong.

"When you have local support (like we do) you have community buy-in to what you are doing," Mancinelli said, noting the donations, fundraising efforts and volunteer time community members offer in support of the Center.

"Because we are now in this economic downturn, we've seen such a reduction in funding, and the community support

See WRC, pege 7

Photo by Erica Goff

Pictured are designers for the second ennuel Women Can- Women Do luncheon, to be held June 18, that will benefit the Women's Resource Center. The designers will elaborete decorate tables and sell seets for the luncheon fundraiser.

Women can help WRC with 'Can Do' luncheon

The Women's Resource Center's Charlevoix County Women Can-Women Do committee is planning its second awareness and fundraising event in Charlevoix County. The luncheon, to be held at Castle Farms, Charlevoix on Wednesday, June 18, will be catered by Grey Gables and will feature tables individually decorated by local designers, service groups, artists, retailers, and health and beauty professionals.

Joyce Herbert and Gretchen Tambellini, Charlevoix County co-chairs, expect the number of women attending this year's affair to exceed the 120 who enjoyed the 2007 luncheon.

"Last year's luncheon at the Charlevoix Country Club was a highly successful fundraiser. Based on the enthusiasm we've received from people who are serving as table captains and table designers, the committee is looking forward to a second opportunity to raise funds for the Women's Resource Center's most important work," Herbert said.

Table captains will invite seven guests to enjoy lunch and an inspirational Women's Resource Center presentation for $150.

Seating is limited and reserved well in advance of the event. For more information about Women Can-Women Do Charlevoix County, contact Deb Smith at 347-0067.

Women Can-Women Do Charlevoix County committee: Joyce Herbert, Gretchen Tambellini, Jean VanDam, Carole Vial, Kathy Lame, Nancy Porter and Trish Wright.

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becomes ever more important," she said.

Mancinelli, along with a group of committed women in Charlevoix County, is preparing for one such support effort, the Women Can- Women Do luncheon, to be held June 18 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The event invites committee members to be table designers who become responsible for decorating a designated table for the event. Table captains then are responsible to bring seven guests to that table, at a cost of $150 each, to have lunch and offer that support to the Women's Resource Center. There are no limits on creativity in the decorating— last year one table, decorated in an outdoor picnic theme, even featured a real apple tree as a center piece— and, Mancinelli said, there is no limit on the value of the event.

"This is something we've had a lot of success with in Emmet County, and now we want to expand it into the other counties as well," she said. " Every county we serve is a significant piece of our services, and because of that we have to look at the people in those counties for support."

Emmet County has held its own luncheon for seven years, and last year was Charlevoix's first. It brought in $25,000 for Charlevoix County programs and services, with even higher hopes this year. Mancinelli said goals are to increase the Center's donor base and to raise the level of giving for those already supporting efforts.

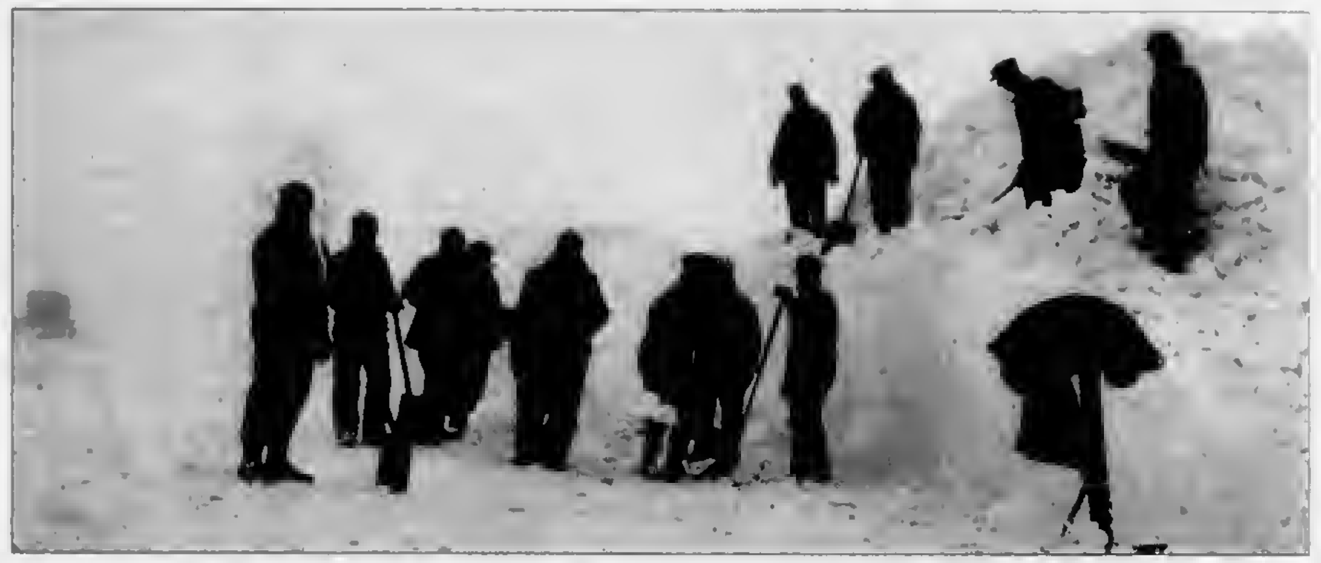
"This is such a great event. The energy that comes out of this kind of event is always very positive," she said. "To be a part of this with other women and to be a part of something that benefits the community is so rewarding."

It also helps keep services in action. Programs offered by the Women's Resource Center include: Rape and sexual assault services; Domestic abuse services; Transitional supportive housing; Children's learning center; Playgroups; and more.

The list goes on— Just the Facts, Merit and other youth education programs, counseling services, teen parenting services, community outreach and more. Mancinelli said the benefit to the community is vast, and she is glad the community continues to support it.

WRC also gets revenue from the Gold Mine, a resale store operated to raise funds. There are also a number of donations, foundation grants, endowment income and fundraising that help keep it all going.

For more information about programs and services available, contact the WRC at (231) 347-0067.



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Snow, from Charlevoix's past

Bob Miles, Charlevoix photographer from 1930 to 1972, supplied the story that accompanies this picture:

Fred Cartier, who owned a tailoring and men's clothing business on Bridge Street, was the local correspondent for the Grand Rapids Press for many years, and I often supplied him with pictures for his stories. One day Fred called and asked if I had any pictures of snow activity. It was the dead of winter and since there were no winter sports as we known them today, almost anything concerning winter would do. I said I would see what I could find, and dug up a shot of a group of men shoveling snow on a hill on U. S. 31 south of town. Fred sent it with a story, and it was duly printed. A few days later the telephone lines from Lansing and Grand Rapids became extremely busy, and, it might be said, a little over-heated. The Highway Department wanted to know where in hell in the state of Michigan men were shoveling snow on the highways. That had been discontinued several years ago, and the Highway Department was damned if it was going to pay out good money to hire men to shovel snow when they now had the best equipment to do the job.

"Naturally Fred was on the receiving end of all this, and when he could catch his breath he called me and asked how long ago that damned picture was taken. Well, I told him as near as I could figure out it was about ten years ago. There was a long silence, and then Fred said, "Holy Toledo! No wonder!" and then he started to laugh. Of course I didn't know what was funny until Fred explained things. The incident became one of Fred's favorite stories, and for years after, whenever we would happen to meet, Fred would have to chuckle and remark about the time we played such havoc with the State Highway Department."

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OBITUARIES

JAMES ALBERT PORTER

James Albert Porter passed away March 15, 2008 at the age of 96 in Charlevoix at Sunnybrook. Born October 26, 1911, on the family farm near Williamston, Michigan, Jim was a life-long resident of the Lansing area. Jim graduated from Michigan State College in 1933 where he was a member of the Hesperian Society (now Psi Epsilon Fraternity). He served in the military during World War II with the 182nd Field Artillery, and was in combat throughout the European Theatre. In 1945 he was honorably discharged with the rank of Major, having been awarded the Bronze Star.

Jim was a well-known Lansing businessman, operating the Porter Garage for many years, which had been the family business since 1888 and is now the site of Cooley Law School. Throughout his business career he was an active member of the Lansing Lions Club.

In the mid-1960's Jim became a real estate agent specializing in agricultural property, having never lost his interest in farming. For over twenty years, as owner of Weathervane Farms at Williamston, he was a breeder of Hackney ponies, raising numerous champions. He showed horses throughout the Midwest as well as nationally and in 1998 was inducted into the Michigan Hackney Association Hall of Fame.

Jim was an avid hunter, fisherman and wood carver. Mr. Porter was preceded in death by Dorothea Clabuesch Porter, his wife of 51 years, Helen Hayford Porter, his wife of 10 years, and his sister, Eileen Porter Mifflin. He is survived by his brother, Morris Porter of Indian River, Michigan; his daughter, Mary Ellen Nikkola and her husband, Robert, of Menlo Park, California; his sons, Dr. Jeffrey Porter and his wife, Nancy, of Charlevoix, Michigan and Edward Porter and his wife, Gay, of Dallas, Texas; his stepdaughter, Judy Selig and her husband, Larry of Grand Rapids; his stepson, James Hayford and his wife, Cindy, of Tampa, Florida; as well as eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; all of whom will miss him.

Services were held at the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes in East Lansing at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2008. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI.

LUCILLE D. STEBE

Lucille D. Stebe, 94, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born December 23, 1913, in Grand Rapids, to George W. and Cleo T. (Clark) Cook, and moved to Charlevoix at five months of age. She attended the Northside (Charlevoix) K-5 Washington School, and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1932. On June 9, 1934, Lucille married John M. Stebe in Petoskey. They made their home there before returning to Charlevoix in 1941. John preceded her in death on March 25, 1992.

Lucille attended the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, was a member and treasurer of the Pythian Sisters, and had served as president of the Charlevoix High School Band Parents Association. She is survived by her sons, John M. "Jack" (Catie) Stebe of Charlevoix, and Gerald W. (Lorraine) Stebe of Wyoming; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. Her sister, Mary Williamson, and brother, Ira Cook preceded her in death.

Visitation began at noon on Wednesday, March 26, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., with the Reverend Neil Wilson of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or to Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

DEATH NOTICE

Michael Schuster, 50, of Boynton Beach, died in a motorcycle crash Sunday, March 23.

Schuster, who lived near Boynton Beach, was driving his motorcycle in that area when a car pulled in front of him, causing him to collide with the vehicle. He is survived by his father, Richard Schuster, who can be reached at (231) 331-6232.

Standing united for peace

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Speaking out for peace is something that is very near and dear to Joanne Beemon's heart. She and other committed Charlevoix women have spent one hour a week for the last six years doing just that.

Beemon is a participant in the international Women In Black movement, which encourages women from all over the world, from all different backgrounds and religions, to stand united for one hour each week in support of peace.

"Jesus talked about peace, and preached peace, and this is especially meaningful for me on Good Friday," Beemon said while preparing for her weekly jaunt to the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets last Friday at noon, where she stood with her her niece, Josie Bradley, and two other women, Chelsea Marsh and Meg McClorey.

"We're standing in solidarity," Beemon said.

While she herself is Christian, and the correlation with Good Friday was special for her, the movement invites "Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Catholics and anyone else" to participate.

While the Women in Black movement has been in existence for nearly 20 years, it first appeared in Charlevoix in 2002, shortly after area "peace warrior" Ellen Addington returned from a visit to Beijing, China.

"She stood there as they opened up China, stood with women there in the name of peace, and it moved her so much she brought the idea back to us here," Beemon explained.

The group stands on the corner at noon every Friday, with signs stating things like "For Justice, Against War." The movement has a strong presence in places like Jerusalem, where the women are taking a much greater risk to make their statements.

"I am so proud to stand with them for this cause, because they are so brave, they are risking death," Beemon said.

The benefit of technology allows her to communicate with her fellow crusaders via the Internet, and Beemon said she often returns home after her hour of activism and converses with a woman in Israel.

"She told me the struggle there is, what avenue will we take, an avenue of war or one of peace and justice? That is where the struggle is," Beemon said.

Locally there are five regulars involved, and as many as seven in the summer months. The effort "gives me courage," Beemon said, and is becoming increasingly important.

"It is important that we continue to do this in the face of overwhelming violence in the world. We are standing together in defiance," she said.

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Photo by Erica Goff

Local advocates (from left) Joanne Beemon, Josie Bradley, Chelsea Marsh and Meg McClorey, stand in the name of peace on Good Friday as part of the Women In Black peace movement.

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Pastor: Kyp Hankins 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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The Courier welcomes submissions for the Community Calendar for non-profit groups or events. Items are run at no charge on a space-available basis. Deadline is noon Friday for the following Wednesday's paper.

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Janik discusses what will be funded by millage

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With state and local economies enduring tough financial times, some may wonder why a school district would ask for a millage

But, according to Charlevoix Public Schools officials, that economic challenge is exactly why they are asking for it.

"I want to stress that this is the only legal option available for us to address our needs," said Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Chet Janik. "And, this will not be an increase ... it would be a decrease with a continuation."

The $5.9 million bond request for busing and technology improvements of which Janik spoke will be on the May 6 ballot.

Janik said he cannot stress enough that this .55 mil bond proposal will be a decrease from the current .86 sinking fund and that converting the sinking fund to a bond and eliminating the sinking fund is the only way to pay for the improvements and equipment so desperately needed by Charlevoix Schools.

"We could pass a 20-year sinking fund right now and (we) would never be able to use it for bussing or technology," he said. "The other key point is that dollars from the bond fund cannot be used for personnel costs, employee benefits or supplies like textbooks."

Janik added, "We're trying to be proactive instead of reactive and every year we wait the buses are getting older and our computers are getting older."

The estimated $5,973,450 will be apportioned thusly:

- Building additions: High school, $80,000; Elementary school, $30,000
- Building renovations: High school, $40,000; Middle school, $940,000; Elementary school, $727,000
- Site upgrades: High school, $61,500; Middle school, $92,000; Elementary school, $134,000; District, $720,000
- Furniture and Equipment: High school, $26,600; Middle school, $205,500; Elementary school, $140,500; District, $40,000
- Technology: High school, $651,850; Middle school, $536,200; Elementary, $582,800; District, $495,500
- Vehicle and Equipment: $70,000
- Five buses: $400,000

The building additions will include a 400 square-foot addition for the pottery/sculpture class; renovations will include additional drinking fountains in the gymnasium, ceiling fans in the great hall, new light fixtures in the media center, motion sensors and a gym scorer's table.

Site upgrades will include driveway and parking lot signage, improved traffic flow and refurbish and stripe asphalt surfaces.

Furniture and equipment will include the replacement of 22 drafting tables, extra band instrument lockers, a vacuum pump for chemistry; 24 student chairs and desks; digital microscopes, bookcases, floor mats and a commercial can opener for the kitchen.

Technology purchases include mobile laptop carts, printers, and peripherals.

Building renovations will include the replacement of windows, toilet fixtures, floor drains, fans, signage, doors, ceiling tiles, air conditioners and carpeting among others.

"We'll be sending a brochure in April to every home in the district with all of the information and a complete list of projects," Janik said.

Janik is available to present his district's proposal to interested groups by calling 547-3200.

A public hearing on the matter is yet to be scheduled for sometime in April.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Bus purchases and maintenance are among the items that would be covered by the millage bond that Charlevoix Schools will request in May.

Fountain fund goal exceeded

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> Fountain of Youth Committee reached $100,000 mark, ready to raise more before closing campaign in coming weeks

The community has spoken: The Interactive Water Fountain is coming to Charlevoix.

Following a campaign that stirred conversation, both in opposition to and support of its efforts, yet managed to evoke a major philanthropic outpouring from the community, the Charlevoix Fountain of Youth Committee announced it has surpassed its fundraising $100,000 goal to bring the fountain to the new East Park.

"What we're most proud of now is that we didn't get a small amount of large donations but rather a large amount of smaller donations, support from a large number of people," Committee chair John Winn said of the fundraising campaign. "We've had across the board support in the community."

Winn joined other community members in the effort last fall, hoping to bring what he called a "fun-for-all-ages water attraction" to the city's new park, set to open this summer. A community-wide mailing explaining the fountain and the campaign dispersed information in late November, and, just a little over three months later, the $100,000 in private donations has been raised. Winn said the group is not yet done, however.

"We said from the beginning that if we could, we would try to raise a bit extra to do some extra things with the project," he said, adding the committee is still receiving calls and contributions.

"We're doing well. I've had plenty of calls from people, especially summer residents, from Chicago to St. Louis to Detroit. They've just heard about it, here three months later, and are hoping it is not too late to contribute," he said.

The initial pledge made by the committee was to raise $100,000 in private donations, while the Downtown Development Authority would contribute $200,000 and the remaining $80,000 of the estimated cost would come from the city's Marina Fund. The excess private donations will come in handy, Winn said, because the cost has turned out to be more than the anticipated $380,000, and the committee wants to add a few items, including heated water, in-ground lighting, better quality water heads, a back-up water pump, and some seating on top of the Harbor Master Building that would overlook the fountain. Winn said the committee, along with engineers working on the project, will "see how much we have" at the end of the campaign efforts and prioritize those items to see what will be done and what won't.

Fundraising efforts are expected to officially come to a close within the next two weeks, Winn said, to allow time to complete the plaques, which will bear the names of donors who contributed $250 or more. Anyone still interested in contributing can call Winn at (231)920-1351.

Everything is on schedule for the fountain to be complete when the park opens, which, Street Department Superintendent Pat Elliott said is slated for June 20. While the weather has not been cooperating as well as some had hoped — "It would be nice if this weather would break for us," he said— Elliott noted he is confident the park will be done on schedule.

"We're still looking at the end of June, around June 20. We had a construction meeting (last week) and we know there has to be coordination and cooperation with all of the trades down there, but we're all up for the challenge," he said. "We're plugging away."

Elliott said he realizes from a distance, it still looks fairly rough on the site, but inside the buildings a vast amount of progress has been made. The interior of the Harbor Master Building is nearing completion, and work is moving along on the stone masonry outside. The weather will have to cooperate for more work outside to see such progress.

"Until we get some decent weather and the ground thaws, there really isn't much we can do in regard to the main part of the site work," he said, adding he remains "optimistic we can meet that deadline."

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, March 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Held a public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposal to amend the ordinance regarding dogs in East Park
- Motion passed to approve the Supernaw Development Plan – Case #08-03DP subject to conditions.
- Motion passed to approve the 2nd Amendment to the Beaver Island Boat Company Agreement
- Resolution adopted to support the Charlevoix Historical Society's grant for Light Station Repair from Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries
- Resolution adopted to allow free launch for participants during the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) Michigan Chapter Tournaments

Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Stupak seeks ninth term as Michigan congressman

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
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> **Bart Stupak**
> U.S. CONGRESSMAN

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) will seek a ninth term.

During a March 18 teleconference Stupak told various media outlets he is excited to seek another term and hopes to continue working on serious issues including the health of the Great Lakes and putting an end to the war in Iraq.

"I think right now the economy has overshadowed the war as the number one issue," he said.

Stupak said, as U.S. casualties approach 4,000 in number, the war must remain at the forefront of issues and, "Unfortunately Sen. McCain sees this as a 100-year war."

The congressman also has concerns that the U.S. is spending American dollars to build military bases in Iraq which are apparently intended for use by the Iraqi military.

"I don't know why we're building bases in their country, that should be decisions for their people," he said. "I'm afraid, since we went into Iraq, that hatred for the United States is so great that it will continue for years and years and years after we get out of Iraq. We will be bogged down in Iraq for a long, long time, even after we pull troops out there will be military excursions because of our ill-conceived, ill-defined decision to go in."

Other issues Stupak said he will work to resolve include the vague and seemingly open-ended commitment by the United States Coast Guard to replace the decommissioned cutter Acacia with an asset.

"We are looking for a new asset," he said.

An order for 180 ships, 90 of which to be built in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, will be used for search and rescue, some of which on the Great Lakes.

"That may be another possible asset. I'm looking at hearing from the new cutter Mackinaw on how they did with heavier ice as opposed to previous years," Stupak said. "I'd like to increase our presence, especially in Charlevoix with such a high boating and recreation area."

In a statement released the day of the teleconference, Stupak stated that he is committed to "standing up for northern Michigan."

"I will continue to listen to the concerns of residents of the First District and serve them in a spirit of cooperation and bi-partisanship. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, I am providing leadership for a change in Washington and corporate America. I am fighting to protect Americans from contaminated food and unsafe drugs, investigating gas price gouging by Big Oil, and continuing my career-long fight to protect our Great Lakes," he stated. "Whether it is assisting with your Social Security or veterans claims, helping you obtain a passport or ordering a flag flown over the Capitol, I stand ready to assist you each and every day. Making sure the federal government is working for you, the people of northern Michigan, is the most important part of my job. You are always first and foremost on my mind and, with your support, I will be honored to continue providing leadership you can trust for Michigan's First Congressional District."

Stupak ended the teleconference by saying how excited he is about his job and how hopeful he is that there will be real change in Washington, D.C. with the upcoming presidential elections

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This month the Charlevoix Courier sat down with father of two, husband of 20 years and owner of three golden retrievers, Vince Currier, owner/operator of Currier Lawn Maintenance. Currier, whose biggest influence and support system is his immediate family, said he could not imagine living anywhere else on the world. Currier is state-certified in turf and ornamentals and is currently attending a Michigan State University program in turf

Q 1. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

A: I have several favorites. I make an outstanding pork chop, I enjoy Dutch oven cooking with chicken, I enjoy making prime rib

Q 2. What are your hobbies?

A. I guess I have different things for each season. In the summer months it's jet-skiing and boating; in fall it's camping and hanging out with the Boy Scouts, winter time it's snowmobiling and snowshoeing, coin collecting, photography and cooking

Q 3. What's the best part of your line of work?

A. Actually going out and doing the work, getting dirty and at the end of the day say that's awesome taking pride in what I do

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A. Change people from being so negative to being positive and live under the same ethics that I live by: Integrity, clean(liness), brav(ery), reveran(ce), courtesy, polite(ness).

Q 5. If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A: I enjoy R&B and jazz music, James Taylor, Elton John, Michael Bolton and Luther Vandross. I would love to have lunch and be able to sit and talk with Luther Vandross

Q 6. What is something nobody knows about you?

A. Things I do for others, volunteer work. People don't realize what I go out and do with no notice, no compensation and help little old ladies that can't afford to do their driveway or mow their lawn

Q 7. Favorite movie of all time?

A. My two favorite movies are Top Gun and Pretty Woman

Q 8. Describe the perfect day.

A. A beautiful sunrise and everything going according to plan ... and at the end of the day see a perfect million-dollar beautiful sunset on Lake Michigan as you're driving home

Q 9. What really makes you mad?

A. People complaining about insignificant things, people starting rumors ... ruining somebody's integrity when they don't know the truth, people filing frivolous lawsuits and technology.

10. Where do you see yourself in five years?

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Kiwanis "Aktion Club" of Charlevoix members Tony LaRosa, president, and Ross Burns, vice president, present an American Flag to Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library. The flag was presented to the Aktion Club by Congressman Bart Stupak, and was flown over the U.S. capitol on Nov. 16, 2007. It was presented for use in the Charlevoix Public Library's meeting room, which did not have an American Flag and is used by various patrons who need it for their meetings.

CHS grad to display engineering project

A project created by Charlevoix native Roscoe Serrels IV will be among 72 projects displayed at the 42nd Conference on Senior Design Projects at Western Michigan University in April.

A same-day surgery table, a wind turbine data acquisition system and a semi-pro baseball stadium design are among the projects scheduled to be presented at the conference, to be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the Parkview Campus of WMU April 15. Serrels' project is a three story office building.

According to information from WMU, 194 seniors in construction engineering, computer science, electrical and computer engineering, industrial design, industrial and manufacturing engineering, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, and paper and chemical engineering will present the results of 72 projects they have completed to solve problems facing business and industry.

Serrels, who graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2002, is the son of Cindy and Roscoe Serrels III, of Charlevoix. He plans to receive a bachelor's degree in construction engineering in June 2008.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences sponsors the conference to showcase the work of its graduating seniors, who are required to complete a capstone project that puts into practice what they have learned. Many of the projects are sponsored by business and industry. The conference is free and open to the public. For more information call Laura Decker at (269) 276-3251 or visit www.wmich.edu/engineer/senior-design-conference.htm.

Charlevoix says good-bye to English teacher Schaperkotter

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

After 30 years as an English teacher, the majority of which were spent in Charlevoix Public Schools, Kris Schaperkotter prepares to say "good-bye."

She graduated from Grand Valley State University with a major in English and minor in sociology/psychology and worked at Grand Rapids schools until 1976 when she came north.

"I probably have the same cliché story of a really great English teacher in high school and I really loved English, so that seemed like a good fit," said the wife and mother.

Schaperkotter then took time off to raise her children and began teaching again in 1992.

"I'm not tired of teaching and I will certainly miss it, but my kids are far away and it will make travel easier," she said. "And, I'm looking for some new adventures. I have lots of hobbies, but I hope that I will find something that will be a way to give back and volunteer."

Schaperkotter added, "I have a passion for kids and so I would like to volunteer doing things that would have students involved in some way. I'm thinking forward to that, but have no plans."

Her biggest accomplishments, said the seasoned educator, are the ones which don't seem initially apparent.

"There is probably one student or one incident you remember for every year, but as a whole what I feel best about is the students who graduated long ago and come back and thank you for things you may not know you have done," she said. "This is not an instant gratification profession. Often the thanks you get much, much, much later become the most meaningful."

Schaperkotter said many things have changed since she began teaching over three decades ago.

"I think that all of the state mandates and directives that we're dealing with have created a lot of turmoil," she said. "They're all well intentioned in terms of keeping quality high and accountability in place, but it's affected funding and that has had impacts on how we teach and what curriculum we offer."

Schaperkotter added, "It has been a balancing act and that's not always been the case. We used to have a lot more freedom in terms of course content and making choices on how we delivered it."

The longtime teacher will miss the excitement and enthusiasm of teenage students.

"I'll miss their outlook on life in a lot of ways, but I won't miss getting up early in the morning or grading papers on the weekend," she said.

Schaperkotter and her husband will continue to live in the Charlevoix area, but spend more time traveling.

"We don't have any plans yet, but someday I'd love to see some of the places I've taught in regard to literature," she said. "I would just like to give a really heartfelt thank-you for the many wonderful years of working with the people who made my career a very pleasurable and fulfilling time."

Schaperkotter officially retires at the close of the 2007-2008 school year.

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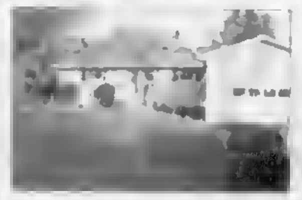

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Go Fish for Fun

(Top) "Under the Sea" from Disney's The Little Mermaid was just one of numerous songs sung by Charlevoix Elementary School students at this year's Spring Musical. (Middle) These Charlevoix Elementary School students provide music for their rendition of "What Do You Do With a Seasick Sailor?" during dress-rehearsal for last week's annual Spring Musical held at Charlevoix High School. (Bottom) Mario Schwartzfisher plays a saxophone solo during a warmup performance for the Charlevoix Elementary School's annual Spring Musical. This year's theme was "Go Fish."

USA Dance in Charlevoix

Northern Michigan chapter of USA Dance gathers from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday at the Vivace School of the Arts, West Conway Road in Petoskey, dancing both American style smooth and rhythm dance steps. Group lessons area every Tuesday, open to singles and couples. Admission is $3 for non members, $1 for members. Contact Judy at (231)347-1426. Starting Friday, April 4, the group will also meet from 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge, 100 Mason Street, call Dan at 547-6114.

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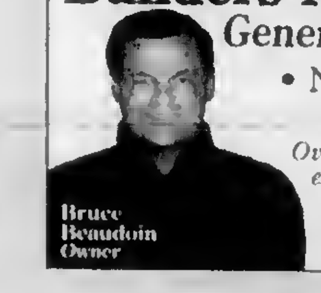

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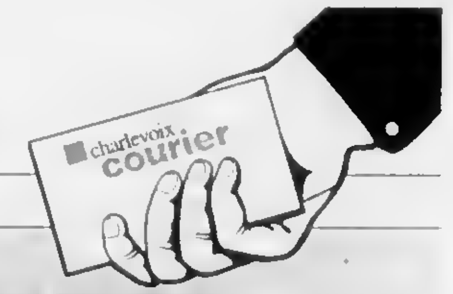

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This will be followed by a talk given by Cinema III's Bill Supernaw who will recall incidents and stories of his years as owner of the town's movie theater, and what it's like to be a theater owner. Audience participation will be welcome after his presentation for reminiscences of local theater-going experiences past. Anyone who ever worked in the movie theaters and has stories to tell is especially invited to attend.

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2. **Hayes Township Hall & Fire Barn Lawn Mowing** - The hall and fire barn are located at 09195 Old US 31 N, Charlevoix. Mowing & trimming will include an area of approximately 5 acres of land

3. **Hayes Township Hall & Fire Barn Snow Removal** - Snowplowing the parking lot of the hall and the area around the service door and entrance to the fire barn.

All items listed above should be quoted individually. Please include your labor and machine rates for any work the Township may request that is not included in the bid. Proof of liability and workman comp insurance must be provided before a contract can be signed. Mail bids to Hayes Township Clerk, 10772 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 to be received by May 1, 2008. Please call 347-2899 with any questions. Hayes Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids

(B-03/26, 04/02, 04/09, 04/16)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011201-DE

Estate of Norma L. Kellogg, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 01/28/1925

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Norma L. Kellogg, who lived at 10554 Spring Street, Charlevoix, Michigan died on February 21, 2008

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Clydell M. Willis, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated. March 26, 2008.

John P. Ternes (P21335)
1101 N. US 31,
P.O. Box 366
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)347-7777

Clydell M. Willis
06095 Petoskey Rd.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)347-7206
(L-03/26)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Monette R Bennington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 and also recorded via affidavit dated June 26, 2007 and recorded January 3, 2008 in Liber 832 Page 521 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, by assignment date January 22, 2008 and recorded February 14, 2008 in Liber 836 Page 859 and also subsequently recorded via affidavit on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($555,707.85) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on April 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; then at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore.

EASEMENT PARCEL: A 25 foot strip easement described as: Situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at the East eighth corner of the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West: thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (Northline of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 01 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an iron stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth line 69.95 feet to an iron stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 607.8 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 25.03 feet; thence at an angle of 92 degrees 50 minutes 18 seconds to the right from the last described course 600.06 feet; thence at an angle of 70 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds to the right from the last described course 26.50 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 13, 2008

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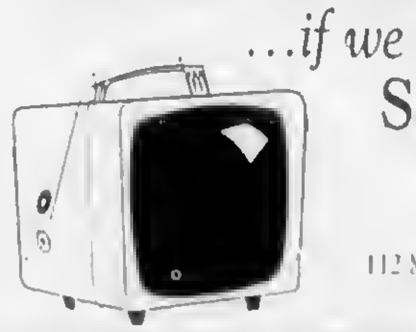

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE

Default has been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by TODD L. HART AND SUSAN L. HART, husband and wife, to BAY WINDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, dated November 2, 2001, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 5, 2001, in Liber 442, Pages 079 through 084 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late fees in the sum of $36,808.86 and no proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, April 4, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 9.250% percent per annum, fee and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:

Lots 2 & 3, Block B John R. Vance's Addition to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Dated: February 28, 2008

By: Valerie K. Snyder
(P54732)
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Estate of Marie Agnes Shepard, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 05/30/1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marie Agnes Shepard, who lived at 0431 S. Advance Road, East Jordan, Michigan died on December 12, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Shepard, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: March 19, 2008.

Aaron J. Gauthier (P60364)
10595 N. Straits Hwy,
Suite 201
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231)627-2500

Robert Shepard
C/O Gauthier & Goodrich
10595 N. Straits Hwy
Suite, 201
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231)627-2500
(L-03/26)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011191-DE

Estate of Albert Simon, Jr., Deceased.
Date of Birth: 09/15/1947

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Albert Simon, Jr., who lived at 09499 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan died on December 21, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ellen Sue Simon, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: March 17, 2008.

Patrick E. Heintz
(P31443)
440 W Front @ Oak Street
P.O. Box 707
Traverse City, MI
49685-0707
(231)948-4100

Ellen Sue Simon,
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by CW Development Group, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, of 8392 Greenwood Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 to FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan 49707, dated January 7, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 17, 2005 in Liber 663, Pages 001-007, and modified by Future Advance Money Mortgage Modification Agreement dated August 24, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan on September 22, 2005 in Liber 705, Pages 707-708, Charlevoix County Records, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $1,285,344.46.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 18th day of April, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89°59'05" East along the East and West 1/4 line 1004.41 feet to the Northeasterly line of Highway M-66 and the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along the East and West 1/4 line North 89°59'05" East 320.59 feet to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence South 00°05'22" West along said 1/8th line 33.05 feet to the South bank of Slover Creek; thence South 35°01'19" East along said bank 88.30 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 67°38'09" West 301.94 feet to a T-iron stake on the East line of Highway M-66; thence North 21°57'11" West along said highway 156.36 feet; thence Northwesterly along a 1984.86 feet radius curve to the left an arc distance of 80.32 feet along said highway (long chord bears North 23°46'42" West 80.32 feet) to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

Tax ID # 004-035-012-70.

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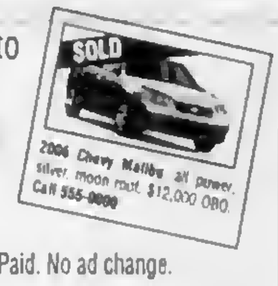
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TAKE HIM BY THE HAND AND GET HIM OFF HIS... COUCH!

Put movement into YOUR life and invite him to share it with you. Whenever possible take a walk (stroll, amble, march, hike) together. If he balks at routinely joining you on YOUR walks remind him that house cleaning is also an exercise. Maybe he likes to vacuum or scrub something. Don't forget sweeping and raking which are heart healthy movements. How many times can he go up and down the stairs while doing the laundry? Get the picture? At risk of preaching to the choir, you know there is no second guessing and there is no getting around it, in order to be healthy and live a quality life we have to be physically active. Not only do our bodies need movement but motion also feeds our BRAINS. And he doesn't get credit for seasonal (lawn/snow blowers) movement because we need at least one hour of continuous motion within a 24 hour period to keep us thinking and reasoning at optimal levels. This means move it! One hour is all he needs and that leaves 7 hours left to watch TV! Not a bad deal if your ask me. Good Luck. Hey Jane.

Address your questions and comments to "Hey Jane" P.O.Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail to: heyjane@heyjaneonline.com

Dehydration has no season

According to www.mayoclinic.com, at any time of the year we are susceptible to dehydration. Dehydration occurs when you lose more fluid than you take in. The body doesn't have enough fluids to carry out its normal functions. If lost fluids are not replenished your overall health could suffer.

Common causes of dehydration include intense bouts of diarrhea, vomiting, fever, excessive sweating, burns and increased urination. Inadequate intake of water during hot weather or exercise may also deplete your body's water supply. Young children, older adults and individuals with chronic illness are most at risk. Mild to moderate dehydration can usually be reversed by increasing your intake of fluids. Severe dehydration is a life-threatening medical emergency.

The average adult may lose more than 10 cups (2.5 liters) of water daily, simply by sweating, breathing and eliminating waste. You may also lose vital minerals such as sodium, potassium and calcium that maintain and regulate the body.

Mild to moderate dehydration is likely to cause: dry, sticky mouth, sleepiness or fatigue, thirst, decreased urine output, usually dark yellow or amber in color. Dehydration can also cause muscle weakness, headache, dizziness or feeling lightheaded.

Older adults are more susceptible to dehydration for the following reasons: the body's ability to conserve water is reduced, the sense of thirst becomes less acute and the body is less able to respond to temperature changes. Seniors often eat alone and are generally eating less. Dehydratinn can cause forgetfulness, which can increase the problem because we forget to drink and eat. Disability and neglect can also prevent them from being well nourished. Medical issues such as hormonal changes, medications, and other chronic illness such as diabetes also increase the risk for dehydration.

The best prevention for dehydration is simply to stay well hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids and eat foods high in water, such as fresh fruits and vegetables. Avoid drinks high in sugar or caffeine, water is always the best choice.

For more information on dehydration or our nutritious meals, contact your local Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103. Our meals are prepared fresh and are dietician approved. They contain fresh fruits and vegetables as well as an assortment of beverages to help keep you hydrated.

Anxiety advantage for elderly women?

Anxious elderly women -- but not men -- may live longer, study shows

FROM WEBMD MEDICAL NEWS

Anxiety could have a longevity perk late in life for women, but it could be risky for elderly men, a new study shows.

The study included 1,000 U.S. seniors (average age: 80) living at home. They completed annual surveys about their anxiety every year for 12 years.

Women with lower anxiety scores at the study's start had a higher death rate. They were 9% more likely to die during the study than women who had higher anxiety scores at the study's start.

"Anxiety may have a protective effect on women, possibly causing them to seek medical attention more often than men," Jianping Zhang, MD, PhD, of the Cleveland Clinic's psychiatry and psychology department, says in a news release.

But the study doesn't show whether anxious women went to see their doctors more often than other people. And it also doesn't show whether the anxious women had anxiety disorders.

Men were a different story. Their anxiety scores at the study's start weren't linked to their death rates.

Men who became more anxious were more likely to die than those whose anxiety level stayed steady. "Increasing anxiety over time is more detrimental to men," Zhang says.

Becoming more anxious didn't affect women's death rate. What mattered was how anxious women were when the study began, not whether their anxiety level changed.

The results held when the researchers considered participants' lifestyle and medical history.

The study was presented yesterday in Baltimore at the American Psychosomatic Society's annual meeting.

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Ordinance against engine brakes not enforceable

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

While some Charlevoix residents have voiced concern about the "offensive noise" of engine braking from some semi vehicles passing through, City Council has decided not to enact an ordinance to stop it.

"I would not recommend the City Council adopt an ordinance prohibit the use of engine braking within city limits," Police Chief Gerard Doan told council following a report of his investigation into the matter.

Council discussed the issue at a February council meeting in response to a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the noise heard from engine brakes, commonly referred to as Jake brakes, within city limits. Doan was asked to look into the matter, with regard to a potential ordinance prohibiting use of the brakes. His search, however, suggested an ordinance would not be recognized by state law enforcement officials, and would be nearly impossible to enforce.

Doan questioned Sgt. Lance Cook of the Michigan State Police Traffic Services Section and learned the Michigan State Police would not recognize the regulation on highway US 31. Also, there is currently no law in the Michigan Motor vehicle Code or Uniform Traffic Code that would support prohibiting engine braking. While the City does have the authority to enact such an ordinance, Doan said it is doubtful courts would recognize the law because it is not recognized by the state.

In conversation with Rise Rasch, the transportation service manager of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Doan learned there is a uniform sign corridor along the State Trunk Line and the State of Michigan controls signage in the area. If the City were to pass an ordinance prohibiting engine braking, the State would not allow any signs along this corridor or right of way The lack of proper posting of such a law would make it difficult to enforce,

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School reacts to 'game'

GAME

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caught participating in or witnessing the game, and, while thankful no one was hurt, he and other school officials became concerned and reacted quickly.

"The staff reacted immediately. Mr. Chet Janik, superintendent, was called and came over to discuss the consequences of such actions with students who were either involved or in the vicinity," Haske stated in a letter sent home to parents.

Haske said he had heard of the game before, mostly in national news coverage, and was aware of a recent story done on a morning news broadcast. He expected students learned of the game, and became curious, then were able to learn more via the Internet and YouTube.

"With the ease of access kids have, it is almost impossible to keep up but we're trying to keep on top of it," he said

Deciding to act fast, school officials organized assemblies for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students the day after the incident, and Haske said it was a good time to discuss it with them

"Because it just happened it was the best time to get information out and talk to them about it. We need to keep the dialogue open," he said.

Students heard from Janik, as well as other professionals who helped shed some light on the consequences of poor decision making. County Prosecutor John Jarema explained some legal repercussions of bowing to peer pressure.

"I explained you have to be cognizant of the fact that the choices you make forces someone else to make choices too," Jarema said, explaining he told students of the choices parents would have to make about punishment, choices school officials would make about pursuing charges, and choices he himself would have to make in regard to sentencing and prosecuting.

"I told them if charged they could be under legal supervision until they are 21. Nothing good can come of it," he said.

While the intent was not to punish the students involved in the incident, Jarema said he informed the entire student body that he "knew who was involved and who were the likely instigators, and basically tried to put the fear of God in them."

He also addressed bullying issues and peer pressure. He said the school took "a very proactive approach in response."

Students also learned of health consequences to playing the "game," offered by local medical professional Dr. Jim Jeakle. He also spoke about peer pressure, and said one problem is the lack of knowledge kids have about such an action that doesn't involve drugs or other substances.

"I think most kids assume it is harmless because there aren't any substances involved. We always talk to them about alcohol and drugs and smoking, but they don't understand what this can do," he said.

Playing the "game" involves choking yourself or someone else until you pass out, Jeakle explained. This deprivation of oxygen to the brain is, of course, dangerous despite the lack of chemicals, because it does kill brain cells. That, he said, can lead to any number of problems such as learning problems, brain damage and, potentially, death.

"This was a great opportunity to talk to the students about peer pressure. I think these talks went very well," Jeakle said.

All officials stressed that parents talk to their kids about peer pressures and other dangers, and warn about the dangers of this "game."

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis – March 12, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

- Motion approved Resolution #08-020, Approve County Expenditures.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-021, V.A. Travel Reimbursement
- Motion approved Resolution #08-022, Probate Court-Community Foundation Grant, and authorized the Chairman to sign said grant application.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-023, GIS Laptop.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-024, Region 7 Homeland Security Board.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-025, Amend General Fund And Building Inspection Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-026, Stormwater Appeals Board.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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MARCH 26-27 EBAY

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MARCH 29 GENEOLOGY WORKSHOP

Presented by the Joh Winslow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Traverse Area District Library. The workshop is open to anyone interested in working on their family tree. There will be chapter genealogists and members to assist those attending on a one-on-one basis. There is no charge and registration is not required. It would be helpful to bring any useful data or documents about your family. For more information call Lin Meeker at 264-8502 or Mary Rose at 936-6337.

MARCH 29 SAVE THE JORDAN RIVER MEETING

A meeting for citizens concerned about the preservation of the Jordan River is being held at the East Jordan Snowmoile Club on Mt. Bliss Road at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29. If you are concerned about the future of the Jordan river, please attend. For information call Sherman Thomas, 536-7146.

MARCH 29 FREE HEALTH SEMINAR

Beginning at 2 p.m., Dr. Amod Tootla, MD, will speak about alternative solutions to health challenges at the Bible Baptist Church, 5855 M-66 in Charlevoix. The event is free.

APRIL 1 SLEEPY-TIME STORIES

"April showers will bring May flowers": Wear your PJs and bring your favorite lovey for stories celebrating "April Showers," 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 2 SCRAPBOOK CROP

Join friends for the Scrap book Crop from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Boyne District Library in the community room (downstairs). FREE. For more information call Julie (231) 582-0148.

APRIL 12 SHOP-A-THON AND SILENT AUCTION

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C.A.B. National Honor Society students will be running a STORYTIME for kids at least once every hour while the parents shop! Food booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. run by Concord students with a variety of foods offered throughout the day. Proceeds go to the Yearbook, Music department, Dance and other student groups! If you are a consultant, craftsman or artist interested in participating call: (231) 536-0889. We're also welcoming any donations for our silent auction.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at)547-4062.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Former Navy Seal visits CHS class

Students of Tom Schultz's chemistry class at Charlevoix High School recently received a lesson in chemistry, military and many other things when retired navy seal Jeff Krause offered a presentation.

Schultz said the class has been studying how gasses behave. As a retired Navy Seal Krause brought some of the best examples and personal experiences regarding his training. He talked about the dangers of SCUBA diving, sky diving, traveling at high altitudes, and all the different types of sickness, even death, which can occur if you aren't familiar with the gas laws.

Many students stayed behind to ask more questions, but during his presentation they seemed captivated as Krause wove together the relationship between the gas laws and human physiology. Why divers get the bends, why you can't go to high altitudes with a tooth ache, what happens to the body while reaching the outer limits of the atmosphere.

Krause is the author of the book, "You Want Me To Do What?" It is filled with tons of his experiences as a Navy Seal Special Operations. It was great to have him in person with his humble, and friendly personality. He brought his practical, as well as amazingly unique experiences to the class for everyone to share in.

Courtesy photo

Former Navy Seal Jeff Krause speaks to a chemistry class at CHS recently.

No 'jake brake' ordinance in city

BRAKES

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Doan said.

Doan also noted most semi vehicles do not cause much of a problem. Semis that do emit "the offensive noise" are those with poorly muffled or unmuffled exhaust systems. Vehicles with properly maintained engines and muffler systems do not cause a noise problem when engine brakes are applied.

"I had the opportunity to ride in a semi truck recently, and during the ride the engine brake was applied several times. There was virtually no difference in the noise level," he said, noting the test was done with "windows up, windows down, and while I was standing on the side of the road and the vehicle passed by."

Noise problems are notable for those who either can't afford to properly maintain their vehicle, Doan said, a situation he expects to decrease because of the cost of fuel because a better maintained engine will get better gas mileage. He also said he will have officers step up enforcement of the existing noise ordinance in the city by utilizing the department's sound meter.

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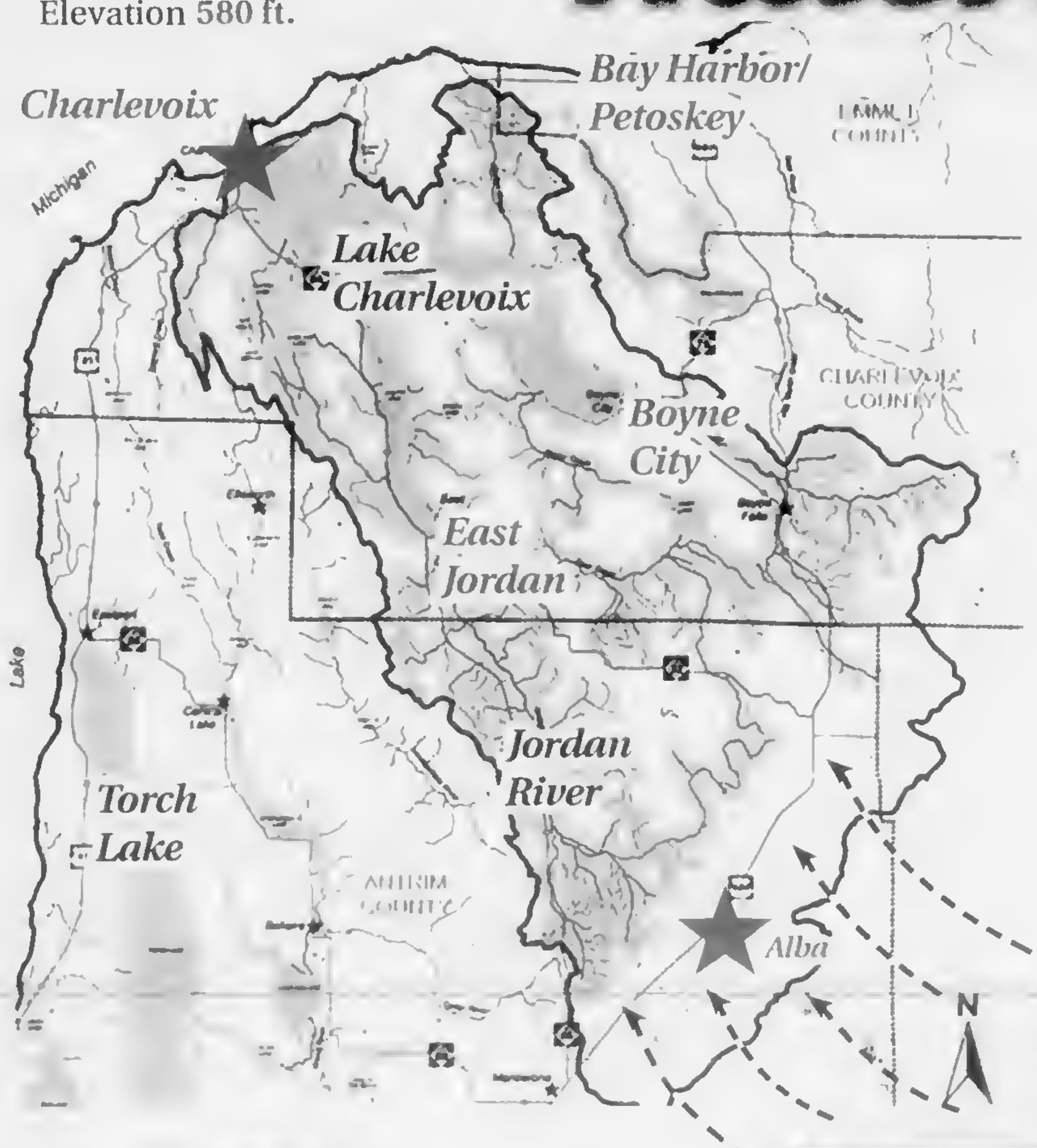

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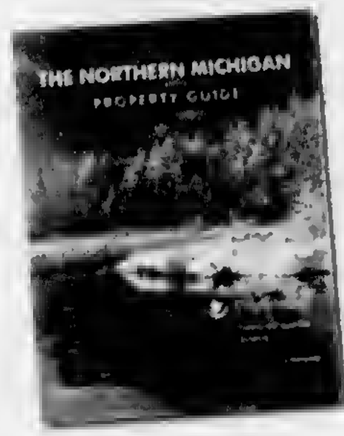

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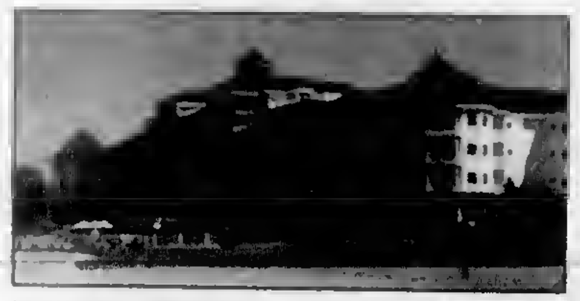

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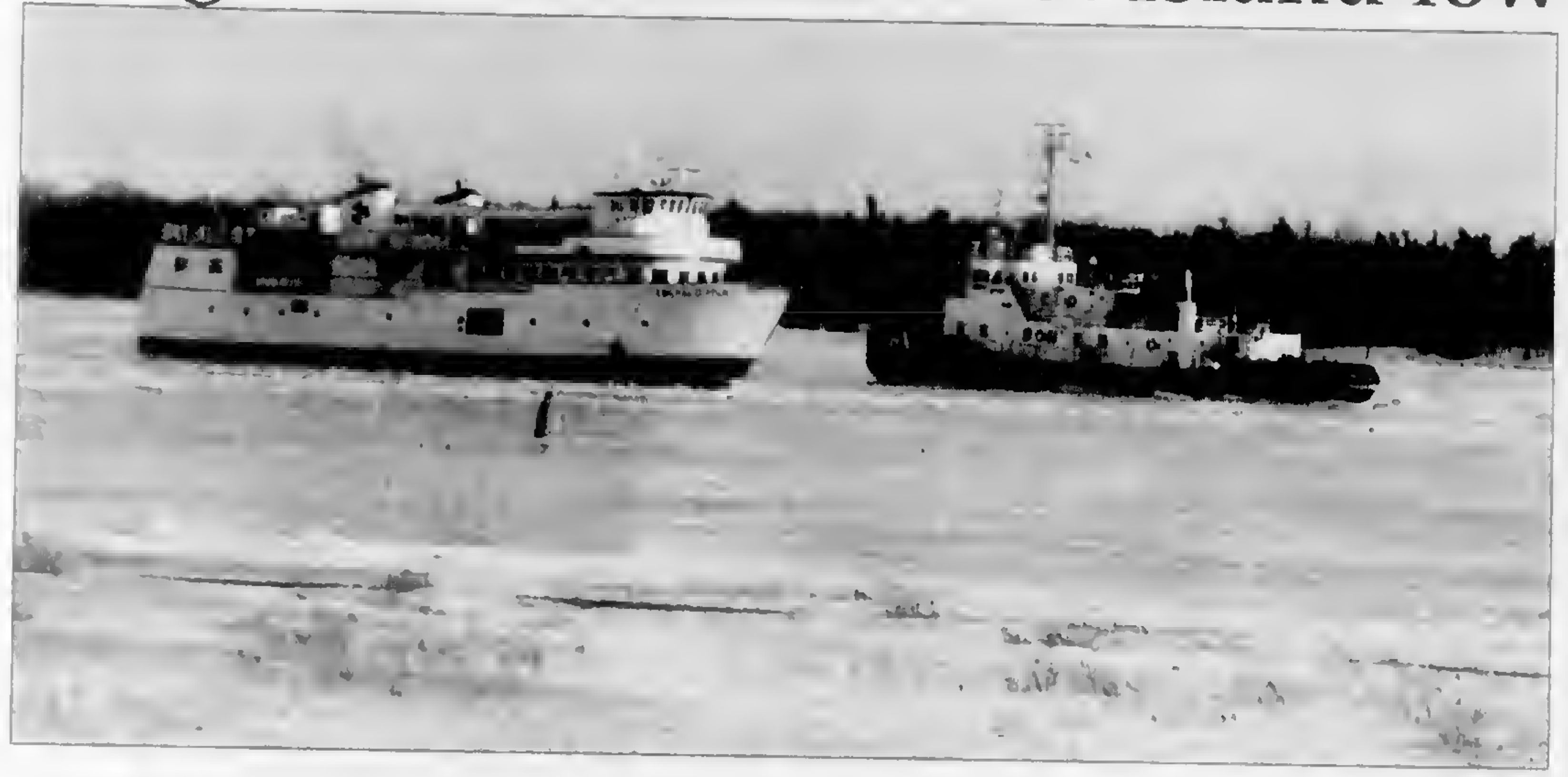
Long winter leaves Beaver Island low on gas



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The United States Coast Guard ice cutter Biscane Bay (right) makes a path through the ice for the Emerald Isle Saturday, March 22. The trip was made to bring gas to Beaver Island, which was running low due to the long, harsh winter.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The return of winters of old brought more cold, snow and ice than many Michiganders were prepared for this winter season, and Beaver Island residents [illegible] last week [illegible] what a tough winter can do.

With just one gas station on the island — owned under the DBA (Doing Business As) name Island Energies and dubbed The Station by islanders — and limited access to the mainland during the winter months, Beaver Island faced more than just cold this winter; it faced a shortage of gasoline.

"It was a cold winter; there was a lot of snow plowing, snowmobiles, people running their cars longer to warm them up; we just used considerably more gas than we have other years," said Colleen Martin, who, along with her husband Bud, owns The Station, or Martin Gas and Oil.

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Elsenheimer out, Lennox running for State rep

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

News that State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire) will not seek another term was sad for some and super for others.

Republican up and comer, 23-year-old David Lennox of Topinabee, sees Elsenheimer's decision as an opportunity to continue where the two-term representative left off.

"I have spent most of my life in Topinabee and, unlike most of my peers, I decided to come back to northern Michigan after school," Lennox said. "I believe in hope and opportunity — and one of the reasons I'm running is because too many young people are not returning after school."

He added, "People should not have to board a flight or take a bus halfway across the country because their son or grandson couldn't get a job in Gaylord or Petoskey or Cheboygan."

If elected, Lennox said he will never support any tax increase and he will work to reduce taxes.

Lennox

Lennox has worked for President George W. Bush, Congressman Dave Camp in addition to work in the Michigan Senate and election to the Republican National Convention this year.

According to a Lennox press release, he is the former chairman of Citizens Against New Taxes, "a coalition of community members who fought a $400,000 county-wide recycling tax last year and launched a recall against a Democratic county commissioner."

Elsenheimer

He is also the chairman for the Cheboygan County chapter of the Young Republicans.

Lennox, who has worked as a hockey referee and sports journalist, is working to complete studies in political science and journalism.

"I've always had an interest in the civics process. I was taught when I was young by my late grandparents that public service is a noble calling," he said.

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Elsenheimer, who is serving through his sixth year as a state representative, will not seek a third term so he may pursue a career in law, which he has practiced for 14 years.

"I certainly will not miss the travel. I've seen a lot of snowy roads in my time in the legislature and I'll look forward to [illegible]," said the representative [illegible] bid for a Michigan Appeals Court judgeship. "One of the nicest compliments that's been paid to me by both Republicans and Democrats is that people [illegible]

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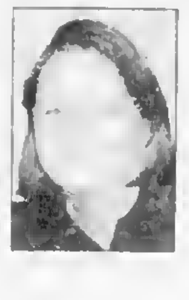

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MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeremy Scott Welzein, 30 and Vivian Shannon Steen, 30, both of Charlevoix

Dennis James Prevo, 35 and Anne Marie Nellett, 26, both of Charlevoix

Christopher Jay Lundy, 29, East Jordan and Rebecca Lyn Plante, 22, Charlevoix

BIRTHS

Josephine (Josie) Marie Kolka weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces was born March 12 at Munson Medical Center to Shelby and David Kolka of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Wyatt and Adelaide. Her grandparents are Bob and Carol Lyons of West Bloomfield, MI and Kathleen and Jim Kolka of Charlevoix.

Nikki Marie Neer weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces was born March 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jame and Christina Neer of Boyne City. Her siblings are McKayla and Taylor. Her grandparents are Art and Debbie Neer from Boyne City, John and Kelly Stachura of Boyne Falls. Her great grandparents are Devere Middleton of Boyne City and Mable McPhearson of Saginaw.

More charges in Chipman case

BY PNR, COURIER STAFF

Phillip Chipman, of East Jordan, who was arraigned earlier this week in the Charlevoix County District Court on several charges stemming from a near decade long sexual and abusive relationship with a minor, will see additional charges from the prosecutor.

Following an arrest announced late last week related to criminal sexual misconduct, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater announced this week (Tuesday) three additional counts were authorized by the Prosector Attorney John Jarema's office regarding production of child sexually abusive material. According to a press release from Lasater's office, three counts of Child Sexually Abusive Material warrant reads "attempt, prepare or conspire to arrange for, produce, make or finance any child abusive material." Each count is a 20-year felony.

Chipman, 43, was extradited from Arkansas earlier this month following a seven week attempt to evade the law and charged with five counts of criminal sexual misconduct in the first degree, carrying a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, and two counts of child abuse in the third degree and two counts of furnishing alcohol to minors.

Chipman, who appeared in court via video conference, is being held with no bond in Charlevoix County Jail. He entered a not-guilty plea through his court appointed lawyer.

Claims that Chipman had been video-taping sexual material involving minors surfaced in January when a younger sibling of the aggeged victim reported incidents to the Sheriff's Department. Prosecutors stated they hoped a trial could move forward without the victim having to testify.

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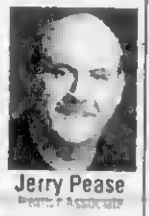

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Coast Guard rescues Beaver Island from gas shortage

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Martin said her husband "did all the figuring" some weeks ago in regard to average consumption of gas over time versus how much remained on the island, and how long they had before the ice breaker rig was scheduled to visit and open up the harbor. Originally the ice breaker was not scheduled to come until April.

"He realized we were getting low and started figuring. You've got to do what you've got to do, and we had to ration (the gas)," Martin said.

Islanders were allowed $20 a week in gas, and business trucks just $40 a week, for about two weeks and steps were taken to get an ice breaker sooner than planned to bring some gasoline over. Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Director Steve West said the United States Coast Guard rig, the Biscane Bay, came to the rescue Saturday, March 22.

"They (the Coast Guard) was scheduled to pick up the Emerald Isle (in Charlevoix) around noon but it was much later when they got going," he said, noting Lake Michigan still had a substantial amount of solid ice between the mainland and the island.

"They didn't get to the harbor until about 7 p.m.," he said.

Biscane Bay, a 150-foot long ice cutter based in Sault Ste. Marie and operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, traveled in front of the Emerald Isle, which was carrying the gasoline, cutting a path through the ice. West said it "took quite a while to get the Emerald Isle back into the slip," and the ice froze again over night, stranding the Emerald there. But, islanders received their gas and the rationing is over.

"Everyone is pleased. It wasn't to the point we had cars and trucks stranded on the side of the road, but there was that potential," West said.

While the rationing is over, West said the situation has further boosted the already frightful cost of gas. As of last week, islanders were paying $4.89 for a gallon of gas. West said islanders expect to pay a premium on gasoline — they always have because of their remote location, but the current price is much higher than what is generally paid on the island, which he said is generally about $1 higher than on the mainland.

Martin said she and her husband plan for the winter and order a supply of fuel each fall, but this winter was different than many others. West said it was the hardest winter he's seen during his 10 years as a year long resident, and Martin said she doesn't recall ever having this problem before. Both noted the unexpected length of winter as a factor, and West suggested increase in population also contributed.

Martin and West also agreed they and other islanders are ready for winter to be over.

"Enough is enough," Martin said.

Elsenheimer to seak Appeals Court position

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> **Kevin Elsenheimer**
> STATE REPRESENTATIVE

sides of an issue and I will try to build on that as I move toward the court of appeals."

The Fourth District Appeals Court position would give Elsenheimer purview over 58 counties.

"It's huge. It's basically three quarters of the land mass of the state," he said. "It includes Charlevoix County."

Elsenheimer looks forward to spending more time with his wife and four children.

"I thought about it all weekend. You could say we had a sleepless Easter weekend and I decided it was the best thing for our family," he said. "My kids are getting close to high school and frankly they need their dad around a little more than he has been lately. Plus, this is my dream job. I've always wanted to do this."

Elsenheimer does not intend to endorse any candidate running to fill his old proverbial shoes, but said he feels there will be a good field of individuals representing both sides of the political aisle.

He added, "It's been the honor of my life to represent northern Michigan in Lansing and I'm going to miss everything about it except being away from home."

Elsenheimer now has less than one month to collect 8,000 signatures in order to get his name on the upcoming ballot.

Volunteers needed for project

Charlevoix Kiwanis Club members are teaming up with the Bergmann Center for a One Day Project, planning to paint the interior of the Bergmann Center.

Kim Brock of the Bermann Center said the Kiwanis Club does many community service projects, and this is one of its many efforts to support the community. Kiwanis Club members will work throughout the day Saturday, April 5 painting and possibly doing some outdoor work at the center. The Kiwanis Aktion Club is also a sponsor of the event.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Suzanne Munn at the Bermann Center, 547-2979.

Vandalism reported at library

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Gohs remembers heros of old, the greats of WWF

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

If boxing is the sweet science, then professional wrestling is the brutal ballet—Oh, I'm a Hulkamaniac, there's no denying.

True, the king of my boyhood dreams remains firmly lodged in the drug induced nightmare that is reality TV (see also Hogan Knows Best), and most of my favorite wrestlers are either dead or retired, but I couldn't resist watching Wrestlemania 24 last Sunday.

Those of you that are unfamiliar with, or unimpressed by, sports entertainment may wonder why a grown man would pay $54.95 to watch sweaty behemoths paw each other in a contest with a preordained outcome.

My fascination with large men in tights goes back to the early 1980s. Me on the living room floor and grandpa in his rocking chair, we watched stars of the National Wrestling Alliance like Larry Zbyszko and Ric Flair battle for supremacy along with guys like Lex Luger and Dusty Rhodes.

With six boys in my family, we didn't just appreciate the pageantry of the squared circle, our entire lives revolved around it. One of my best Christmas memories was the year I got Rowdy Roddy Piper and Nikolai Volkoff action figures and an official WWF wrestling ring. My brother Hammy got Big John Studd and Hillbilly Jim figures.

Saturday mornings were spent watching WWF (now the WWE) matches from the makeshift ring on the living room floor. Blankets became canvas, couch cushions became turnbuckles.

Then, in the mid '80s, we discovered Saturday Night's Main Event. It was the ultimate fix for our wrestling jones.

The mere fact that it began at 11:30 at night and preempted Saturday Night Live reruns every couple months or so made it special.

Being 11 and 7 respectively, me and brother Hammy were the only kids allowed to stay up that late. And, poor as we were, Mom always managed to scrape together enough change or pop bottles so the two of us could get some chips and soda for the special event.

I remember the feeling of glee when good guy Junkyard Dog chased bad guy Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart under the ring and tore his pants off revealing boxer shorts covered with a heart pattern. Oh, how we laughed.

I also remember watching with sweaty palms and racing pulse the night Hulk Hogan was savagely beaten by the evil King Kong Bundy who interfered with Hogan's match against Don Muraco. In tears and pounding on the floor, I screamed at the TV as Bundy repeatedly performed his signature move, the avalanche, on Hogan.

I'm not sure how many ribs the Hulkster broke, but he got his revenge at Wrestlemania II in a steel cage for what could be one of my all time favorite matches.

For me, those were the golden days of wrestling.

Nowadays one is forced to sift through female porn stars clad in lingerie passing themselves off as wrestlers, and I dare you to figure out who is good and who is bad.

Modern wrestling is full to bursting with anti-heroes. The good guys are all bad guys and the bad guys aren't really that bad.

Whereas Bobby "The Brain" Heenan and his family of ne'er do wells, which included Scoundrels like Ravishing Rick Rude and Paul Orndorff, always managed to get my blood boiling, there aren't really any heels of substance these days.

The closest thing to a villain I've seen is the guy who, a couple weeks ago, savagely beat the illegitimate Irish midget son of his former friend.

On a sad note, the more than 30-year career of "Nature Boy" Ric Flair likely ended for real last Sunday. I've seen a lot of "Career Threatening" matches in my time, but I've never seen one where the loser was in tears and took the time to hug and kiss his family at ringside before heading backstage.

They may pull punches and rehearse matches, but the impact wrestling has had on my life is very real.

Maybe it's childhood nostalgia that keeps me tuned in, but when the Hulkster told me that, by saying my prayers and eating my vitamins, I would never go wrong, I believed him — brother!

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A look at making sense of our cents

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

My interest in finance started after I realized someone dipped into my piggy bank when I wasn't looking. I was ten years old at the time. Although I admit my knowledge about economics is limited, I do try to keep up with current information so I won't be left living in a cardboard box. An unknown fear I've carried with me since viewing members of society doing just that under bridges and in alleys during my time traveling as a child. Dad did a great job encouraging us to stay in school by meeting individuals who had various demises that brought them to their lifestyle living on the street. Keeping a positive outlook, caring for yourself physically, mentally, spiritually and watching your pennies were forever imbedded in our minds.

Going into a recession was disconcerting to me and I felt I needed to do my homework so I would have a better grasp of economic information and not spend a sleepless night thinking I would join the Cardboard Condo Association. A recession is easiest explained as two consecutive quarters of economic decline. There's been much discussion as to whether we are in one or not. By the time the National Bureau of Economic Research makes note of all their data, the decision to call it a recession may have already occurred and sometimes even ended. Historically the most accurate signal of a recession has been the lack of confidence felt by the consumer.

The University of Michigan did a survey that reflected the lack of consumer spending in our state. It was occurring at the rate of a free fall in a bungee jump— my quote, not theirs. As certain as we northerners are that sap runs from our sugar maples, houses on the market are priced well below the intended sellers desire. Young families are finding it increasingly difficult to make a house payment, car payment and put food on the table.

Living in Michigan we are seeing the closing of stores and jobs disappearing quicker than cookies in a teachers' lounge. The only people we hear about making money are the moving companies moving us to other states.

On a positive note, Huntsville, Alabama is doing well as the Manufacturing Center for Daimler-Chrysler, Toyota and Hyundai. Other cities sporting economic growth are: Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; and Ft. Myers Florida. They have this in common: proximity to universities and colleges, technology, innovative people, good infrastructures, a healthy quality of living and vibrant downtowns.

According to Ben Stein, economist and journalist with the New York Times, the changing of Wall Street from a financing entity to a market manipulation entity is partly to blame for the slump some of us are experiencing. Laws need to be put in place to oversee hedge fund trading (non- regulated high risk techniques designed to make large profits) and just as any law is made, they are only as good as the enforcement of them. The current Securities and Exchange Commission seem to ignore the rules. Stein states careful and prudent investigation of market manipulation would calm the waters.

The tax rebate tease passed in Washington last month to stimulate the economy will more than likely be spent to pay for fuel, food or credit card debt. It's not such a bad idea but I think this should be done a few more times like early Fall and the beginning of 2009. Policies need to written that will ensure we start a recovery process. We need more interest rate cuts. After the presidential election, the focus needs to continue on raising the minimum wage, generate new jobs, fund education and provide health care.

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Greed truly is the root of all evil and we are our own worst enemy. We got ourselves into this recession; now let's get ourselves out of it.

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Editor:

In response to the recent Charlevoix Historical Society bulletin about the history of the town's movie theatres, I can only reminisce about the Palace Theatre from 1947-1956 when I spent my summers with my grandmother, Metta Wallace, whose home was located at the top of the corner of Bridge and Belvedere Streets next to Grandpa William H. Wallace, Jr.'s Mobil Station.

Grandpa "Bill" was the contractor who originally built the Palace Theatre as well as the house on the hill, some of the Bridge Street establishments and the beautiful downtown park Koi ponds with a lighthouse on an island in the middle of one of the ponds.

From her porch view of the whole downtown area, Grandma would watch me walk all the way down Bridge Street past the park with the summer tourists playing shuffleboard, to the movies; I would tightly hold my quarter, and then run back up the hill like the devil when the show let out so that I made it home before the curfew blew. Grandpa Bill had told me that the police pick up all children who are not home before the night curfew; I truly believed everything he ever told me.

The first movie I can remember seeing (no idea what year) was "The Boy with the Green Hair"; I think it was my first "scary" movie. I also remember "Wait Til the Sun Shines Nellie," but the Green Hair has always haunted me. If I remember correctly, the movies changed twice a week in the summer months, and Grandma and I excitedly scanned the newspaper for the "Upcoming Events"... it seems to me that sometimes it was a double feature as well.

George Glados' popcorn stand next to the show with all that oil oozing out of the white bag was always my first stop on the way into the theatre, and in later years, when the curfew no longer scared me to death, I would stop for an ice cream cone at Monty's Ice Cream stand next to the restaurant on the way home. In fact, in much later years, I worked in both the Glados' Sugar Bowl restaurant and Monty's restaurant, as well as the ice cream stand.

Sometimes, I can only now admit, the Glados' granddaughters, Judy, Janna and Jarra Merica, who lived with their parents in the upstairs Glados apartment over the theatre and restaurant, would sneak my friend, Billie Kay Smith, and me into the theatre through the back alley door... that way I could save my quarter so that I could see the pictures all over again without telling Grandma.

One of my grandparents' evening entertainments in those days was sitting in their car on Bridge Street or on a park bench people watching; it seems there was never a movie night that they didn't meet someone coming from the movies that they didn't know. They would chat away for the longest time while I grew more and more bored; that's when I would head for the frozen custard stand on Belvedere Street next to the park or to the "Park Place Restaurant" for rainbow sherbet cones; I can remember trying so hard to lick those orange, green and raspberry drips before they reached my hands.

Oh how I miss those wonderful warm movie nights when the Palace Theatre was to me, the most beautiful "opera house" in the world; life was simpler, and the movies were so innocent ... no ratings were necessary then ... it was pure entertainment for the whole family.

Grandpa Bill passed away in 1953, and Grandma Metta died in 1956; Maude and George Glados sold the Sugar Bowl, and their family moved away. Later, Monty's closed, and the ice cream stand became a memory; even the Koi ponds and shuffleboard courts have disappeared. Several years after I married in the 1960s, my Mother sold the red brick house on the hill, and my days at the Palace Theatre were long gone ... but never forgotten.

Jo-Ann Seitzinger
Los Angeles, CA

PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

Editor:

Anyone who has ever canoed, fished, hiked in the Jordan River Valley knows it is one of the last pristine wild areas in northern Michigan. The proposed deep injection wells in Alba could threaten to change that.

Cement kiln dust (CKD) when mixed with water, becomes a toxic bleach-like soup releasing large amounts of mercury, arsenic and other contaminants. The State, DEQ and developers have known for over 20 years that ground water was mixing with CKD from the former Penn Dixie cement plant and leaching its poisons into Little Traverse Bay. Their solution? Build luxury homes and a golf course over the piles and hope no one would notice. CMS Energy was one of the development partners.

The toxic leachate entered Little Traverse Bay. East Park was closed. The EPA, in 2005, ordered CMS to isolate, contain or remove the CKD piles to eliminate groundwater contamination. Such containment would necessitate digging up the golf course. CMS says it's too expensive. Their solution? Allow the groundwater to become contaminated, then collect a small percentage of it (the rest is still flowing into the bay), transport it to Alba, a community with far fewer economic resources and once again bury the problem. 135,000 gallons shipped by tanker trucks on hilly country roads every day for the next 10-20 years – potential for transport problems are reason enough to oppose the well.

And what if the leachate doesn't stay buried? These wells have an 8% malfunction rate. A deep injection well in Romulus, Mich, failed, the company responsible for its maintenance vanished, leaving the community to clean up the mess.

Do we want to risk poisoning the Jordan River or the drinking water of area residents? Do we want to continue to allow leachate to flow into Little Traverse Bay? The CKD piles should be removed, not dumped in another community, possibly contaminating another watershed. Join with Friends of the Jordan and Star Township in opposing the deep injection wells and protect our water.

Anne Zukowski
Charlevoix

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is noon the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING - SYNOPSIS March 24, 2008

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority met on the above date.

City Council Members Present: Lyle Gennett, Dennis Kusina, Greg Stevens, Gabe Campbell, Sherm Chamberlain and Jill Picha

City Council Members Absent: None

DDA Board Members Present: Dan Barron, John Taylor, Kirby Dipert, Patricia Blanchard, John Yaroch, Hugh Mason, Fred DiMartino, Jeannine Wallace, and Mayor Carlson

DDA Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Norman L Carlson, Jr.

The City Council and DDA reviewed recommended furnishings for Marina and East Park

The City Council and DDA passed motions to authorize the use of marina funds and in-kind services as the City's match for the Waterfront Redevelopment Grant

The City Council and DDA pass resolutions in support of the Waterfront Redevelopment Grant application.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council/DDA minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street Charlevoix, MI

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Mermaid principal?

Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Dick Swenor was the target for hundreds of water balloons last week. In a long history of treating his students for their efforts in March was Reading Month, Swenor dressed as a mermaid and was driven around the school's property at slow speed while he was pelted by water balloon-wielding elementary students.

Banquet raffle on tap

Charlevoix Ducks Unlimited Big Banquet Raffle Tickets are available now. For $20 you can be one of 200 people entered in the drawing to win your choice of one of the following options: 50-inch Samsung HDTV with Digital Light Processing; 12 Gauge Ruger Red Label Over/Under shotgun with Case; Ruger Rifle, Model No. 1 with Scope and Case; or $1,500 in cash.

Ducks Unlimited has protected over 12 million acres of critical wetlands habitat. More than 80% of the money raised by Ducks Unlimited goes directly to conservation of our wetlands. This is much better return than almost all of the fundraising activities you have been involved in.

Tickets can be purchased at Central Drug Store, Bridge Street, Andy's Market, Garfield Avenue, or the Charlevoix Courier, Mason Street, all in Charlevoix. Or find Tink or Digger.

Courtesy photo

Easter at Boulder Park

In keeping with tradition, Harbor employees and some of their younger family members spent time at Boulder Park on Good Friday, March 21. As always, spreading some Easter cheer was the focus, and the residents always enjoy seeing the kids come along for the fun. Young and old alike can't help but catch the spring fever in the air.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Writer's Group
Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

"Stitches" Knitting Group
Monday, April 5, 6:00 pm
Bring your own project and join in for a community knitting session.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesday, April 8, noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome.

Visit us during **National Library Week** *(April 13 – 19)* & bring a donation for the food pantry, and we'll remove your library fines. Ask at the circulation desk for your fine amnesty!

- Only overdue fines will be removed, lost book or other fees are not applicable.
- Please note that there will be no Story-Time hosted during spring break.
- The Friends of the Library are hosting music in the Belvedere Periodical Room each Sunday, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Dwane Martin will be playing the guitar on April 6.

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MDOT to offer updates on state road projects

Drivers in northern Michigan can now subscribe at the @charlevoixcourier.com to receive road construction updates beginning this spring. The updates, generated by the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) will be disseminated by Bob Felt, MDOT communication specialist responsible for handling media and community relations for a 24-county area in northern lower Michigan known as MDOT's North Region.

The North Region serves the following 24 counties: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford.

"We've had great interest from people wanting weather reports, sports scores and school closing information," said Peter Comings, online media manager. "Offering information on road construction projects to the benefit of residents and tourists seemed a natural extension of that service. To have the Michigan Dept. of Transportation offer up their help in getting the word out, makes it all the better."

There is no cost to subscribe to the service which offers both text message and e-mail options.

Thanks for reading the Charlevoix Courier

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Youth orchestra performance

The Crooked Tree Youth Symphony and Chamber Orchestras will travel to Northern Michigan University in Marquette on April 8 for the fourth annual Day Away Trip. During the trip, students will be working with NMU's music faculty and will rehearse with Dr. Barbara Rhyneer, director of the Northern Michigan University Orchestra. The Northern Michigan University Orchestra and Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra will combine for an evening performance on NMU's campus.

The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra will host the second annual Youth Orchestra Festival on April 12 in the Charlevoix Performing Arts Center. Members of the Gaylord, Sault Saint Marie and Traverse City Youth Orchestras will also be participating in this year's Youth Orchestra Festival. Orchestra students will be spending the day rehearsing the music of Wagner, Tschaikowsky and the theme music from "Titanic." The Festival Concert will be held at 5 p.m. in the Charlevoix Performing Arts Center at Charlevoix High School located at 5200 Marion Center Rd. This performance is open to the public and admission is free. For more information please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or by visiting us at www.crookedtree.org

Fire training

For two years, the City of Charlevoix Fire/EMS Department hosted the prerequisite classes, Company Officer I and II classes as specified by the Michigan Officer of Firefighter Training. Firefighters from the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, Boyne Valley Township Fire Department, Hudson Township Fire Department, Resort Bear Creek Township Fire Department, Petoskey Department of Public Safety, and the Readmond Friendship Fire Department participated in and completed this training.

Charlevoix firefighters that completed the training are Bob Roloff, Bill Brodin, Jeff Stevens, Jim Marsh, Chuck Meier, Manual (Joe) Travers, Dave Buckner and Andy Riley.

This training helps the City of Charlevoix Fire/EMS Department become compliant to Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and National Fire Protection Association guidelines for fire officer training in Michigan and across the United States.

Day of Caring planned

Char-Em United Way and the Harbor Industries Get Involved Team are leading the fifth Annual Community Wide Day of Caring, scheduled for Sept. 16. This event promotes teamwork and gives people a taste of volunteering, while making a difference in the community.

The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities, and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties who are in need of hands-on help. Other members of the core Day of Caring/Get Involved team are: Bay Winds Federal Credit Union; Huntington National Bank; Way Transportation, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Manufacturing; and Charlevoix High School.

United Way representatives said the organization is excited about Day of Caring 2008. In the first year we had 70 volunteers working on seven projects, and last year that grew to 600 helping out on 50 projects throughout the two-county area. Volunteers did tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building shelves for the Red Cross, to washing windows at the Safe Home.

• Volunteers Needed – Teams from businesses, schools, agencies, faith communities, and individuals are needed.

• Projects Needed – Non profit agencies, schools, governmental programs can all benefit by requesting volunteer help on the Day of Caring.

• Coordination Needed – We are also seeking additional members for our planning committee, including a Co-Chair for Emmet County.

To get involved, contact the Day of Caring Committee at United Way 487-1006.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT WINFIELD KIRBY

Robert (Tinker) Winfield Kirby, 91, passed away March 22, 2008 while on spring break in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Tinker was born in Frankfort, Michigan on July 17, 1916, the son of Harker T. and Mary E (Tysver) Kirby. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1933 and worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He was a deck officer on the Dodge yacht Delphine and the helmsman on the Olds yacht Reomar, both out of Charlevoix.

In 1942 Tinker graduated from Alma College where he was the quarterback of the 1944 undefeated MIAA Championship team and was awarded the Bosch MIAA MVP trophy. He also excelled in basketball at Alma and was selected to the all-MIAA team three straight years.

He married Margaret Morris Whyte on September 28, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. During World War II Tinker received advanced training at MIT and worked in the Boston Navy Yard as a physicist. After the war, the Kirbys settled in Birmingham, MI and Tinker taught mathematics and coached at Auburn Heights High School. He then entered the automotive industry and retired from Chrysler's defense engineering division in 1982. Charlevoix then became the base for retirement activities.

He is survived by his sons, Craig W. (Jane) of Charlevoix and Stephen K. (Abebech) of Ann Arbor, six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, two nieces, Kay Smith of New Smyrna Beach, FL and Connie Lundmark of Mason, MI and a nephew James Kirby of Sparta, GA.

He was predeceased by Margaret in 2004, his parents and his older brother Tysver (Ty).

No service is planned. Interment will be at Charlevoix Cemetery.

BETTY J. WELKE

Betty J. Welke passed away March 27, 2008 at Holly Convalescent Center, Holly, MI. She was born on October 17, 1928 in Portland, Indiana, to Pauline and Lee Culter. She grew up in the Wixom / Walled Lake area outside of Detroit and graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1946. On December 28, 1946 Betty married the love of her life, William (Bill) Welke (1922-2006).

Betty was a longtime member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Bill and her parents. She is survived by her brother, Richard and her five children and their spouses: Jean and Bruce Kinsley of Beaver Island; Paul Welke and Angela LeFevre of Beaver Island; Mark and Sue Welke of Marquette, Michigan; Carl and Laurie Welke of Tecumseh, Michigan; and Anne Welke and Bruce McPhilips of Charlevoix, Michigan. Also surviving are Bill's brothers and sisters-in-law Robert and Sue Welke of Beaver Island; Donus and Dory Welke of Archbold, Ohio; and Charles and Catherine Welke of Beaverton, Michigan as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Bill and Betty lived in the Walled Lake area from the time they were married until they moved to Beaver Island in the late 1960s. When they arrived on the Island they started several family businesses including Welke Excavating and Welke Aviation (which eventually became Island Airways). Betty was the main bookkeeper and crew manager of all of the family undertakings. She was instrumental in the establishment and on-going success of Island Airways.

Betty shared a passion for flying with Bill and some of her most treasured times were in "Yellow Bird" their Cessna 195. Together they enjoyed many flying adventures.

Also dear to Betty were her beloved dogs (Katie, Kelly, Marnie, Casey, Snoopy, and many others) and other pets. So many people visited the "bunny barn" located at Welke Airport on Beaver Island – it was a mission of Betty's to keep the bunnies happy and healthy so the children could enjoy them and chase them as soon as their flight landed. Many children (now adults) still come to Welke Airport to show their children and grandchildren the rabbits at the "Hareport."

A memorial service will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Church April 7, 2008 at 11 a.m. with Father Pat Cawley officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to the Holy Cross Catholic Church / Ellen Welke Memorial Fund, c/o General Delivery, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782.

LORETTA LOYOLA MALLOY

Loretta "Loy" Loyola Malloy, 83, of Boyne City and formerly of Beaver Island, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at her home in Boyne City. She was born April 25, 1925, on Beaver Island to Lawrence Joseph and Ethel (McDonough) Malloy. Loy graduated from Beaver Island Schools, and earned an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. She worked as a bartender at the Shamrock and Beachcomber Bars on Beaver Island, and also worked at the Beaver Island Post Office. For the past twenty-seven years, she made her home in Boyne City. She worked as a caregiver at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix and donated much of her time to those in the community. Loy enjoyed walking, bingo, playing cards, and spending time with her daughter and grandchildren, especially watching them play sports. She was a good friend to all and was known as Granny by many. Loy was a devoted Catholic and attended Saint Matthew's Church in Boyne City and Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Napont of Boyne City; grandsons, Anthony (Bea Grody) Napont, Craig (Crissy) Napont all of Boyne City, and Brian (Patricia Schmidt) Napont of Suttons Bay; great-grandchildren, Maggie, Zacharie, and Xander Napont. Loy's brothers, Francis Brown and Robert Malloy, and sisters, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Halloran, and Bernadette Moore preceded her in death. She is survived by a brother Lawrence. Visitation will be 6-8p.m. Monday, March 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary will be recited at 7p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11a.m., Tuesday, April 1, at Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiating. Burial will take place later this spring at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Contributions may be directed to Arlene Napont at 324 Terrace St., Boyne City.

MICHAEL THOMAS SCHUSTER

Michael Thoma Schuster, 50, of Boynton Beach was the victim of a fatal motorcycle accident on March 16, 2008. Employed by John J. Kirlin, Inc., Florida Division, he was a dedicated member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 630 out of West Palm Beach and a prior member of Plumbers and Steamfitters of Northern Michigan, Local 85. He will be greatly missed. His donation to the University of Miami Tissue Bank will benefit the lives of many. As a devoted son he is survived by his mother, Margaret Durocher and as a loving fiance' to Cheri Matusof, both of Boynton Beach. Also survived by his father, Richard Schuster of Alden, MI (231)331-6232; aunts, Dorothy Weaver, Sophie Gilginas of Palm Beach, FL, and Margaret Bartha of Detroit, MI; uncles, Bob Schuster of CA, Hantz Schuster and Joe Fronius of Detroit and many loving cousins, friends and co-workers. Services were held April 4, 2008 at St. Marks Catholic Church, Boynton Beach, FL 33435. In lieu of flowers please send any donations to Hospice.

DEATH NOTICE

Jeannette C. Kigar, 91, of Charlevoix, formerly of Liberty Center, Ohio, died Friday, March 21, 2008, at the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire, Mich. A graveside service was held Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the Heath Cemetery in Washington Township, Henry County. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Reading Room Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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County planners to seek BC-Charlevoix trail funding

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

County to apply for $400,000 in state grants to fund trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix

County commissioners last week gave county planner Larry Sullivan the go-ahead to apply for $400,000 in state funds which, if approved, will be used to construct a proposed non-motorized trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix.

While there was a 5-1 vote to support the measure following the Wednesday, March 26 public hearing on the trail grant application request, concern was expressed by several commissioners, including District Six Charlevoix County Commissioner Shirley Roloff, the lone dissenting voice.

"Everybody thinks just because we have grant money we should jump on it," she said. "I guess I'm at a point where I'm tired of all these grants being given out when there is money desperately needed to fix things like roads."

Roloff added, "I think trails are fine, but I just think we should really concentrate on putting our priorities in order."

Christensen reminded the board and audience that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in question has been set aside for projects other than roads and that it cannot be used for anything but parks and recreational projects.

"I understand that too and a lot of people don't understand that," Roloff said. "That money has been taken away from something and until things get better economically, I don't want to ask any more of the taxpayers."

She added, "I can't believe the townships are this gung-ho about it when they have millages for their roads and maybe we're going to throw another millage at them for the Boyne City(/Charlevoix) Road. It's hard for me to swallow."

Nevertheless, Sullivan has approval to move forward. His deadline to file the application was Monday, March 31.

"We are applying for (this) funding ... in conjunction with the grant the City of Boyne City agreed to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation Federal Enhancement Act funds," Sullivan said. "The total cost of this first phase is estimated to be approximately $1.1 million."

The first phase of the trail which, similar to the Little Traverse Wheelway which stretches from Charlevoix to Petoskey, will be built from the Boyne City limits to Horton Bay.

The breakdown of where monies will be received for the trail, which is estimated to cost as much as $3.4 million, follows:

- Boyne City officials are applying for $611,300 in Federal Enhancement Act funds
- Boyne City will contribute $11,072
- Evangeline Township will contribute $33,216
- Bay Township will contribute $9,012
- Private donations in the amount of $53,000 will be solicited during a fundraising campaign slated for later this summer.

It could be as late as the end of 2009 before it is known if Charlevoix County will get the grant.

"Some people are concerned. They don't want to see the trail built before the road is fixed, but it could take two years to get the money we need," Sullivan said. "We're probably looking at 2010, 2011, 2012 as a time frame."

He added, "We applied (for grants) to Whiting Park and it took four years in a row of applying before we got funding. I've got my fingers crossed we get this funding in the first go 'round, but I wouldn't be surprised if we have to reapply next year."

Charlevoix County officials have pledged no monetary support for the project other than a 2006 agreement to cover liability and maintenance.

"Normal maintenance would include brushing the trail and mowing," Sullivan said. "We estimate it to cost about $1,500 –that's annual."

Conservation program sign-up

Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced a sign-up for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) that will be available starting on April 18 to approximately 64,000 potentially eligible farms and ranches in 51 watersheds covering more than 23.7 million acres.

"As President Bush has said, those who depend on the land to make a living are the best stewards of the land," said Schafer. "Since the first sign up in 2004, CSP has offered payments for enhancing natural resources, rewarding those farmers and ranchers who are model conservationists, and providing incentives for other producers to achieve those same high standards of conservation in agriculture."

The CSP sign up is open in the 51 watersheds from April 18 to May 16. In Michigan, the sign-up includes the Boardman Charlevoix River Watershed that includes portions of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau and Otsego counties. The sign-up announcement and specific program requirements are being published in the Federal Register.

CSP is a voluntary conservation program that supports ongoing stewardship of private agricultural working lands and rewards those producers who are meeting the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations.

Payments can include three components: 1) an annual stewardship component for the base level of conservation treatment, 2) an annual component for maintenance of existing conservation practices, and 3) an enhancement component for exceptional conservation effort. Enhancement activities could include limited pesticide applications, renewable energy generation, and widening existing riparian forest buffers for restoring critical stream

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Charlevoix recognized for maintaining trees

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix's commitment to greenery has paid off — 16 times— with recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

For the 16th consecutive year, the City of Charlevoix has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation, a designation which recognizes the city's commitment to community forestry. Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission member David Robinson said the honor reinforces the Commission's investment in community enhancement.

"Essentially we've met the standards of the Foundation and been successful in planting more trees than we remove," Robinson said.

Robinson said while he and fellow Commission members Peggy Brennan and Ken Polakowski have worked hard to improve the tree count in the city, he credited most of the success to city council and Street Superintendent Pat Elliott.

"Pat has been incredible to work with and done a really great job. He planted 129 trees last year, and he plans to continue," Robinson said.

Elliott said he, like Tree Commission members, feels the presence of forestry is vital within the community, and is a benefit to the community and the environment.

"It is our goal to continue planting more trees than we remove, and take care of the trees we have. It is one of those things that is right to do," Elliott said.

Representatives of the Arbor Day Foundation agree.

"Trees in our city and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation, stated in a press release. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest. Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits. A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."

Robinson said City Council members deserve a lot of credit as well because the Tree Commission "has no decision making authority and only acts as a council" and the City has made the commitment to the greenery effort.

Years ago, the City of Charlevoix, together with the Tree Commission, set a goal of planting at least 100 trees each year for 14 years. So far that goal has been met.

To receive the honor from the Arbor Day Foundation, Charlevoix had to meet four standards: Have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and Arbor Day observance.

While Robinson said the Commission is proud of the recent announcement, a celebration will wait until later in the year, closer to the summer season.

Official Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #1 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009:

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Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8 30 a m and 5 00 p m All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments and are welcomed

Richard Bianoi
City Treasurer

Conservation program

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To apply for CSP, NRCS asks potential participants to complete a CSP self-assessment workbook—available on the Web or from local NRCS offices—to find out if their operation meets the requirements of the program and qualifies for program participation. The self assessment process is completed using a self-screening questionnaire for each land use to be enrolled. When this process is completed, the producer submits the CSP workbook to the local NRCS office during the sign-up period and meets with NRCS personnel to go over any additional needed documentation. NRCS will then determine if eligibility requirements are met and provide options for the producer's decision on enrollment category placement.

NRCS held the first CSP sign-up in 2004. Today's announcement brings the number of watersheds enrolled to 331 across the nation, covering 247.7 million acres that have been eligible for the program. CSP is offered on a rotational basis in as many watersheds as funding allows. Additional information on CSP, including eligible watersheds and a CSP self-assessment workbook is available at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp.

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MDOT considers daily using from Charlevoix to Lansing

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Supporters say route could cut down on cars on road and provide major economic stimulus to Michigan

While not yet a done deal, advocates are excited about the prospect of a bus coming to Charlevoix from Lansing everyday.

Vice-Chairman of Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers (MARP) and Charlevoix resident Don Monteith has been working toward this goal and is thrilled his efforts have brought the issue thus far.

"The advantage of this would be that you can buy an Amtrak ticket and ride a bus from here to Kalamazoo and then transfer to a train which would take them to Chicago and then they would take a train to anywhere in the United States," he said. "This will open Charlevoix up to over 500 destinations all over the country."

Previously the bus routes originated in Lansing and Grand Rapids and then followed routes to Gaylord and Traverse City respectively before ending in Boyne Falls. The route Monteith's organization has been advocating will include a stop in Petoskey as well as Charlevoix.

"At this point you have to hire a taxicab to drive you to another form of transportation," Monteith said. "This opens up a connection to the entire nation: New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and over 100 destinations in Canada."

He added, "It also opens up points where people can come from there to here."

Monteith said, if approved, the buses will act as an extension of rail lines until dedicated train service can be restored throughout northern Michigan.

While rail service has continued to decline in Michigan in past decades, other states and countries have realized the real monetary and environmental savings involved with using trains.

"Last year Amtrak had approximately 29 million passengers, and in the State of Michigan we approached three-quarters of a million passengers," Monteith said. "In Europe, for example, they opened a high speed rail from London through to Paris—a 402-mile run. They run it in two hours and 15 minutes. You can't even get the plane in the air in two hours."

He added, "They are running 17 of these trains a day. That's how they travel there."

Aside from saving energy and decreasing pollution, Monteith said an increase in train travel will decrease congested roadways and improve the economy.

"The interstate system was developed to carry 100 million vehicles a year. There are now over 400 million vehicles running on it, and when the interstate system started, gasoline was in the area of 20 cents a gallon," he said. "If you could meet transportation needs with trains, you would probably see 23-plus-billion (dollars) of investment along rail right of ways based on what is happening in Chicago and Illinois."

Monteith added, "METRA in Chicago runs almost 5,000 trains a week, and that's just on their northern lines."

Monteith and MARP have the support of Indian Trails, the bus company which would run through Charlevoix, but they need the support of northern Michigan residents and their state legislators.

"We need to work together to make this happen," Monteith said.

Ken Henry of Indian Trails said, pending MDOT approval, he would like to begin the new route through Charlevoix and Petoskey as soon as May 1.

"Hopefully they (MDOT) will see this as a means to enhance service," he stated in a March 24 e-mail. "We believe the benefits of connecting to another mode of service as well as opening the route to another significant population area will be worthwhile."

The proposal would have the bus entering Charlevoix at 10.16 p.m.

Monteith urges anyone interested in this service to call Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire) at: (517) 373-8764 or Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) at (517) 373-2413 and tell them you support the proposal.

For more information or to join the 400-member nonprofit group MARP, visit: www.marp.org.

County Commission on Aging consultant named

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Are Charlevoix County's senior citizens being served by the Commission On Aging?

That question will soon be answered as experts from Abbott and Emmel Consulting of Grand Rapids begin studying the agency's rate efficiency and quality of service during a 14-week assessment which will likely begin later this week.

"We're pretty excited about it," said Commission On Aging (COA) Director Sue Bergmann of the $34,650 assessment. "It's going to be a good learning experience for our agency and an opportunity for increased growth and to further improve services to the seniors."

She added, "I think we'll all benefit from this."

The consultant will spend the next three-and-a-half months looking at various processes, relationships and means of providing services within the COA and its various committees and boards.

District Five Charlevoix County Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt sat in on the review process and believes Abbot and Emmel was the right choice.

"He's got the degrees and he has the experience working with health departments and hospitals," he said. "He will come in and put together a plan of what he is looking for. He'll be teaching us and teaching the COA people the best way for us to do our delivery of services and the best way we should be processing the work that we do."

Drebenstedt, who has a master's degree in Hospital Administration and a background in working with drug rehabilitation patients, said he could tell right away that Abbott and Emmel would be a boon to the county.

"There's a lot more to meeting our client's needs than just giving the seniors food," he said. "David (Emmel, the firm's principal consultant) is going to work with our volunteers, our nurses, our workers to try to bring out their best skills for our clients."

Drebenstedt added, "He's going to be looking at it from the bottom to the top and show us where we can make improvements. This is all about the seniors and this is all about the organization'sperformance for the seniors."

According to Emmel, he customizes his services to the individual entity.

"The process will entail, at least initially, an assessment of the organization. Once we get through that, then we will focus on the issues that kind of surround the whole (commission) on aging," he said. "Then we will move from the assessment to the development of strategies and approaches for how the (commission) delivers services and assesses customer needs and meets those needs."

Abbot and Emmel beat three other consulting firms for the contract, the price of which Drebenstedt was able to barter down considerably.

"I told them to throw a counteroffer out and I said, 'We'd really like to have you, but it seems more than what we're willing to do,' and we got him to knock 25 percent off," he said.

The COA has recently completed a six-month analysis on services and organization. They are expected to report the findings from their ad hoc committees to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners their this week.

Bergmann said the COA has made much progress since the less than stellar findings in the senior services survey of last year.

Improvements include renovations at the East Jordan Senior Center, an increase in services and seniors served, the creation of an emergency fund to help cash strapped seniors with utility and other bills and the COA is working with Beaver Island Seniors to provide them with a possible senior center site.

"We're increasing staff to meet our needs," Bergmann said. "We're up about 33 percent in services provided."

Chairman of the board of commissioners Chris Christensen said he is optimistic about the upcoming assessment.

"Hopefully we can get this to rest and get moving forward in a direction to benefit all the seniors of the county," he said. "I really think this guy will do a great job."

Discount food program

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began with 34 families in Monroe, Cali. in 1994 and has grown to serve several thousands of families every month.

Angel Food's groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit into a medium sized box at $30 per unit. Each month's menu is different from the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately $70 to $80.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding in a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is the same quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out dated goods, no day-old bread and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork which can be purchased after ordering a regular unit. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or specialty boxes an individual can purchase, and there are no qualifications to be able to order.

The next food order date is April 12, with order times of 10 a.m. to noon at the Charlevoix Church of Nazarene and 1 to 2 p.m. at Pine River Apartments (residents only.) The next food distribution is April 26.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Woman's goal gives others chance to Tri4Fun

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

4th annual Tri4Fun triathlon begins at 11 a.m. at Bay Harbor Sunday, May 18

Participating in a triathlon has always been on Charlevoix resident Michelle Rick-Biddick's To Do List. Intending to "get around" to such a competition in her 20s, she said she watched 30 come and go and 40 come and go without completing the task, but, nearly five years ago, she got the motivation she needed to follow through with her plan.

Rick-Biddick was diagnosed with breast cancer, and, while it came as a complete surprise, she avoided devastation by giving herself a goal to work toward.

"I knew there weren't any (triathlons) in the spring, so it gave me something to train for and work for through the winter," she said.

In addition to her personal goal, planning a triathlon provided the long-time secondary education teacher and aerobics instructor with an opportunity to educate the public on breast cancer and over all health issues. Always an advocate of personal health and an active individual, Rick-Biddick said she learned how important it is to be aware of potential health issues and the need to get regular health examinations.

"I have always been very health conscious. I followed all the steps. I don't have any family history of cancer, and I never had a lump," she said. "It is important for women to know they're not invincible."

Raising funds to offer financial support to the local cancer support groups that supported her — Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength — became another goal, and Rick-Biddick raised $2,500 before her first run. Recalling the event, she said the feeling she had is nearly indescribable.

"It was a beautiful day and everything was really falling into place. When I started the run, the last part of the event, it was so cool because people that knew I was doing it lined the streets," she said.

A member of the Harbor Health and Fitness gym, Rick-Biddick planned to end her race in the parking lot near the gym, and was surprised to find the facility decorated with balloons and flowers in her honor, and fellow gym members "blowing whistles and cheering me on," she said. Those excited supporters became participants the following year.

"They were so excited and they said, 'We want to do this with you next year,'" Rick-Biddick said.

So the tradition grew. Now in its fourth year, the annual Tri4Fun non-competitive sprint triathlon is expected to bring nearly 200 participants for the 20K scenic bike ride, half-mile indoor pool swimming and 5K run. In its four years, the event has raised over $20,000, all of which stays local for cancer support.

Rick-Biddick said it has been important to her from the beginning to offer a non-competitive race that welcomes women of all ages to participate. She has been inspired by those who join the cause, including a returning 80-year-old participant and her husband's 100-year-old aunt, who will start the race this year.

"These women and so many others have inspired me, and we hope to inspire other women with this event," she said.

For the first time men will have an active part in the event, outside of the important volunteer work they've done in the past. The 5k Linda Gardner Memorial Walk makes its debut in 2008, designed to honor a woman who also inspired Rick-Biddick.

"She had been a cancer survivor and took me under her wing when I was diagnosed," she said. "We lost her last July, but she continues in our hearts as a true crusader."

Courier file photo
Michelle Rick-Biddick participates in a Tri4Fun triathlon.

The walk will follow the same running portion as the triathlon route and is open to men.

While Rick-Biddick is proud to help raise funds and awareness for cancer causes, she said supporting women is one of the most important parts of the event.

"The greatest gift for me is that so many women come up to me after and say 'I never thought I could do something like this.' They are so surprised and so motivated by the accomplishment, and really anyone from 14 on up can do it," she said.

The smiles, crying, hugs and high five's at the end of the event are "overwhelming," she added.

Rick-Biddick encouraged anyone interested, even if they don't have any experience, to get involved. Participants can partake in the fun individually or in teams. Also she can help get teams together if "someone is a runner or a swimmer or a biker but only wants to do the one part, we can help hook them up with other participants."

Awards will be offered as well to help with the fun, including solo and team participants that raise the most money as well as the 'craziest' volunteer and most creatively dressed participant. There will also be a post race part at the Inn at Bay Harbor at 4 p.m. offering entertainment, food and more celebration.

For more information or to sign up contact Rick-Biddick at (231)547-4369 or e-mail at rle.fitness@hotmail.com.

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Commissioners tour nuclear waste facility

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Eager to prove their facility is safe and secure, Entergy officials recently gave some Charlevoix officials a closer look at Big Rock's spent fuel storage center.

Several Charlevoix County Commissioners attended a lunch meeting followed by a tour of the outdoor facility.

"They contacted us in an outreach effort to give us a rundown of how it works and what the storage facility was all about," said Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Chris Christensen. "I learned more about nuclear stuff than I thought I would have. It was a fantastic experience."

Mark Savage, the communications manager at the Palisades power plant in Covert, attended the meeting and helped guide the tour of eight storage containers, each nearly 16 feet tall, 11 feet in diameter and weighing 130 tons.

The nuclear leftovers are from the now decommissioned Big Rock nuclear plant which began operation in 1962 and officially stopped operating in 1997.

"The more you talk about security, the less secure you are," Savage said. "But, there are armed guards there 24/7, lighted fences and it's all monitored by television cameras, so you have in-depth defense for the fuel."

He added, "No one is going to break in without someone seeing them, and it would be very difficult to move (storage casks) without anyone noticing that."

Entergy, as Savage explained it, is to Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and parts of Texas what Consumers Energy is to Michigan.

"We also own four nuclear facilities within the territory in the south and five nuclear plants in the northeast," he said. "Entergy has been a company since the early 1900s. Its business is running and keeping safe the nuclear plants in its portfolio. Our philosophy is to operate, reliably and safely, all of our sites with our expertise and experience."

The spent nuclear fuel resides in the jetliner proof, reinforced cement containers on 100 acres in the center of the more than 500 acre Big Rock property.

"They did a test in 1989 on this kind of storage container out west," Drebenstedt said. "They drove a jet loaded with water as full as they could get it and guided it into one of these and the hole was smaller than a hand and only penetrated two inches with the jet going full speed into it."

He added, "I really feel like it's very safe."

Savage said there are no plans to sell the security duty which keeps the fuel safe.

"We'll own the property until the fuel is gone," he said.

Current figures on when the nuclear storage facility Yucca Mountain in Nevada will be open for business range from 11 to 50 years.

Charlevoix County Commission

The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, March 26 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

Item: Non-motorized trail grant
In brief: Resolution to allow the Charlevoix County Planning Department to seek state and federal funding for a non motorized trail which would stretch from Charlevoix to Boyne City.
Board action: Approved 5-1. District Six Commissioner Shirley Roloff was the lone no vote (see related story)

Item: COA consultant
In brief: Award the bid of $34,650 for consulting services to Abbott & Emmel Consulting which will be working with the Charlevoix Commission On Aging.
Board action: Unanimously approved 6-0

Item: Soil erosion and sedimentation control
In brief: A resolution designating the Soil Erosion Office as the enforcement agency so Charlevoix County will be in compliance with the soil erosion and sedimentation control requirements of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994.
Board action: Unanimously approved 6-0

Item: Charlevoix Sheriff Office Marine Grant
In brief: The Charlevoix County Sheriff Office is applying for a Marine Safety Equipment Grant from the Michigan DNR for two outboard boat motors and two communications radios for a total estimated cost of $28,000 and they are also asking for one of either of the following: Boat trailer with trailer, cost of $40,000 or one SeaDoo with trailer, cost of $16,000.
Board action: Unanimously approved 6-0

Item: GrandVue operating transfer
In brief: Request to transfer $80,450.85 from Grandvue Capital Depreciation account to the operating account for payments to Sky Electric for a generator, cost of $21,733.70, Compass Communications Group for a deposit on a wireless call system, cost of $58,192.15, and Nealis Engineering for a generator project, cost of $525.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

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Science lesson

Emily Loper, a first grade student in Mrs. Roxann Robert's room at Charlevoix Elementary School discovers some interesting facts about light — what makes a shadow and what materials light easily passes through.

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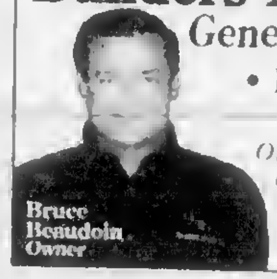

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Resident starts Charlevoix Cedar Plank Company

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix resident and fishing enthusiast Scott Pughch has taken matters into his own hands to offer a new way to enjoy one of his favorite entrees: Whitefish.

Having spent his fair share of time in John Cross' Fish Market in Charlevoix, Pughch said he has heard many a time how people wanting to cook fish with a classic "open flame" flavor desire a non-disposable cedar plank to do the trick. While disposable planks, often used for grilling, are rather easy to come by, Pughch said no one makes a reusable one that can be used for indoor cooking.

"I kept saying how someone should make one of those, so eventually I just did it," Pughch said.

With a little help from local business woman June Cross who, along with her husband, John, owns the local fish market, Pughch's idea developed into the Charlevoix Cedar Plank Company. His planks, which come complete with "a perfect recipe for whitefish," are sold at Cross' fish market and Shop of the Gulls here in Charlevoix, and offer a flavorful way to enjoy not only whitefish but any kind of fish that could use a little open flame, cedar flavor.

Pughch said he has always eaten a lot of fish, and liked the idea of going into business for himself under the umbrella of something he knows so well. He also said he appreciates the help he has received while planning the venture.

"June (Cross) has helped so much. There are a lot of legal issues and steps to go through, and she has been a huge help with all of that," he said, also noting the benefit of June's market serving as a point of sale for the planks.

Cross also said Pughch has "done such a great job" developing his product.

"He's put a lot of work into this, and they (the planks) are great," she said.

Pughch said he is working on developing a similar oak plank that will soon be available. He will also soon have a website developed so people can make special orders — planks of various sizes — for anyone interested. For now, he said, he "wants to grow slow."

"I don't want to make a commitment I can't keep, but I don't want it to flop either. I plan to keep it small and local for now," he said.

The planks are available for $16 a piece at Cross' Fish Market and Shop of the Gulls.

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Scott Pughch (left) stands with June Cross to show off his cedar plank, used for cooking fish.

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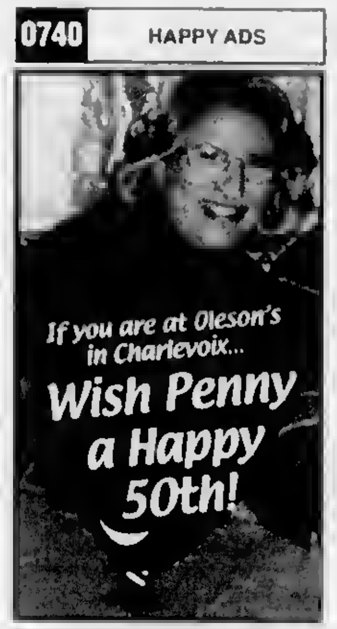

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011205-DE

Estate of Edna Catherine Wells, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 05/16/1911

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edna Catherine Wells, who lived at 107 West Upright, Charlevoix, Michigan died on January 31, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephen W. Wells named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated. March 25, 2008.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Stephen W. Wells
90 Yorkshire
Hebron, CT 06248
(860)649-6970
(L-04/02)

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by. Monette R Bennington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 and also recorded via effidavit dated June 26, 2007 and recorded January 3, 2008 in Liber 832 Page 521 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, by assignment date January 22, 2008 and recorded February 14, 2008 in Liber 836 Page 859 and also subsequently recorded via affidavit on which mortgago there is claimed to be duo at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($555,707.85) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on April 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East end West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an engle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; then at an anglo of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477 6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to en Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an engle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore.

EASEMENT PARCEL: A 25 foot strip easement described as: Situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at the East eighth corner of the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West: thence Westerly along the East and West quarter lino (Northline of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet, thence et an angle of 01 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77 12 feet to an iron stake on a line previously dosignated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth lina 69.95 feet to an iron stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 607.6 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 25.03 feet; thence at an angle of 92 degrees 50 minutes 18 seconds to the right from the last described course 600.06 feet; thence at en angle of 70 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds to the right from the last described course 26.50 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of tho notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later

Dated. MARCH 13, 2008

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A mandatory pre-bid walk-through will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Contractors should meet at the Charlevoix Middle School Conference Room, at this time

(B-04/02)

Official Notice

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2. **Hayes Township Hall & Fire Barn Lawn Mowing** - The hall and fire barn are located at 09195 Old US 31 N Charlevoix. Mowing & trimming will include an area of approximately 5 acres of land

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(B-03/26, 04/02, 04/09, 04/16)

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Official Notice

BIG FISH SEPTAGE RECEIVING AND PROCESSING FACILITY

NOTICE OF GROUND WATER EFFLUENT DISCHARGE

Big Fish Environmental research and development septage receiving and pretreatment facility, located at 12640 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan is applying for a permit to discharge its processed effluent to ground water discharge from its Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permitted facility. A 30-day public review and comment period will follow this notice. Comments will be forwarded to Derrick Simmons at MDEQ for review and recommendation.

Derrick K. Simmons, RS, R.E.H.S.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011197-DE

Estate of John W Works, Deceased.
Date of Birth. 09/05/1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John W. Works, who lived at 37420 Lake Shore Rd., P.O Box 13, Beaver Island, Michigan died on November 12, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gertrude Z. Works, namod personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

Mary J. Ruffley (P33886)
Fildew Hinks, PLLC
645 Griswold St., Suite 3600
Detroit, MI 48226-4291
(313)961-9700

Gertrude Z. Works
37420 Lake Shore Rd.
P.O. Box 13
Beaver Island, MI 49782
(L-04/02)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by CW Development Group, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, of 8392 Greenwood Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 to FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan 49707, dated January 7 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 17, 2005 in Liber 663, Pages 001-007, and modified by Future Advance Money Mortgage Modification Agreement dated August 24, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan on September 22, 2005 in Liber 705, Pages 707-708, Charlevoix County Records, on which there is claimod to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $1,285,344 46.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 18th day of April, 2008 at 11 o'clock a m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Situated in tho Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89°59'05" East along the East and West 1/4 line 1004.41 feet to the Northeasterly line of Highway M-66 and the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along the East and West 1/4 line North 89°59'05" East 320.59 feet to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence South 00°05'22" West along said 1/8th line 33.05 feet to the South bank of Stover Creek; thence South 35°01'19" East along said bank 86.30 feet to a T-iron stake, thence South 67°38'09" West 301.94 feet to a T-iron stake on the East line of Highway M-66; thence North 21°57'11" West along said highway 156.36 feet; thence Northwestorly along a 1984.86 feet radius curve to the left an arc distance of 80.32 feet along said highway (long chord bears North 23°46'42" West 80.32 feet) to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

Tax ID # 004-035-012-70.

Property Address. 6800 Highway M-66 North, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale.

Dated. March 7, 2008

BODMAN LLP
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan
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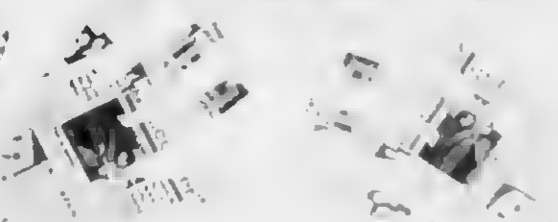

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BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

After nearly a quarter of a century with Charlevoix Elementary School, third-grade educator Erik Lundteigen prepares to say goodbye.

While he began his college career by taking business courses, Lundteigen soon found he couldn't escape his family's rich tradition of working in education.

"My parents were both teachers and my grandmother was a teacher and my sister was a teacher, so it kind of runs in my family per se," he said. "I went to Michigan State (University) and started off in the business program and I think I quickly realized that was not what I wanted to do."

Lundteigen added, "I just kind of followed my parents into that field and the more classes I took, the more I found it to be more interesting than economics and business classes."

Lundteigen

In addition to teaching a wide variety of subjects to his elementary students, the veteran educator has worked with the skiing team and varsity tennis team as a coach for 17 and 21 years respectively.

"I also coached four years with the football team in there too," he said. "I've been pretty involved with the athletics side."

Lundteigen, who has two young children and a wife, will spend his winters working at a local ski hill and devote more time to his family.

"I have a sixth-grader and a fourth-grader," he said. "I took forward to doing more things with them."

Lundteigen said he'll miss seeing a student's face "just light up" when they make a connection on something he's teaching them, but he won't miss all the paperwork.

"I don't want it to sound negative, but things are a lot different than they were 25 years ago," he said. "I can't even describe it. Today we have a lot more record keeping and things of that nature. It really takes away from teaching."

But, aside from governmental mandates which have caused excess paperwork, Lundteigen said he will miss his career.

"I just really enjoyed my time. I've got a lot of great memories and great stories," he said. "I remember this one little guy was out of kindergarten, and kindergartners only go to school for a half day, so when he was a first-grader he was standing out by the bus stop at lunchtime waiting for someone to pick him up. We sent an adult out there to go get him and the adult said, 'Johnny, you're not supposed to be here now' and he looked at the adult and said, 'Who made that rule?'"

Lundteigen added, "That's just one of lots of funny things that have happened over the years."

Farewell after a short stay in Charlevoix

Erica Goff

I anticipate many readers, upon hearing the news I have to share, are going to respond with an overwhelming, "Already?"

Having only served – proudly— as editor of the Charlevoix Courier for just over four months, I am leaving the area for a land even further north. At the end of April, I will make the 3,800+ mile trek from northern Michigan to Fairbanks, Alaska, which will serve as my new home while I work as a feature writer for the Fairbanks News-Miner.

While I agree it seems quite sudden— I feel like I just got done unpacking and now I'm packing it all up again, happy I kept all of the boxes from my move in November— I feel it is a move I need to make, an adventure I can't pass up.

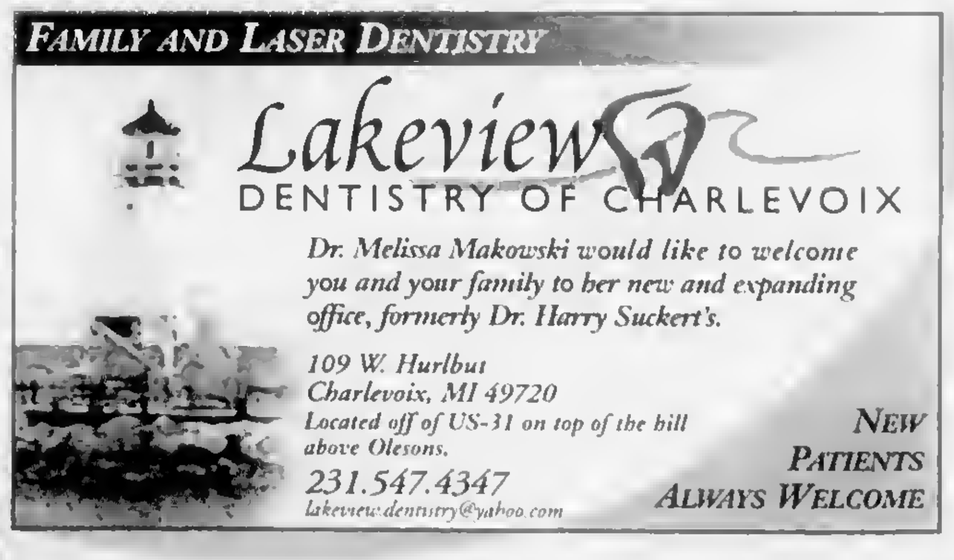
When I made the move from Ithaca, in the "Middle of the Mitten" as they call it there in central Michigan, many people informed me "it snows a lot up there" in northern Michigan. I've also heard from thos same people it is cold and winters are long (I guess the joke is on them, though, because this winter has dumped snow, sleet, freezing rain and cold indiscriminately throughout the state.) I have enjoyed the snow, the long winter and (nearly) all that goes along with it; I've gotten more than my money's worth out of the snowshoes I purchased shortly after my move, and can't say enough about the beautiful landscape of the area. I think I am one of few people that is not ready for spring's arrival. My family and friends now think I'm simply off my rocker, but have admitted my winter here may have been good preparation for what they believe is an "extreme" move north.

The timing of this opportunity, I admit, is not ideal for a number of reasons, not the least of which April is not the best time of year to drive through the Yukon. But it also requires an abrupt leave from the Courier, and for that I can only apologize. Missing this opportunity to be in Alaska, with its Northern Lights and Denali National Park and the Chena Hot Springs and the Alaska Range, all situated in the heart of the Tanana Valley, not to mention the amazing wildlife, parks, other mountain ranges and breath taking lakes and rivers, would haunt me for a lifetime.

I realize not everyone will understand my desire to pursue such a challenge — Fairbanks is, one of my good friends has informed me repeatedly in the past few days, just 110 miles south of the Arctic Circle, with nearly 20 hours of darkness a day during the winter season, from early fall to mid-January, and a record temperature of 66 degrees below zero (I however countered with the fact there is an average of 21 hours of daylight during the summer season from June to mid September, offering an outstanding growing season, with a record high of mid-90's in June and July.) However it is all part of an experience I've long dreamed of enjoying and now can hardly believe I have the opportunity to do so. So while you may not understand, I say thank you for the patience, and thank you for welcoming me to Charlevoix the Beautiful, even though it was only for a short time.

Parenting workshop a success

The Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and Northern Antrim counties worked with Charlevoix Kiwanis Club at a parenting workshop held at tha Community Reformed Church Marc 8. Pictured, from left ara Carolyn Navaare, Dr. Wil Blechman, State Representative Kavin Elsenheimer, Bill Lovett, Gayle Gennett and Ted Dumbauld.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Tai Chi classes

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The Beginner class is from 10 to 11 a.m. and the Intermediate Class begins at 11 a.m. to noon. The cost for the six week session is $12 for Seniors 60 and over and $40 for those 59 and younger.

Classes will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is again happy to sponsor this safe, non-impact exercise that promotes health and inner tranquility. It also builds endurance and improves balance, coordination and flexibility. McClorey also teaches a "sitting" form for those with difficulty standing.

To register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231)237-0103.

Battle of the Books

Nick Courier (left) and Dalton Cooper compete against their peers during Northwest Academy's first annual Battle of the Books. Students were given a list of books to read and a head-to-head trivia contest on information relevant to the books was held on Thursday, March 27. The winning team of Beth Gohs, Elizabeth Hodgson and Kaylee Davis beat the teacher's team after knocking their fellow student teams out of the running.

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Hospital to host annual hospice teleconference

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite and webcast, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. The program provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals – including doctors, nurses, funeral directors, psychologists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors – to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

This year HFA's 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Children and Adolescents." The teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that all hospice professionals, educators and counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors, and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with CNN, the program will be broadcast from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16.

Sesno will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv from The College of New Rochelle, Nancy Hogan, PhD, RN, FAAN from Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Rita Milburn-Dobson, MA, RNC, FT from Precious Gems Supportive Services, Laura E. Olague, MEd, CT from Children's Grief Center, Stacy F. Orloff, EdD LCSW from The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, and J. William Worden, PhD, ABPP from Harvard Childhood Bereavement Study.

A local discussion panel will be held directly after the teleconference at both teleconference locations consisting of professionals from our northwestern Michigan community and family members who have experienced a loss. This distinguished panel of family members, educators, and hospice experts will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that all hospice professionals, educators and counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors, and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief.

Each year this award-winning, televised broadcast is seen in more than 2,000 communities across North America, reaching an estimated live audience of 150,000 people. The broadcast is sponsored in part by a grant from the Foundation for End-of-Life Care, and produced in cooperation with the Adventist Communications Network, the Association for Death Education, the National Association of Social Workers, the Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System, and The Compassionate Friends.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a not-for-profit organization, which acts as an advocate for the hospice concept of care through ongoing programs of professional education, public information and research on issues relating to illness, loss, grief and bereavement.

This program is offered free of charge. Low cost continuing education credit is available for nurses, social workers, case managers, funeral directors, clergy, and others. The teleconference will be broadcast at two locations in the area at Charlevoix Area Hospital, Classroom B and at the Petoskey Public Library Carnegie Building.

For registration and additional information contact Hospice of NW Michigan: (231)582-8800 or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, (231)487-4825.

Courtesy photo

Easter lesson

Pictured are students from Bright Beginnings Preschool who, in conjunction with National Dental Month, studied healthy vs. nonhealthy foods. For this experiment, students placed an egg (in the shell) in a cup of soda. They then observed what effect the soda had on the egg. They then brushed the egg (as you would your teeth) to demonstrate how brushing with toothpaste can get all the unhealthy "junk" off your teeth. In the attached photo, teacher Mrs. Tricia Petrosky explains to students Sam Peterson, Max Ulmer, Rachel Pott, and Camryn Turkleson how the experiment works and what kind of observations they should be looking for. These experiments were done during "center time." Students also took a field trip to Dr. Suckert's dentist office to learn more about caring for teeth.

Relay for Life of Charlevoix

The American Cancer Society invites everyone in the Charlevoix County community to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer at this year's Relay For Life event. Charlevoix County residents will kick off the 2008 annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Charlevoix County on August 16 at 10 a.m. at Boyne USA, Boyne Falls.

Although the Relay For Life of Charlevoix County is more than five months away, now is the time to get involved. Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting overnight event that can lead to a cure for cancer.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends and co-workers camp out overnight, taking turns walking the track. During the event, participants and visitors will have a chance to: celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors during the Survivors Lap; remember those we have lost to the disease during the poignant Luminaria Ceremony; and participate in the new Fight Back Ceremony that gives everyone a chance to proclaim their way of taking action against the disease.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org. Community members can also start or join a team by following the links to our local Relay event on www.relayforlife.org.

The Relay For Life of Charlevoix County will take place on August 16-17 at Boyne USA, Boyne Falls from 10 a.m.-10 a.m. For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Diane M. Jorgensen at 231-947-0860 or Diane.Jorgensen@cancer.org.

Grief support program set

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than people can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing a job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness, or even losing a pet. Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6:30 to [illegible] p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from April 15 through May 13 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are The Rev. Nancy Rohde, Hospice Spiritual Advisor and Margaret Lasater, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

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APRIL 7
"STITCHES" KNITTING GROUP

(Meets the first Monday of every month)

Bring your own project and join in for a community knitting session at 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library.

APRIL 12
SHOP-A-THON AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISING SHOW

C.A.B. National Honor Society students will be running a STORYTIME for kids at least once every hour while the parents shop! Food booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. run by Concord students with a variety of foods offered throughout the day. Proceeds go to the Yearbook, Music department, Dance and other student groups! If you are a consultant, craftsman or artist interested in participating call. (231) 536-0889. We're also welcoming any donations for our silent auction.

APRIL 12
NCMC: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how to take better pictures with your digital camera, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street. Call the library or NCMC to register, 237-7340.

APRIL 13 – 19TH
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APRIL 13
MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

From 3 to 4 p.m. Ben Hindle will be playing the piano, hosted by The Friends of the Library at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 14
COMPUTER TIDBIT: DEAR READER

Learn how to use the library's new resource geared to assist patrons in selecting new reads. For all book lover's! Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton Street.

APRIL 15
MYSTERY LOVERS PROGRAM

Join Peg Herring, a writer and speaker from Onaway, and other mystery lovers in a fun, informative and interactive discussion of the mystery genre. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 16
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

(meets the third Wednesday of each month)

Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors at 1 p.m. at your library for this work session.

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COMPUTER TIDBIT: MELCAT

Learn how to request books from anywhere in the state by using the library's new resource, MelCat, the statewide library catalog. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 17
QUILTERS GROUP

(meets the third Thursday of each month)

Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors at 10 a.m. at your library for this work session.

APRIL 17
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the award winning documentary film "A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash," at the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Watch the trailer at http://ltlpf.blogspot.com The film is free and all are welcome.

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MAY 17
ARTIST RECEPTION

"Reflections of Northern Michigan", Watercolors by Betty Bea Washburn, 4 to 6 p.m.

JUNE 28
ARTIST RECEPTION

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m.

JULY 19
ARTIST RECEPTION

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m.

AUGUST 9
ART DEMONSTRATION DAY

Noon to 3:30 p.m.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at (547-4062

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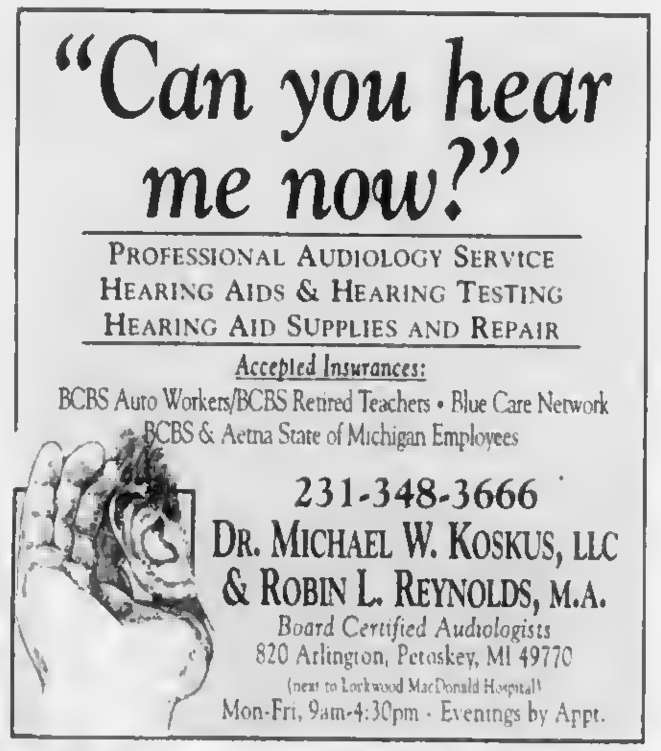

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Swirl will end the early 2008 series on Thursday, May 1 Garden Party: Summer Entertaining. Swirl will return in October of 2008.

Due to overwhelming response to Swirl, limited tickets are available. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12.50 per person the day of Swirl. galleries open at 6 pm and the refreshments begin at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, (231)347-4337, www.crookedtree.org and Esperance, (231)237-9300, www.esperancewine.com

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City could allow dogs in East Park

Steve Zucker
Petoskey News Review Staff Writer

The Charlevoix City Council on Monday took a step toward letting out a little leash on an ordinance prohibiting dogs in East Park.

By a 4-2 vote the council directed city staff to draft a revision to the city code that would allow properly-leashed dogs to be in the park except during city-approved events.

"We have to be reasonable to work with (dog owners)," said councilman Lyle Gennett, who voted in favor of the measure. "A dog doesn't care about an ordinance . . . he's going to go for the first green grass he sees."

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Charlevoix residants and visitors spent their last day of spring break Monday at the Dairy Grille.

Ownars of the local eatery were forced to change tha restaurant's name from Dairy Queen this spring after refusing to comply with corporate menu regulations.

The dispute arose over the owner's desire to use fresh meat instead of frozen hamburger.

Read the complete story in the April 16 edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

Photo by
Julia Witthoeft

Two file for county clerk seat

There's still time to file

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Cherie Browe

Jim Eisley

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of Election '08 coverage in the Charlevoix Courier.

With the filing deadline for the Charlevoix County Clerk seat still nearly five weeks away, two county workers have stepped up.

With current clerk Jane Brannon choosing not to seek another term, her chief deputy clerk Cherie Browe and chief electrical inspector with the county building department Jim Eisley are the only two so far who have shown any real interest in the post.

"I have truly been interested in county government and the history of the county my entire life," Browe said. "I got interested in it when I was in high school and I helped my mother on her successful campaign as (Charlevoix) County Treasurer."

The deadline for interested candidates to file is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

Born and raised in Charlevoix not two miles from the county building, the [illegible] year-old [illegible] grandmother [illegible] has given [illegible] years of service to the county.

"I worked one year in the prosecutor's office and then I was ask to join the clerk's staff and have been chief deputy ever since," Browe said. "The clerk's office [illegible] the record keeper [illegible] officer of the county."

Browe said [illegible] to serve the public [illegible] policy of transparency.

"If you are using government funds and tax dollars the taxpayers have a right to know anything," she said. "They can come in and ask for anything and that should

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Goff moves on, Gohs steps up

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Benjamin Gohs

Benjamin Gohs has taken over as editor of the Charlevoix Courier.

Former Courier editor, Erica Goff, left the paper on Friday, April 4 to move about 3,800 miles to Alaska where she'll be a features reporter for Latitude 65, an entertainment publication produced by the Fairbanks News Miner in Fairbanks, Alaska.

"The harsh winter helped me prepare," she said of her four months in Charlevoix. "I just want to thank everyone for being so welcoming and nice during my time here."

While Goff sets up shop about 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle, Gohs is settling into his new digs a few paces from where he spent the past three years as the paper's staff writer.

"This is a natural progression for me," he said. "I know the area. In the last nearly five years I've created and maintained good relationships with community leaders. Even people who don't like my opinion column will admit I always keep my word."

Gohs, a 33 year-old Bay City native, said he's loved writing his entire life and even when he worked at a convention center and as a cook he would spend his breaks jotting in a notebook.

His pastime turned to profession in fall 2003 when he apprenticed under former Courier editor Jeremy McBain. He accepted the staff writer's position at the Courier in April 2005.

His tenure with the Courier has thus far included coverage of local schools and county government as well as the weekly publication of his award winning civil liberties and humor opinion column, "The Crying Towel."

During his time as staff writer Gohs said he learned

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Aaron Michael Swick, 26, Temperance. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

John Robert Means, 38, Oden. No operator license on person. Pay $125 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail

Scoey Laverne Hardrich, 30, Comins. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Catheryn Olivia Bryant, 28, Ellsworth. No operator license on person. $100 in fines and costs.

Carisa Anne Jacobson, 19, East Jordan. Larceny less than $200. Credit for 20 days in jail; 58 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $485 in fines and costs

Katie Leigh Himmelspach, 28, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Carl Albert Matzat, 60, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; 62 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; serve 20 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,035 in fines and costs.

Cynthia Marrie Taylor, 40, Petoskey. Embezzlement less than $200. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; 52 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work. To serve one year on probation; write a letter of apology; $500 in fines and costs.

Caleb Gilbert Blatt, 19, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILEO FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

AKS Services, 910 East Main St., Boyne City, by Raymond Massey

4-Rider Inc. dba Scovie's Gourmet, 111 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Scott and Vi Forreider

Noozle Inc./Momentum of Boyne City, 118 Water St., Boyne City, by JoAnn M. and Dominic DiMario

AAA Services Plus, P.O. Box 640, East Jordan, by Dominic Gibson

So Far Sew Good, 705 7th St., East Jordan, by Darcie Anne Buell

Lake Affects Art, P.O. Box 605, Elk Rapids, by Leslie Lee

Boe Camp Services, 02503 Camp Ten Road, by Leon R Boettger

BIRTHS

Ellis William weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces was born March 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Brandy Malpass of East Jordan.

Her sibling is Preston Malpass. Her grandparents are Fred and Barb Malpass and Steve and Vicki Garlitz of East Jordan.

Gabriel Marcus Dustin weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces was born March 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Oren Dustin and Danielle Newlin of Charlevoix.

Siblings are Aliza and Bella-Grace Huffman and Corbin Scott.

Grandparents are Tim and Ileen Hawley of Boyne City, Leona Evans and Leo Evans of East Jordan and Mark Dustin of Ellsworth.

Great-grandparent is Ardith Hawley of Boyne City.

Traffic deaths steady

While Michigan traffic fatalities remained steady from 2006 to 2007, the number of fatal crashes declined from 1,200 to 987. Notably, alcohol and/or drug-involved fatalities fell 13 percent, from 440 in 2006 to 382 in 2007, the lowest number in more than a decade, according to just-released information from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice information Center.

Traffic-related injuries dropped by more than 1,300, from 81,942 in 2006 to 80,576 in 2007. Total crashes increased 3 percent, from 315 in 2005 to 324,174 in 2007.

Since 2000, Michigan has seen a downward trend in traffic deaths, due in large part to substantial increases in safety belt use. The only increase since 2000 came in 2003 when there was a modest increase of four traffic deaths. The state has one of the highest belt use rates in the country at 94 percent.

The crash data also shows:

- Motorcycle fatalities increased from 114 to 124 in 2007.
- Young driver fatalities (age 16 to 20) increased from 168 in 2006 to 227 in 2007.
- Deer-vehicle crashes rose from 60.875 in 2006 to 61,907 in 2007. There were 11 people killed in deer-vehicle crashes in 2007, down from 12 in 2006.
- Commercial motor vehicle fatalities increased from 130 in 2006 to 136 in 2007.
- Pedestrian fatalities dropped from 139 in 2006 to 136 in 2007.

Bicycle fatalities dropped from 28 in 2006 to 18 in 2007.

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Browe, Eisley file to run for county clerk

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taxpayers are informed, the better they are to make decisions."

The longtime right-hand woman to the clerk also plans to modernize as many records as possible.

"I've done some work on the county website and I would like to do more so more information is easier to find," Browe said. "If more things like marriage records and death records were in an electronic format, taxpayers would have the ability to research things much easier."

She added, "This position is answerable to the taxpayers, so you have to really see what the taxpayers want and need in the way of services."

Browe is well versed in election law, having trained election inspectors for years and she knows how to perform each of the duties within the clerk's office in the event someone is out ill.

"And, until they switched the election system a few years back, I programmed the election computers and handled all of the elections," she said.

Eisley, 55, has been in the Charlevoix area since the mid-1990s, is married and a father of two children and three grandchildren.

"I'm originally from the Ann Arbor area where I used to own an electrical contracting business," he said. "We always loved this area and we owned property up here since the late '80s."

Eisley's business background and 12 years working as the county's Chief Electrical Inspector are the forefront of his campaign.

"I'm here to help people," he said. "I feel I'm a public servant in my job now. My job is to help as much as I can."

Eisley, too, will work to maintain a free flow of information between the clerk's office and public if he is elected.

"I would like to make the clerk's office a little more accessible, bring computers into the office as much as possible and I would just make it a friendly atmosphere for people to come into," he said. "I would appreciate any help I could get, any comments or suggestions anyone has on what they would like to see done (with the clerk's office)."

Eisley added, "I hope to attend a lot of township meetings and meet with the people and find out what their needs are."

Next week Election '08 coverage continues with Brannon's farewell

Charlevoix Courier welcomes new editor

EDITOR

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"A community newspaper is the center of information for the town. The news we have, readers can't get from CNN, Fox or even local radio. It may be trite but it's no cliché we are the voice of the community," he said.

Gohs said no major changes are scheduled for the paper at this time. He plans to sharpen the Courier's focus on local news, bring back the weekly editorial and include more online multi-media offerings.

"It's important to highlight issues in the community, not just in story form but in the opinion section as well," he said. "We are a government watchdog and outlet for the citizens of Charlevoix. Whether it's your son or daughter's basketball game statistics or a controversial zoning issue, it's our pleasure to make sure you are well informed."

Gohs is a member of Charlevoix's Masonic Lodge. His wife, Phoebe, is an elementary school teacher at Northwest Academy. He has two children, Nicholas, 14, and Bethany, 12.

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Classifieds pay off!

Possible public hearing on dogs in East Park

DOG

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The action was also supported by council members Dennis Kosina, Sherman Chamberlain and Greg Stevens.

Gabe Campbell and Jill Picha voted against the measure and mayor Norman Carlson Jr. was absent.

Gennett, who initiated the motion to move forward with the more permissive ordinance, said the city should have some tolerance for boaters with dogs even during events.

The current ordinance prohibits dogs from the park from Memorial Day through Labor Day and during Apple Fest.

The proposed ordinance amendment will be officially introduced at the council's April 21 meeting. At that time the council will vote on whether on not to have a public hearing for the proposed amendment.

If the council votes to have a public hearing on the amendment, it would take place at it's May 12 meeting. The council could then vote on whether to adopt the amendment following the public hearing at the May 12 meeting.

If approved, the ordinance would take effect 30 days later.

About two dozen residents turned out for Monday's meeting, most of them to speak in support of allowing dogs in the park.

Many expressed concerns the dog ban would dissuade boaters and others from visiting the city.

City harbormaster Hal Evans said in the 10 years in his position he can recall only one occasion where a dog was a problem in the park.

He estimated that roughly half of boaters who visit the marina have dogs with them

A multi-million dollar project to re-develop East Park and the adjacent city marina is expected to be completed this summer

Evans said his understanding is that the area behind the bandshell was intended by park designers as a dog run area.

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Bob Drebenstedt (from left), Bud Coyn, Troy Drebenstedt and Joshua Popenhagen stand as color gaurd for a recently deceased veteran.

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The Rowe Inn Schedule of Events

Cigar Dinner
Thursday, April 17. Chef Scott Lyons will prepare a four course dinner with two cigars. Mike Nolan, from Nolan's Tobacco in Traverse City will provide commentary on the cigars.
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Dogs in East Park, with conditions

EDITORIAL

Should dogs be allowed in East Park?

That's an easy question with nearly unlimited answers.

The real question is: "Is there a right answer?"

The art of compromise suggests there is a fair solution for all involved and that answer, we believe, lies in the pages of Charlevoix City Council's new draft ordinance.

With as packed as East Park is during Charlevoix's seasonal peak, the idea of allowing animals, some well behaved and some not, into a crowd which includes children and the elderly, is asking for trouble.

On the other hand, what good reason could there be for prohibiting dogs from the park for the other nine-and-a-half months of the year?

Our stance is simple: advertise events with the prohibition of dogs, but allow them the rest of the time so long as they are on a leash and well-behaved.

And, since you're going to have boaters bringing their dogs up for exercise and potty breaks throughout the busy season, you might consider cordoning off a small area and turning it into a dog park.

No one wants to contend with an unruly dog or mystery spot in the grass, especially during an event overflowing with people.

As with all resort towns, Charlevoix isn't just another city, it's a business which relies on tourism.

The city has thus far taken the best possible of all courses: the road of compromise.

We only hope city officials go through with their idea of allowing a public hearing on this issue.

No doubt there will be varied opinions from both supporters and opposition to allowing dogs in East Park.

Let us not forget that Charlevoix's proverbial life blood is in the tourism industry.

Let's not put ourselves in the doghouse by kicking Fido to the curb.

Fate in a plaid skirt, from peelin' eggs to pennin' words

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

My guardian angel apparently has a thing for swarthy men in plaid skirts, but more on that later.

Four-and-a-half years might not seem like long, but in my mind 2003 was a lifetime ago.

Back then my wife was no teacher and I was a part-time scribbler, but certainly no writer; And, never did I dream I would become editor of a newspaper.

Big deal, right? People go to college and get degrees and work at jobs every day.

Regardless of what could have been, I didn't think college was an option and took a wife and child on early at age 19 with the intention of working menial jobs until the day I died.

From the mid-1990s on, I worked as blackjack dealer, truck driver, mechanic, dog trainer, cashier, vacuum salesman, telemarketer and house painter, but mostly I was a cook who did everything from flip burgers for vacationers to cater luncheons and slice prime rib for society's upper crust.

Don't get me wrong. My time spent in the blue collar world of third shifts and no benefits gave me the flexibility to be home to raise my kids while the wife pursued college, but there was something missing.

Needing a change and escape from both our families, the wife and I moved hundreds of miles from home to Hemmingway country in 1999. I took a year off to play Benny Q. Homemaker and learned a new definition of solitude as my spouse worked 12-hour shifts while simultaneously attending college full-time.

In those days the budget was so tight we had no phone, no cable and most of the grocery shopping was done at the dollar store. To this day the wife will not eat pea soup.

Seeing as the old rummage sale TV picked up only one station, which cut out each evening, my only entertainment was hacking away on a bright orange typewriter from the late '60s that my sister had given me.

Domestic days were capped by evenings writing short stories, poetry and eventually the 90,000-word account of my childhood—a book which will remain shelved until my parents are dead or too weak to do me bodily harm.

Once the kids were out of kindergarten I went back to work, cooking at The Acorn and then Flap Jack, but writing was always on my mind.

So began the submissions followed by rejection letters. And, despite some serious praise of my work by a couple of my wife's professors, I went unpublished.

While reading the Charlevoix Courier one day I realized there might be more to writing than fiction.

I called then Editor Jeremy McBain and told him I knew it sounded crazy, but I desperately wanted to be a writer. I told him I would work for free sweeping floors, running errands and making coffee.

Thoroughly expecting him to tell me to jump off a bridge, I wasn't ready for his response: "Bring me a sample of your writing."

An hour later I sat before him as he eyed a page from one of my horror stories; he studied it for minutes and then took a long, loud breath in through his nose like he does when he's pondering and said, "You can write."

A professional writer had just told this nervous wreck he could write. I didn't know whether to laugh or throw up.

Every Friday thereafter McBain taught me the ins and outs of the newspaper business, always advising me on what I'd done wrong, but reassuring me of the things I'd done right.

When he thought me ready, McBain assigned me stories for the Courier. Those clips landed me freelance gigs with half a dozen publications and eventually a full-time spot right here working for my second great mentor Julie Witthoeft.

I would say I'll try my best to carry on the tradition of this strong community sounding board, but I'm reminded by the wisest of philosophers that I must, "Do, or do not. There is no try."

Well, I have a lot of work to do to keep karma, and this newspaper, in the black, so I better get to work.

Oh, and by the way, McBain has informed me that, when he wears a skirt it's called a kilt.

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Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is noon the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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LETTERS to the editor

TRIP A SUCCESS

Thank-you to those in our community who made a special trip possible for local high school senior and cancer survivor Nate Tripplehorn.

After seeing an article online (www.CharlevoixCourier.com) regarding Nate Tripplehorn's two-year battle with brain cancer and his return to the wrestling mat this past season, the Tug McGraw Foundation contacted Charlevoix High School offering Nate six tickets to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships starting March 20 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

The Tug McGraw Foundation, established by the late Tug McGraw, is a fundraising organization with a broad spectrum of services for individuals with brain tumors.

According to their website, "The mission of the Foundation is to support research that will improve their (cancer victims') quality of life in the physical, social, spiritual and cognitive areas."

The generous gift of six tickets and one hotel room for four nights was whole-heartedly accepted, however, after outlining the overall cost of the trip, Charlevoix High School wres-

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tling coach Craig Golovich soon recognized a series of obstacles: First and foremost was the cost of gas, meals and a second hotel room, totaling over $1500; In addition, just days before the group was scheduled to leave for St. Louis, the high school notified Coach Golovich that a van could not be made available for the trip due to scheduling conflicts.

With only a day-and-a-half left, no transportation and few funds available, Golovich had to consider telling Nate that the trip was just not possible.

On Wednesday, March 19 calls were made to local businesses asking if they would be willing to help make this unique trip possible for Nate and his guests. The support received was overwhelming. Word traveled through the grapevine and people began calling to ask if they could also contribute.

By the end of the day on Wednesday donations of over $1,100 and the use of a van made the trip definite.

Once in St. Louis, the group watched the best wrestlers in the country, many of whom representing colleges and universities from Michigan, vie for the top spot.

They were also able to take advantage of the local sites and attractions. They were able to walk to the Gateway Arch and the City Museum and Aquarium, making the trip fun and educational.

For more information regarding The Tug McGraw Foundation, please visit their website at www.tugmcgraw.org or call (707)-255-1884.

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who made this trip a success.

BLESSINGS ABOUND

Editor:

I never could have imagined that when I gave up driving a year ago at the age of 74 all the blessings there were to come.

From the beginning I had rides with many friends from Family of Christ Church, to doctor appointments, shopping, etc., which was a great source of pleasure to me. Having lived alone as a widow for seven years, and always driving by myself, I now enjoyed the company of those who drove me about, as I heard about their daily events, their jobs, their children, grandchildren, vacations, etc.

Also by driving in the cars with different people and their children, I was soon called Grandma Jean by many of them. On one occasion, a boy named Scott drove me to one of my appointments which was another nice experience.

This spring I decided to try the bus service.

The green bus, or pickle bus as it is called, was my first ride to go downtown to Charlevoix. I live on the outskirts of Charlevoix, before Bay Harbor and now besides giving me a feeling of independence, I discovered the most courteous, kind, helpful, patient and friendly bus drivers. In fact, I feel as though I have an extended family.

Another unexpected blessing was when I returned home on the last bus and exceptional young people were met at the Bergmann Center for transportation back home.

As these remarkable people who had worked throughout the day boarded the bus, they were cheerful, bright and pleasant. They put me to shame when I thought of complaining over trivial things. Thank you dear ones.

Throughout the year tribute has been paid to our well-deserved heroes. Veterans, young people serving in Iraq, teachers, volunteers for Hospice, etc. I wish to include the bus drivers of Charlevoix and Petoskey Friendship Center bus and the dispatchers, who, with great patience and efficiency, handle the constant appointments, both on the phone and as we are driving to keep in contact with the bus drivers. It is not as easy as one might think.

In fact, I find it very frustrating and I admire how each dispatcher keeps calm and patient.

I have learned so much from the past year's experience and look forward to riding the bus again in the new year.

I thank God for the blessing of our tax money being spent directly for us. Perhaps a few of those who are now reading this will sometime in the future also benefit from this service. Once again, bus drivers and dispatchers, thanks for being Christmas all year long.

Jean Bousquet
Charlevoix

Politics a sport?

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

About as many people watch the Final Four college basketball game as vote in most national elections. Could it be that politicians and the national media have taught us that politics is just another game?

Commentary on politics is currently filled with the use of sports analogies as a way of explaining what is happening.

The CIA director says that WMD's in Iraq are a "slam dunk".

President Bush and his advisers apply sports metaphors to explain everything from economic conditions to international relations.

Senator Hilary Clinton suggests (we hope tongue in cheek) that a bowling contest with Senator Obama might be a way to decide who wins the nomination.

Sports are games with rules, time limits and referees or umpires to enforce the rules. The concept of fairness is an essential part of applying the rules.

By contrast, in politics, like in love and war, all is fair; there are no enforceable rules, and fairness is for wimps. All of this suggests that politics is not a game, but might be more like real life. In the natural world, losers die or are eaten.

Only the ancient Romans and the Aztecs seem to have had sport contests in which the losers regularly died or were killed. I don't believe they had elections.

The almost obsessive interest in naming winners and losers in politics has distorted our collective understanding of what is at stake in a democratic election. We count votes and dollars for each candidate as though we were watching a slow-moving and almost never-ending sports contest, where the only important outcome is who wins. With no rules or referees the win is most likely to go to the loudest voice or the most money spent. Even the amount of money raised per week or month is presented as a contest with winners and losers.

Commentators talk about a particular candidate having or gaining momentum, and thus suggest that we should get with the proposed winner. Everyone wants to be with a winner. Maybe that explains why some voting groups or regions (Kansas comes to mind) will vote against their own best interests. They want to be on the winning side. Winners get money and power. However, rushing to the winning side in hopes of gaining money and power is not necessarily good citizenship, for a candidate or for a voter. We are most often asked to choose up sides and fight. It is possible that the candidate who wins may be a loss for the people.

Enough of the sports comparisons. Let's try to eliminate them from our political discourse. A national election and the primaries that precede it are not just equally important as the Detroit Pistons or North Carolina or the Tigers or the New York Yankees winning or losing, they are a different kind of thing all together. We should be selecting a leader, not trying to pick a winner.

The preceding is mostly an appeal to vote and to vote wisely. If you think it doesn't make any difference, consider the number of people now dead, who might very well be alive if voting in 2000 had been difficult.

I leave with a quote from Jacob Bronowskii (1908-1976), who should be more famous than he is. He was not talking about elections, but he might as well have been:

"We live in a world which is penetrated through and through by science, and which is both whole and real. We cannot turn it into a game by taking sides."

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling 547-6558 or be e-mail at: news@charlevoixcourier.com.

HERE'S WHAT YOU THINK

"We need the railroads. However, we also need to have safety features to prevent so many car/train crashes. We also need better bus service throughout the state. Indian Trails is a great line. Greyhound is dirty and many of the drivers act like prison guards. I'll never take Greyhound again!"

Karen D.

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Red Cross blood drive Charlevoix

American Red Cross blood drive

The need for blood is constant, despite the change of season. The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors to keep or make an appointment to give blood shortly after spring break to help maintain a strong and stable blood supply. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call (800) GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

The next drive is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on April 17 at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Tidying the firehouse

Shift Commander Joseph Schwartzfisher of the Charlevoix City Fire Department does a little spring cleaning at the fire station on April 5. Warm temperatures and sunny skies had people from all over Charlevoix out and about enjoying the weather.

Angel Food Ministries pickup, delivery dates

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began with 34 families in Monroe, Calif., in 1994 and has grown to serve several thousands of families every month.

Angel Food's groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit into a medium sized box at $30 per unit. Each month's menu is different from the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately $70 to $80.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding in a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is the same quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no day-old bread and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork which can be purchased after ordering a regular unit. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or specialty boxes an individual can purchase and there are no qualifications to be able to order.

The next food order times are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. on April 12 at the Charlevoix Church of Nazarene and Pine River Apartments (residents only) respectively. The next food distribution is April 26.

Join Arbor Day Foundation, get free trees

To help commemorate National arbor Day, everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during the month of April will receive 10 free shade trees.

National Arbor Day and Michigan's Arbor Day is April, 25.

The 10 free shade trees are red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, bald cypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple, and red maple. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and beautiful fall colors," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We can't think of a better way to celebrate National Arbor Day than by planting trees."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Planting a tree is a unique experience because you can watch it grow over the years," Rosenow said. "It truly makes you feel a part of the planet and the future, and connects us directly to nature."

Rosenow added that planting a tree is a perfect family tradition for parents, grandparents and children to enjoy together because the trees will last for generations.

"Years from now our great-grandchildren will be able to say that 'This is the tree my ancestors planted,'" he said.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, or visit www.arborday.org.

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REGULAR WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS:

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Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome

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All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts

French Conversation Circle *Tuesdays @ noon*
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

Fiber Design Group *(Meets the third Wednesday of each month) Wednesday, April 16, 1:00pm*
Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors @ your library for this work session

Quilters Group *(Meets the third Thursday of each month) Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am*
Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors @ your library for this work session.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

NCMC: Digital Photography *Saturday, April 12, 1:00pm (fee)*
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Red Cross blood drive Charlevoix

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The need for blood is constant, despite the change of season. The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors to keep or make an appointment to give blood shortly after spring break to help maintain a strong and stable blood supply. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call (800) GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

The next drive is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on April 17 at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road.

Angel Food Ministries pickup, delivery dates

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began with 34 families in Monroe, Calif., in 1994 and has grown to serve several thousands of families every month.

Angel Food's groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit into a medium sized box at $30 per unit. Each month's menu is different from the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately $70 to $80.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding in a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is the same quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no day-old bread and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork which can be purchased after ordering a regular unit. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or specialty boxes an individual can purchase and there are no qualifications to be able to order.

The next food order times are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. on April 12 at the Charlevoix Church of Nazarene and Pine River Apartments (residents only) respectively. The next food distribution is April 26.

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Tidying the firehouse

Shift Commander Joseph Schwartzfisher of the Charlevoix City Fire Department does a little spring cleaning at the fira station on April 5. Warm temperatures and sunny skies had people from all over Charlavoix out and about enjoying tha weather.

Join Arbor Day Foundation, get free trees

To help commemorate National arbor Day, everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during the month of April will receive 10 free shade trees.

National Arbor Day and Michigan's Arbor Day is April, 25.

The 10 free shade trees are red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, bald cypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple, and red maple. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and beautiful fall colors," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We can't think of a better way to celebrate National Arbor Day than by planting trees."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Planting a tree is a unique experience because you can watch it grow over the years," Rosenow said. "It truly makes you feel a part of the planet and the future, and connects us directly to nature."

Rosenow added that planting a tree is a perfect family tradition for parents, grandparents and children to enjoy together because the trees will last for generations.

"Years from now our great-grandchildren will be able to say that 'This is the tree my ancestors planted,'" he said.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, or visit www.arborday.org.

What's happening at the Library this week?

REGULAR WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS:

Writer's Group *Wednesdays @ 6:00pm*
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome

Story-Time *Thursdays @ 10:30am*
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

French Conversation Circle *Tuesdays @ noon*
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

Fiber Design Group *(Meets the third Wednesday of each month) Wednesday, April 16, 1:00pm*
Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors @ your library for this work session

Quilters Group *(Meets the third Thursday of each month) Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am*
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SPECIAL EVENTS:

NCMC: Digital Photography *Saturday, April 12, 1:00pm (fee)*
Learn how to take better pictures with your digital camera. Call the library or NCMC to register. 237-7340

Celebrate National Library Week! *Attend one of the many events at the library during the week of April 13 - 19th.*
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OBITUARIES

G. Franklin Ochs: June 13, 1919 - April 2, 2008

G Franklin Ochs, 88, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, April 2 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Frank was born June 13, 1919, in Charlevoix to Harley I and Mildred (Shockley) Ochs. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1937, then from Ferris Institute in Big Rapids with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. Frank served as a Pharmacists' Mate with the US Navy during World War II. On Feb. 24, 1945, he married Doris Solomon in Waukegon, Ill. Frank worked at the Central Drug Store for 75 years and was proud to have been a pharmacist for 67 years. He was a charter member of the Charlevoix Lion's Club and a member of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, Charlevoix Historical Society, Michigan Pharmacists Association and American Pharmaceutical Association. He had a great memory for local history and loved to sail. Frank first participated in the Venetian Boat Parade in 1937 and in 2007, four generations of the Ochs family sailed in the Venetian Boat Parade.

Frank was preceded in death by Doris on Feb. 9, 1978. He is survived by his son John F (Lani Diane) Ochs of Charlevoix; daughter Virginia O. (Micheal D.) Walton of Portage; grandsons Michael J (Heather) Walton of Richland, Thomas F. (Carol) Ochs of Charlevoix, Michael S. Ochs of Charlevoix; great-granddaughters, Hannah and Grace Ochs; brother, James William Ochs of Charlevoix and Holland. Memorial service was held Saturday, April 5, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix with the Reverend Neil Wilson officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Charlevoix Historical Society or the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Margaret I. Currier: Sept. 26, 1925 - April 3, 2008

Margaret I "Peggy" Currier, 82, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, April 3 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. A Rite of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 7, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Peggy was born Sept. 26, 1925 in Petoskey to Joseph and Veronica (Gallagher) Left. She grew up on Beaver Island and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1944, then earned a Bachelor of Arts in education from Michigan State University in 1948. On April 19, 1949, she married Desmond Patrick Currier in Petoskey. They made their home in Bloomfield Village where Peggy taught physical education at Berkley Elementary and St. Mary's School in Royal Oak. After retirement, she and Des moved permanently to their summer home in Charlevoix. Peggy was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix and the Christ Child Society. Desmond preceded her in death on November 12, 2006. Peggy is survived by her children Margaret Irene (Richard) Tanghe of Troy, Charlotte Currier of Royal Oak, Maureen (Paul) Count of Chicago, Ill., Joseph Currier of Berkley, William (Maggie) Currier of Beverly Hills, Colleen Currier-Hart, and Vincent (Kim) Currier all of Charlevoix; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Peggy's brother Bill Left also preceded her in death. The Rosary was recited at the Winchester Funeral Home Sunday evening. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, 49782.

Michael S. Miller: Oct. 31, 1940 - April 5, 2008

Miller

Michael S. Miller, 67, of Torch Lake, died Saturday, April 5 at Munson Medical Center surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness.

He was born Oct. 31, 1940, in Detroit, the son of Roy A. and Edna M. (Stone) Miller

After graduating high school in South Lyon, he went to Ford Management Training School, was employed by Ford Motor Company, spent time working as a police officer in South Lyon and then became a farmer for a short period of time in Charlevoix. In 1978, he opened KML Inc. in Fort Wayne, Ind. He continued to own and operate the business through 2005.

On Oct. 17, 1980, he married Bonnie Colligan of Grand Rapids. He enjoyed traveling, reading, playing cards, the outdoors and discussing politics with everyone at every possible opportunity.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, his daughters Susan (Jack) Carlson of Dexter, and Nancy (Greg) Ford of Rock Hill, S.C., sons Daniel Rainey of Peoria, Ill., Scott (Stephanie) Rainey of Albion, Ind., and Jason (Stephanie) Rainey of Acworth, Ga., sister Chris (Adam) Schuler of Elk Rapids, grandchildren Amanda, Bridgette, Brandon, Stuart, Justin, Jarod, Megan, Trevor and great grandchild Devin, two nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson Spencer Stone Carlson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Rev. Paul Mills officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign our online guest book www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Esther Hammond: Feb. 27, 1919 - March 9, 2008

Hammond

Esther Louise (Fochtman) Hammond, 89

Former Tonawanda, NY, resident Esther Louise Hammond, 89, died March 9 at Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern, N.C.

A service was held at Pollock Best Funeral Home on Thursday, March 13. A memorial service will also be held in Charlevoix on Friday, July 11 at the First Congregational Church.

Hammond was born Feb. 27, 1919, in Charlevoix to Angus Lorenzo (Gerhard) Fochtman and Ella Mae Cross (Fochtman).

After graduating from Charlevoix High School in 1937 and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti in 1941, she married Hubert L. "Bill" Hammond on August 27, 1949, in Charlevoix.

She moved to Tonawanda in 1954, where she was employed as an elementary school teacher in the Kenmore town of Tonawanda school system for more than 20 years, retiring in 1982. She was an active first mate and award-winning fisherman on a series of boats that the Hammond family owned and named after her.

She lived in Largo, Fla. from 1983 until 2004, where she enjoyed golf and traveling. In 2004, she moved to Homeplace in New Bern, N.C.

Hammond was a member of the Western New York Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her daughter and partner, Jane Hammond and Michael Page respectively, of Potomac, Md.; son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey B. and Jayne Hammond, of New Bern, N.C.; grandchildren Lars Mortenson, of Winston Salem, NC, Leia Mortenson of Binghamton, NY, and Jeffrey W. Hammond of New Bern, NC; sister Mary Helen Riggle of Charlevoix, and brother Edward Fochtman of Largo, Fla.

Hammond was preceded in death by her husband Bill and her brothers Richard, William and Robert.

Donations in memory of Esther Hammond can be sent to the Charlevoix Food Pantry, c/o The First Congregational Church, 101 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Local beauty queen competes in Mrs. Michigan America

BY ERICA GOFF
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

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> **Tanya Umulis**
> **First runner-up for Mrs. Michigan America**

Tanya Umulis

Mrs. Michigan
Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Tanya Umulis recently competed for the title of Mrs. Michigan America. Umulis was named first runner-up

Fabulous. That is how Tanya Umulis described her experience of competing in the Mrs. Michigan America Pageant. The weekend spent in Grand Rapids for the competition held March 22 was close to the best weekend in her life.

"I should probably say my wedding and honeymoon are first, so this was a close second," said the Charlevoix woman who couldn't be happier wither her First Runner-up finish. "The girl that won is just fabulous. She is wonderful and she's the whole package, so if I was going to lose to anyone, I would want it to be her."

This was Umulis' second competition for the Mrs. Michigan title. She was named second runner-up in 2007 and has participated in beauty pageants throughout her teen and early adulthood years.

"Obviously it helps having that experience behind you but the pressure you feel having been a finalist before almost hinders," she said. "You are really afraid you won't do as well as you did before."

Umulis credited her competitive nature for her desire to better herself and her performance each time. This year was the worst in terms of personal pressure, she added, leaving her with less sleep and more stress than usual.

"I didn't sleep at all the night before. I was up wandering the halls from 1 to 5 in the morning asking potential interview questions to the cleaning staff," she said. "I always feel like I don't want to let my sponsors down, or let my husband and family down."

In the end she believed she let no one down and felt proud of her performance. The winner of the competition, Sara Moylan, finished great in all categories and Umulis was "just a few points behind" her in a few areas.

"She (Moylan) was fabulous in swimsuit, in gown. She had the walk, she had the look, she had it all," Umulis said. "If it was just one area that I could have done better on, if it came down to 'if I'd just lost five more pounds or answered that one question better,' then I would be upset, but now I have nothing to be upset about."

The best part of the experience for her was getting out "some good ideas" she had about things she feels passionate about such as doing any small thing to help a child or person in need. Often contestants are at the will of the interviewers and if the questions asked don't cover certain topics, those topics don't get discussed. Umulis said she was lucky enough to answer questions that covered things that were important to her.

"One of the things I've dealt with a lot in the last year is anxiety and a panic disorder, and there is a stigma related to depression that can go along with that. I know what I've dealt with and I know other women deal whith it too," Umulis said of one of the causes she would address were she to serve a year as Mrs. Michigan.

"Women are often afraid to admit fears and accept such things and I would want to address that," she said.

So the big question. Will she compete again?

Umulis said she knows she will go back and forth every week from now until Christmas, telling herself she won't compete "with every cookie I eat," then staring at the gown hanging in her closet and saying, 'OK, I'll do it.' But she suggested she may be leaning more toward yes than no.

"Knowing I could have the microphone for a whole year to talk about causes I feel passionate about and to have the opportunity to spend time helping women across the state, I know I will do it again," she said.

She also admitted she would miss the challenge if she didn't participate again.

"Knowing me and my competitive nature and this incessant desire to help people and make a difference, I know I'll want to," she said.

Charlevoix Courier to offer MDOT updates

Drivers in northern Michigan can now subscribe at the Courier to receive road construction updates.

The updates, generated by the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) will be disseminated by MDOT communications specialist Bob Felt in the 24-county region which includes Charlevoix and surrounding counties.

"We've had great interest from people wanting weather reports, sports scores and school closing information," said Peter Comings, online media manager. "Offering information on road construction projects to the benefit of residents and tourists seemed a natural extension of that service."

He added, "To have the Michigan Dept. of Transportation offer up their help in getting the word out, makes it all the better."

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The Charlevoix City Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 30th, 2008 at 6:00pm in the Charlevoix City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI to evaluate a variance application from Harold Nestle of 100 Terrace St. The applicant is requesting dimensional variances from front and side yard setback requirements. The applicant wishes to construct a residential home with an attached gargage. Plans may be viewed at the City Planning Office, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Written and oral comments from the public are welcome.

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Charlevoix Commission on Aging reports findings after 15 months

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Following months of exploration and analysis, officials can say seniors are better off in Charlevoix.

More than a year after the Charlevoix County Commission On Aging (COA) conducted a survey, one which yielded less than favorable results, dozens of changes have been made, programs implemented and policies altered which have increased their already stout lineup of offerings.

"The staff, the community stakeholders, including the commissioners all worked very hard and have been engaged in this intense effort to improve, expand and enhance the quality of senior programs and services provided by the Commission On Aging," said Sue Bergmann, director of the COA. "We began with the independent outside assessment. It included over 30 stakeholders. There was over 65 actions identified by Michigan State University. We narrowed these actions into seven categories."

The seven categories are comprised of: Direct care, programs, transportation, adult day services, marketing/outreach, office administration and the COA board.

"I was glad to see a lot of their accomplishments listed included fundamental changes to the structure of the way they're doing business and not just a matter of spending money for the sake of spending money as some people would have liked," said Chairman of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Chris Christensen. "Hopefully they're not only able to implement these changes but maintain them and that this is part of an ongoing pattern of growth."

He added, "I think it's good to see them get involved in some of those Alzheimer's programs like operation Lifesaver program. Doing something like that offers seniors in the county and their families a chance to give them some relief."

Bergmann said the report is just another stage of her commission's planning.

"We view this work as a strategic plan in progress, it is nowhere near done," Bergmann said. "There are many actions to be analyzed and costs to be determined."

She added, "It's going to take additional time to implement these actions and finalize these plans."

The following changes in service/program costs are annual.

- Direct care has gone from $200 to $104,560 – increased numbers in staff and compensation levels
- Programs, including trips and fitness, have gone from $2,875 to $597,605 — additional trips and more fitness programs
- The increase for transportation, which has cost $25,000 in the past, is not yet known — non-emergency medical transportation, flights from Beaver Island for medical appointments, busing and hot meal delivery
- Adult day services has gone from zero dollars to $78,160 — additional activities, personal care, after hours services, marketing plan and outdoor signage
- Marketing/outreach, which currently costs $800 has yet to be determined — Grandvue model, marketing consultant, marketing staff

Office administration, which currently costs $34,650, has yet to be determined — additional staff, training, facility upgrade for COA headquarters

- COA board has, and will continue, to cost nothing

"Originally we had three full-time personnel and 22 part-time people for 5,200 seniors and this was felt that was very low," Bergmann said. "In the past year of growth we now have 10 full-time people and 22 part-time people. That's how much we've grown in one year."

She added, "That's a 25 percent increase in staffing alone."

In addition to implementing an emergency fund for cash-strapped seniors who have trouble paying a utility bill, it is now easier to get help with yard work and snow removal.

"You're going to see incremental changes, it's not all going to happen at once," Bergmann said. "There's a lot of need for volunteers for instance for meal deliveries."

Other changes, including bringing in a volunteer coordinator to train volunteers, is on hold while consultant David Emmel, who began working with the COA last week on their Strategic Plan Development, finishes assessing the COA's services, policies, staff and administration.

"I think they started off in a really good way," said District Six Commissioner Shirley Roloff. "It's taken awhile getting going, but the report I read so far they are doing a very thorough job and I was very impressed."

She added, "Just about every one of them (new programs and policies) is going to be good for the seniors. I think they're on the right road."

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Charlevoix Commission on Aging Director Sue Bergmann reports on her organization to the county board of commissioners recently.

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Tickets can be purchased at Central Drug Store, Bridge Street; Andy's Market, Garfield Avenue; or the Charlevoix Courier, Mason Street, all of which are in Charlevoix. Or find Tink or Digger.

Circle of Strength fashion show April 26

Patrons of the Charlevoix Public Library have spoken, requesting the return of the Circle of Strength Fashion Show, and the library has listened.

The event will return from noon to 3 p.m., April 26 at the library located at 220 West Clinton St.

There will be a light lunch provided by the Charlevoix Public School culinary group.

There will be several models showing clothing from several local merchants.

The event will serve as a wonderful opportunity to get together for an afternoon of fun and support for any one that has been affected or touched by cancer.

Tickets are $10 each.

Tickets are now available from one of the following Circle of Strength members: Kim Stevens, Linda Hoffman, Gay Pung or Dee Vincent or by contacting the Circle of Strength Office.

For more information, please contact the Circle of Strength Office at 547-8950.

Contact the Community Health Education Office at: 547-8906.

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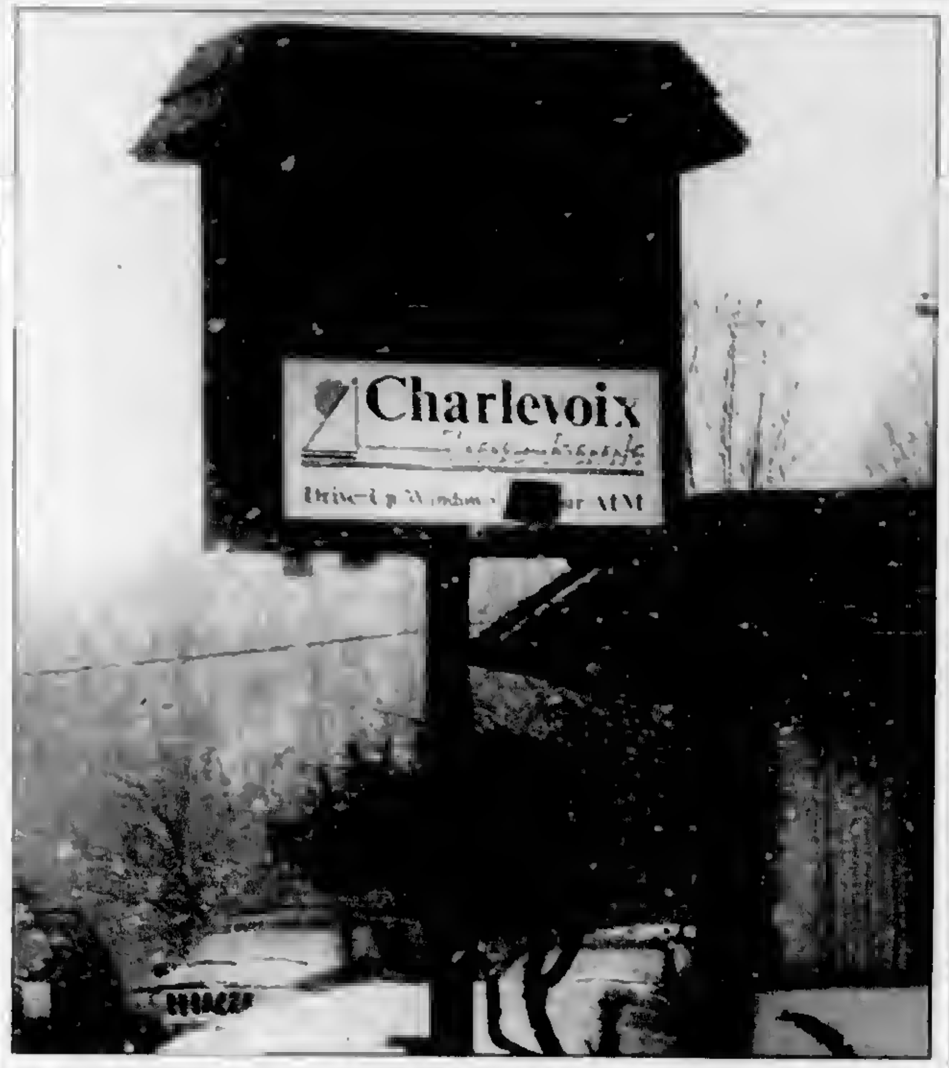

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Thinking of spring

Snow flurries belie the numerals on the digital thermometer outside Charlevoix State Bank on M-66. The bank's staff decided their April Fool's Day joke should reflect their yearning for winter to come to an end.

Celebrate National Library Week from April 13-19

From April 13-19, schools, campuses and communities across the country celebrate National Library Week, a time to remind the public about the contribution libraries, librarians and library workers make to their communities everyday.

Library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend, and it's easy to see why. Libraries are places where everyone can go to discover the world. People of all ages visit the library for entertainment, self-help or to find their place in the community. With free resources like books, magazines, DVDs and computer and wifi access, libraries help people find new jobs, do better in school, tackle projects and learn new ways to improve their health.

What makes the library unique is access to trained professionals – librarians – to help people find and interpret the information they need to make a difference in their lives. Public libraries also help keep te public connected, providing a space for people of all ages, classes and races to come together, while keeping everyone connected to events and people around the world. It's where people can keep up with world events or research where to volunteer locally.

Here are just a few of the things people can do this week at the Charlevoix Public Library:

Music at the Library - Sunday, April 13, 3 to4 p.m. - Ben Hindle will be playing the piano.

Computer Tidbit: Dear Reader - Monday, April 14, 1 p.m. - Learn how to use the library's new resource geared to assist patrons in selecting new reads. For all book lover's.

Mystery Lovers Program - Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. - Join Peg Herring, a writer and speaker from Onaway, and other mystery lovers in a fun, informative and interactive discussion of the mystery genre.

Computer Tidbit: MelCat - Wednesday, April 16, 1 p.m. - Learn how to request books from anywhere in the state by using the library's new resource, MelCat, the statewide library catalog.

DDR (for kids in Middle School) - Thursday, April 17 at 3:30 p.m. - Enjoy Dance Dance Revolution on the library's big screen.

Guitar Hero! (for kids in High School) - Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m. - Play Guitar Hero with friends on the library's big screen.

Julie Austin Workshop - Saturday, April 19, 9 to 11 a.m. - Join Julie in learning how to incorporate music into your work and fun with children. (for parents, educators, day care providers, baby sitters, and librarians) CEU's provided.

Julie Austin Performance - Saturday, April 19, 1:30 p.m. - Join Julie for this fun, interactive family concert.

What can you discover? National Library Week is the perfect time to find out. Join your family, friends and community. Join the circle of knowledge at the library. Contact the library for more information - (231)547-2651.

Run, walk for mental health

In recognition of "May is Mental Health Month," North Country Community Mental Health will hold its annual Run/Walk on Saturday, May 3, at the Bayfront Park in Petoskey at the Waterfront area. The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports has endorsed the event. This will be the eleventh year for the walk and the ninth year for the run. Participants can register early by logging on to www.norcocmh.org to obtain a registration form or register the morning of the run/walk from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. The run will start at 10 a.m. and the walk at 10:10 a.m. Registration fee for the run is $12 before April 25 and $15 after. There is no charge for the walk.

[illegible] Medals will be given to the first three finishers in each age group of runners.

Walkers are invited to participate in a one mile walk beginning at the Waterfront and proceeding through downtown Petoskey and returning to the Waterfront.

Commemorative T-Shirts will be given to each runner and will be available for purchase to walkers.

Other events that will be taking place during the Run/Walk include: featured speaker, Eric Hipple, former Detroit Lions' Quarterback; Faces of Recovery Exhibit; music by Charlie's Root Fusion; door prizes; consumer recognition awards; and community recognition awards.

Please join us. Walking and running are great activities to help reduce stress and promote a sense of well-being. This year's national theme for May is Mental Health Month is "Get Connected" which promotes the opportunity to [illegible] mental health. These supports may include family, friends and other members of an individual's social support network, your community and health care professionals.

Proceeds from the Run/Walk are given to North Country Community Mental Health's Consumer Council to assist with transportation, clothing, arts and crafts supplies or other special needs.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a severe emotional problem, serious mental illness or developmental disability. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org or to access services, call 800-834-3393.

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The designers taking part include Jennifer Aenis, Julie Cross, Sylvia Walworth and Babs Young. Numerous artists from across the region will be featured throughout the gallery. Among them are furniture makers Ron Abfalter,Joe Buteyn, Paul Czamanske and Bill Perkins, Bob Purvis; automotive/furniture designer Joe Wagner; potters Stephen Kostyshyn, David and June Otis, Marty Benateau, Lynn Fisher; glassblower Glenna Haney, Boyer Glassworks ; metal artist Laura Barber; neon artist John Stevens; painters Cal Keppianes, and Martina Hahn, Liz Kantzer ; printmaker Meredith Krell; paper artist Sheila Barnes; fiber artists Sylvia Walworth, Diane Strzelinski, Nancy Carey, Marsha Waara; doll maker Gretchen Lima and others. Complementing the show in the lower gallery will be an exhibit featuring displays of architectural, landscape and interior designers' presentation boards.

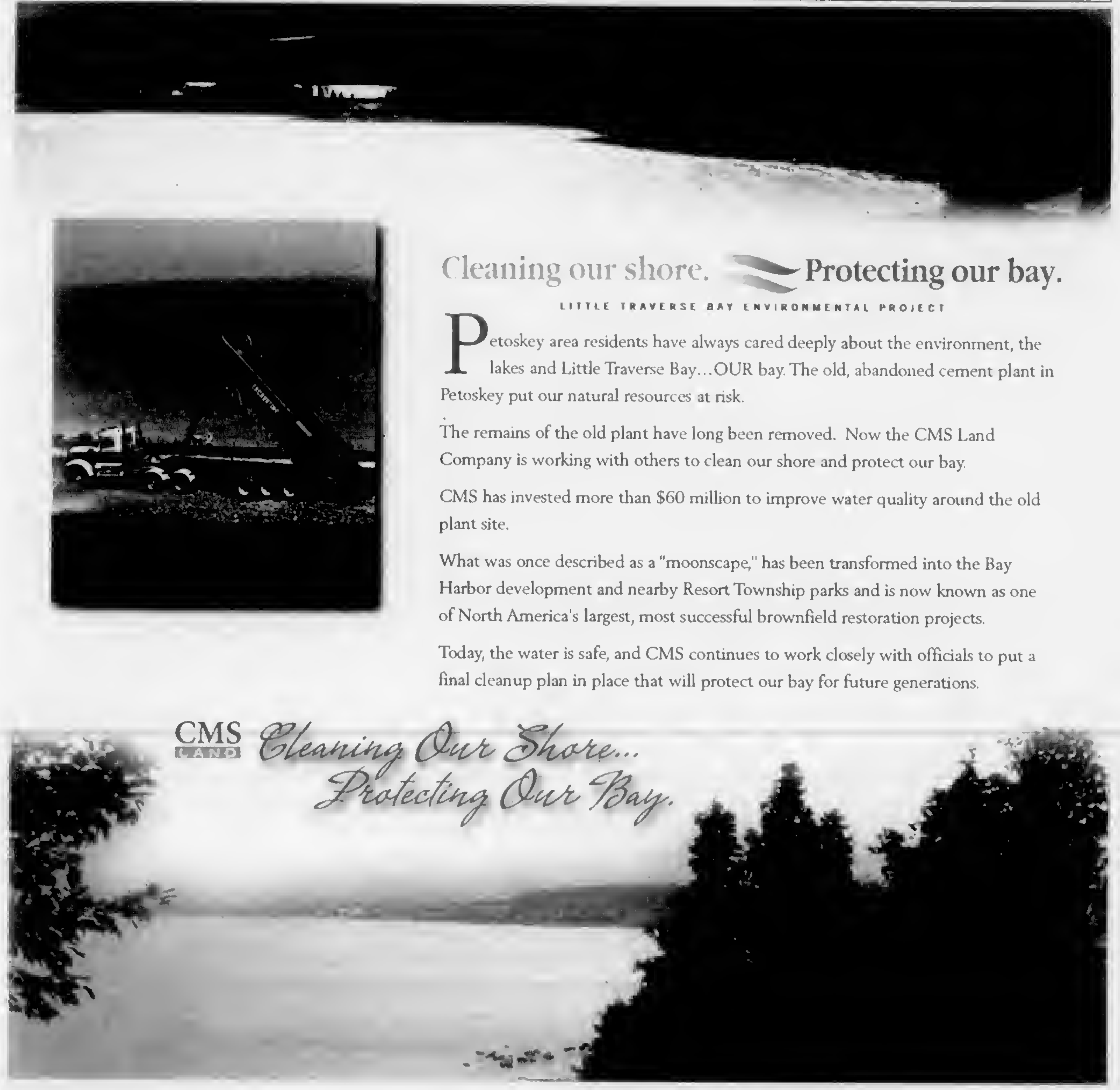
The exhibit is open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment through May 9. The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. Questions may be directed to Nancy Carey by calling: (231) 536-7812.

Swirl at Crooked Tree returns April 10

Swirl continues on Thursday, April 10 with In Bloom: New Wine Horizons.

Swirl mixes wine, art and energy at Petoskey's Crooked Tree Arts Center. Esperance of Charlevoix presents a wine tasting with creative hors d'oeuvres while community members mingle in the galleries, sway to music or enjoy "live art" demonstrations.

Tickets are $10 in advance and $12.50 per person the day of Swirl, galleries open at 6 p.m. and the refreshments begin at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, (231)347-4337, www.crookedtree.org and Esperance, (231)237-9300, www.esperancewine.com.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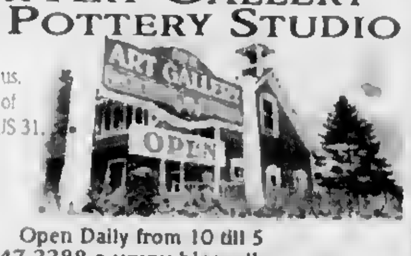

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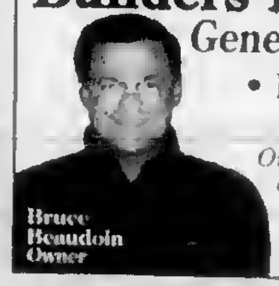

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Ben Muladore, a financial advisor with the financial services firm Edward Jones, invites the public to attend an open house at his branch office. The open house will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at 702 Bridge St.

"We are happy to be part of the Charlevoix community and would like to express our appreciation for the confidence and support we receive year-round," Muladore said.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Alter more than 30 years as downtown Charlevoix's signature pizzeria, Village Inn Pizza sits empty.

Fate of local pizzeria unknown

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

What will become of downtown Charlevoix's oldest pizzeria?

A "for sale" sign now dons the outer door of the former Village Inn Pizza building but no one is saying why.

"We simply are tired of the misrepresentation, therefore 'no comment' continues to be our mantra. Sadly it will stay that way," wrote VIP owner Cindy Warner in an e-mailed response to questions on the fate of the local eatery.

Village Inn Pizza, located at 227 Bridge St., was last open for business on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2007.

In a previous Charlevoix Courier article, Warner was quoted as saying, "It will be a wonderful transformation but will take us nearly five months to complete. We... will reopen in the Spring."

Now VIP, and Warner's second Charlevoix business Zaccaro's Market, sit empty awaiting buyers.

VIP is listed for $599,000 and Zaccaro's is listed for $199,000.

Warner's two Charlevoix businesses apparently are not the only two which have been scuttled in recent months.

According to a Traverse City Record-Eagle article dated Feb. 28, another Zaccaro's Market slated for the old Grand Traverse Auto site on Front Street in Traverse City was to be an "anchor tenant" of the proposed development and has yet to open.

Warner had planned to reopen VIP as Village Inn Tratoria, a casual sit-down restaurant offering pastas, specialty pizzas and antipasto.

While Zaccaro's was a new edition to the downtown business district, VIP was a Charlevoix signature eatery for 32 years.

"We certainly don't think it's going to be a continuing trend for closing businesses

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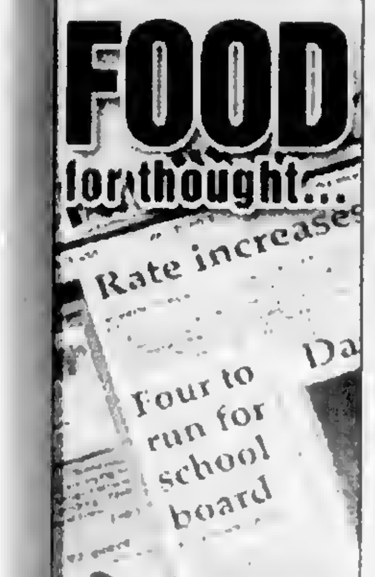

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Sealed proposals will be received and opened at the Office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, until 2:45 p.m. on April 18, 2008.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive technicalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Bid documents may be obtained at the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Pat Elliott, Street Superintendent
(B-4/9)

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Energy Systems Group, on behalf of Charlevoix Public Schools, is accepting bids for an energy retrofit project at the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School.

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Contractors interested in bidding this work should contact Andy VanderMeer at 517-627-9372, ext. 4106, or via e-mail at avandermeer@energysystemsgroup.com.

A mandatory pre-bid walk-through will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Contractors should meet at the Charlevoix Middle School Conference Room, at this time.
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: * Betty Irish, Ellen Clark, Mary Higbee, Ruth Ann Bell, Bonnie Bell, sisters; David Bell, John Bell, Bobby Bell, Clifford Bell, brothers; and to all other heirs, including but not limited to nieces and nephews whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Charlevoix Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: To hear the Petition filed by David Baker requesting that Marge Krchak be appointed limited guardian for the above-captioned person.

Dated: April 1, 2008

David Baker
NCCMH
6250 M-66 North
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(23)547-5885
(L-04/02)

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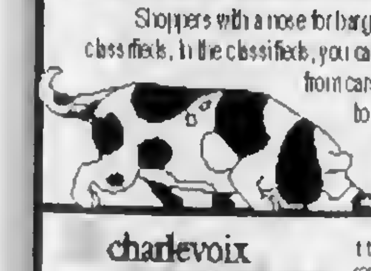

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Monette R Bannington, a Married Woman as her sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded November 26, 2007 in Liber 828 Page 138 and also recorded via affidavit dated June 26, 2007 and recorded January 3, 2008 in Liber 832 Page 521 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, by assignment date January 22, 2008 and recorded February 14, 2008 in Liber 836 Page 859 and also subsequently recorded via affidavit on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($555,707.85) including interest 7.06% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on April 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the East Eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; then at an angle of 0 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an Iron Stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South Eighth line 477.6 feet to an Iron Stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an Iron Stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an Iron Stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an Iron Stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, the above described property includes all land to the Water's Edge of Lake Charlevoix, Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore.

EASEMENT PARCEL: A 25 foot strip easement described as: Situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at the East eighth corner of the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West: thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (Northline of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 01 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an iron stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth line 69.95 feet to an iron stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 607.6 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 25.03 feet; thence at an angle of 92 degrees 50 minutes 18 seconds to the right from the last described course 600.06 feet; thence at an angle of 70 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds to the right from the last described course 26.50 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 1457 Lalonde Road, East Jordan MI 49727

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 13, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-85876
ASAP# 2713730
(L-03/19/2008, 03/26/2008, 04/02/2008, 04/09/2008)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by CW Development Group, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, of 8392 Greenwood Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 to FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan 49707, dated January 7, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on January 17, 2005 in Liber 663, Pages 001-007, and modified by Futura Advance Money Mortgage Modification Agreement dated August 24, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan on September 22, 2005 in Liber 705, Pages 707-708, Charlevoix County Records, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of $1,285,344.46.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, the 18th day of April, 2008 at 11 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89°59'05" East along the East and West 1/4 line 1004.41 feet to the Northeasterly line of Highway M-66 and the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along the East and West 1/4 line North 89°59'05" East 320.59 feet to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence South 00°05'22" West along said 1/8th line 33.05 feet to the South bank of Stover Creek; thence South 35°01'19" East along said bank 86.30 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 67°38'09" West 301.94 feet to a T-iron stake on the East line of Highway M-66; thence North 21°57'11" West along said highway 156.36 feet; thence Northwesterly along a 1984.86 feet radius curve to the left an arc distance of 80.32 feet along said highway (long chord bears North 23°46'42" West 80.32 feet) to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

Tax ID # 004-035-012-70.

Property Address: 6800 Highway M-66 North, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 7, 2008

BODMAN LLP
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan
229 Court Street,
P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-8000
(L-03/12, 03/19, 03/26, 04/02, 04/09)

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of May, 2006, by Steve W Johnecheck, Jr., a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on June 8, 2008, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 751, page 058, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE AND 37100 DOLLARS ($30,129.37) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 16, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit.

Land situated in the Township of Bay, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan:
Lot 18 - WALLOON VIEW BRAE according to the plat thereof as recorded in
Liber 2, page(s) 242 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 27, 2008

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
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Fate of VIP still dubious

VIP

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in the downtown area," said Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel. "In fact, I see a rejuvenation in the downtown area as a result of the marina project to be completed in mid to late June."

While Straebel would not speculate on what type of business would be best suited for the empty VIP and Zaccaro's buildings, former VIP employee of nearly 15 years Kim Jones said the area doesn't need any more "high end" style restaurants.

"Who knows what it'll be. You've got BC (Pizza), Pizza Hut and now G & Papa's and Andy's has taken over the sub market, so I don't know if there's room for another pizza place," Jones said. "It's hard to say how long it will sit there. It's kind of scary when you go downtown and see how many places are available."

She added, "I personally think with our economy in this state that it will be really interesting to see how this summer is going to go."

According to the Detroit Free Press, Warner has plans to open a Zaccaro's Market on Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit in early April

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Originally slated to reopen this spring as Villaga Inn Tratoria, tha formar Villaga Inn Pizza building is now up for sale at a list prica of $599,000.

Inspections vital for home buyers

Approximately five million Americans are expected to buy an existing home this year. Volatile prices, a record number of foreclosures and an uncertain economy make this an uneasy time to enter the homeowner market, which is why it is all the more important that home buyers are aware and informed before signing on the dotted line.

Although licensed home inspectors can provide a detailed analysis of many aspects of a house, experts agree the buyer should not let the inspector go it alone, either figuratively or literally.

Several of the most common issues to watch for include:

- Maintenance — Observing an overall pattern of poor maintenance is often a signal of trouble. Crumbling masonry, makeshift wiring, peeling paint, cracked cement surfaces, broken fixtures and appliances may indicate that other, even more important items have been neglected. Ask for life expectancies on major appliances, HVAC and roof.
- Electrical — Electrical service that is inadequate to meet the demand of the household can cause wires to overload and start a fire. Older homes in particular tend to have electrical service patched together and added on as the demand grew. Today's lifestyles place additional demands on home electric not anticipated when first built, including computers, microwave ovens, larger refrigerators, air conditioners and television video centers.
- Roof — Old or damaged shingles, improper flashing and broken gutter and drainage systems can all contribute to roof leaks and water damage around the house.
- Heating System — Old and inefficient heating systems, old ductwork, malfunctioning thermostats and controls can pose costly problems throughout the heating season. Blocked chimneys and poorly vented heating systems can pose a health threat to occupants.
- Plumbing — Faulty and inefficient fixtures, lead water pipes, non-compliant gas lines, inadequate or old waste pipes, and a mix of incompatible piping materials can present problems.
- Structure — Foundation walls, floor joists, rafters, windows and door and skylights should all be examined for cracks and air/water leakage.
- Insulation — Inadequate or cracked caulking around windows and doors, and insufficient wall and attic insulation drive up heating and cooling costs. However, over-sealing a house can cause excessive interior moisture.
- Additional Tests — Separate inspections for termite infestation, asbestos, radon, well-water contamination, and other potential hazards are often advisable.

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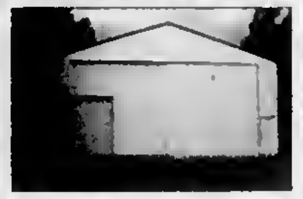
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Dine on swine at Ellsworth pig roast

Those interested in the upcoming pig roast should plan to attend the mid-april meeting.

The 2008 Ellsworth Pig Roast is shaping up to be another family fun-filled event running June 20 through 22. The theme this year is "When Pine was King!" focusing on local lumbering heritage.

For the second year, Friday night will be a family night downtown with an Ice Cream Social, Historical Society Exhibit, and family movie. A fishing contest, sponsored by Chain-O-Lakes Sporting Goods, also kicks off on Friday.

Saturday events include the 5K fun run; pancake breakfast; the grand parade featuring the Grand Marshall, Senior King and Queen, and 2008 Citizen of the Year; the roast pork lunch with live entertainment; Horse Pull and 3-point shoot out.

New this year, and not to be missed, is the main event The Great Lakes Timber show. From Escanaba the Great Lakes Timber show has performed at state and county fairs, theme parks, sports shows and festivals across the country. Two half-hour shows will be presented on Saturday featuring chainsaw carving, axe throwing, modified chainsawing, log rolling in a 4,000 gallon pool and loads of good clean family humor.

Raffle tickets will be available with first prize half a processed pig, second 15 pounds of bacon and third a gourmet gift basket featuring products from our local farms and specialty food producers.

Coordinated scheduling between the East Jordan Freedom Festival and the Ellsworth Pig Roast Committees allows for people to attend events at both festivals. Two great festivals, one fun weekend for the East Jordan/Ellsworth area

The Committee is looking for parade entries. For information, please contact Donna Heeres at (231) 588-6126 or clerk@bankstownship.net or Alana Haley at 588-6391 or alanajhaley@yahoo.com.

The committee will meet again at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 15 at the Banks Township Hall.

Interested persons are invited to attend.

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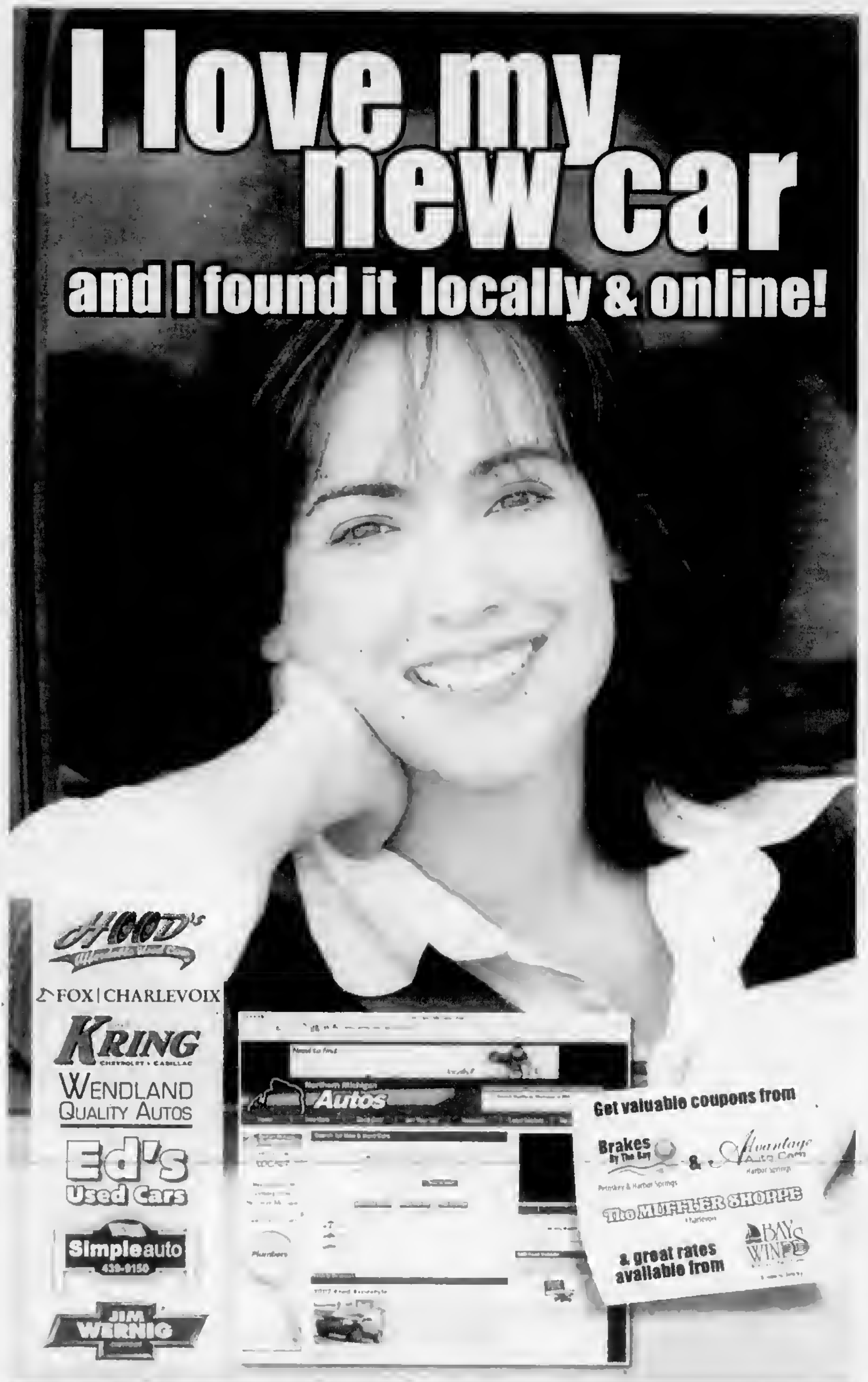

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APRIL 12
POLISH DINNER

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APRIL 12
NCMC: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how to take better pictures with your digital camera, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street. Call the library or NCMC to register, 237-7340.

APRIL 13 – 19TH
CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

Attend one of the many events at the library during the week. Bring a donation for the food pantry during NLW and your fines will be removed. (Only overdue fines will be removed, lost book and other fees are not applicable). Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 13
MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

From 3 to 4 p.m. Ben Hindle will be playing the piano, hosted by The Friends of the Library at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 14
COMPUTER TIDBIT: DEAR READER

Learn how to use the library's new resource geared to assist patrons in selecting new reads. For all book lover's! Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 15
MYSTERY LOVERS PROGRAM

Join Peg Herring, a writer and speaker from Onaway, and other mystery lovers in a fun, informative and interactive discussion of the mystery genre. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 15
TAI CHI CLASS

A six-week course of Tai Chi Fundamentals will begin April 15 led by Meg McClorey. The Beginner class is from 10 to 11a.m. and the Intermediate Class begins at 11a.m. to noon. The cost for the six week session is $12 for Seniors 60 and over and $40 for those 59 and younger. Classes will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library. To register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231)237-0103.

APRIL 15
THE NEW TOWN HALL: THE POLITICAL BLOG

We will look at political blogs across the political spectrum; show you how to engage in a blog discussion; and how to create your own blog if you choose. We'll also discuss other political forces on the Internet, including YouTube and MoveOn.org. Charlevoix Public Library Computer Lab from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom. Free and open to everyone, including computer newbies. Seating is limited, so please reserve your spot by calling Raechel at 616-635-6972.

APRIL 16
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

(meets the third Wednesday of each month)

Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors at 1 p.m. at your library for this work session.

APRIL 16
COMPUTER TIDBIT: MELCAT

Learn how to request books from anywhere in the state by using the library's new resource, MelCat, the statewide library catalog. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 17
ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Third Annual St. Mary Art Show, under the direction of Lori Bolt, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 17 through April 27. Please stop by and see all the wonderful art pieces.

APRIL 17
QUILTERS GROUP

(meets the third Thursday of each month)

Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors at 10 a.m. at your library for this work session.

APRIL 17
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the award winning documentary film "A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash," at the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Watch the trailer at http://ltlpf.blogspot.com. The film is free and all are welcome.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Story-Time
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Writer's Group
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, noon

Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome.

All hosted by the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

MAY 9
BUFFET SUPPER

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women are hosting a Spring Buffet Supper, Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 9. The cost for adults is $8. There is a variety of salads, vegetable and meat dishes, desserts and beverage. Proceeds will benefit projects that support local, national and international missions.

MAY 17
ARTIST RECEPTION

"Reflections of Northern Michigan", Watercolors by Betty Bea Washburn, 4 to 6 p.m.

JUNE 28
ARTIST RECEPTION

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m.

AUGUST 9
BNI

Noon to 3:30 p.m.
BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at)547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of hands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix, will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pentry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pentry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at the Flap Jack family restaurant at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

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Additional information on CSP, including eligible watersheds and a CSP self-assessment workbook is available at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp.

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of every month except July in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651. This is a change from previous meeting times.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of February, April, June, September, November and December in the meeting room of the hospital. The July meeting is a picnic at Lake Michigan Beach. For more information call 547-8651

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support groups —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

Historical groups —

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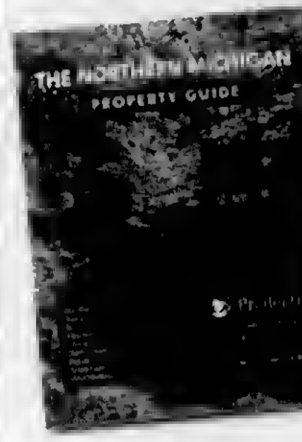

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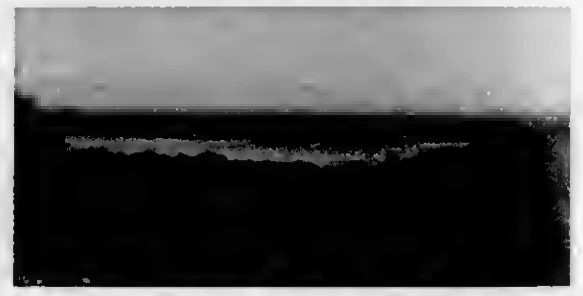

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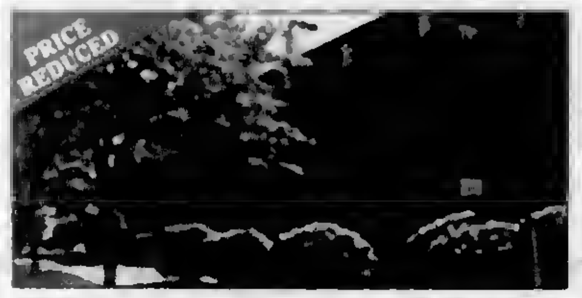

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Island residents recognized

Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce names two Islanders "Person of the Year." (Above) Chamber of Commerce President Kathy Speck (left) and Chamber Director Steva West flank Beaver Island's Citizen of the Year recipient, Pam Grassmick. *See related story on page 6.*

County clerk retires

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Brannon

Having worked for municipalities her entire adult life, Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon ends her 35-year career this year.

Citing that she loves every aspect of her job, Brannon decided not to seek reelection so she can spend more time with an aging parent.

"I'm old enough and I have enough time in to retire and I need to retire," she said. "My dad is 84 and he would like to travel some and go some places and I would like to do that with him."

Brannon said she will also spend her free time, which begins Jan. 1, 2009, tending her garden and working around her Hayes Township home.

Brannon got her start in government work when she was 18.

"I worked for the City of Petoskey for three years for the city clerk," she said. "Then they (Charlevoix County) wanted to hire another employee and my aunt ... who worked at the unemployment office when the notice came through said to me to go and apply. I applied and got the job."

Brannon then worked her way up to the position of chief-deputy clerk before becoming clerk in 1980.

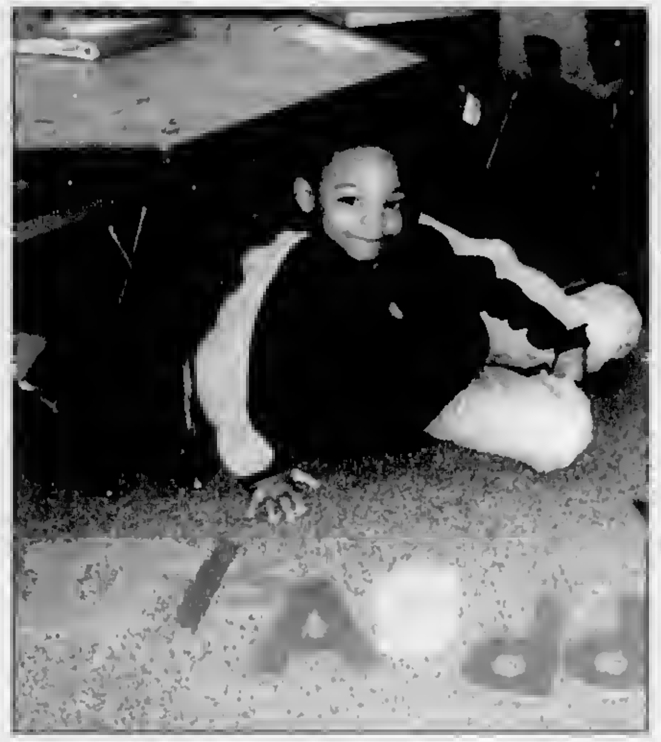
Brannon's advice to those running for her soon-to-be former seat: "It's a lot more job than they're anticipating."

The deadline to file for the seat of Charlevoix County Clerk is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

"Thank-you for the vote of confidence that kept me here," Brannon said.

So far, two people have filed for the seat.

Kindergarten round-up



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From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 22, Northwest Academy charter school will host its annual kindergarten roundup.

Parents are welcome to bring their children to meet teachers and support staff while touring the facility and learning about the public school academy's curriculum and various programs.

Registration packets will be available at the front desk and each prospective student will receive a complimentary informational photo book designed to help youngsters become acquainted with teachers and support staff.

Call 547-9000 for more information regarding this event.

One more files for the 105th

BY NOAH FOWLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Since running for the 105th district four years ago, Bonnie Nothoff, 65, learned even more about Lansing and what it takes to succeed there, and now she plans to put it all to use her second time around.

"People stumbled with my name in 2004. But they know me now," said the Antrim County resident. "It was one of the best experiences of my life, but I'm not running for that this time. I'm running to win."

Currently in Lansing to file her papers with the Elections Bureau, Nothoff said she was not surprised by the swell of candidates announcing their intentions to run for the seat that Rep. Kevin

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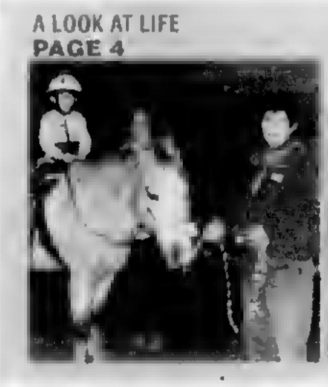

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Misty Marie Pauley, 29, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Richard Raymond Allen, 48, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs.

Shannon Marie Hughey, 28, Boyne Falls. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; Motor vehicle without security. Pay $575 or serve 20 days in jail.

Lacy Megan Monroe, 19, Petoskey. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Sharon Lee Loconti, 23, Wickliffe, Ohio. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Gary Lee Brodin, 65, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for four days in jail; serve 90 days on electronic monitoring device; 331 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,830 in fines and costs.

Deborah Lynn Nuttall, 49, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

John Paul Fiedorek, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. To serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $300 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Dawn Maurer, 30, Charlevoix. Two counts of insufficient funds to cover checks written. Credit for one day in jail; 159 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; not to possess a checking account; $3,013.85 in fines and costs.

Lisa Ann Leist, 33, address unknown. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Amanda Jo Robinson, 19, Indian River. Minor in possession. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $200 in fines and costs.

Kelli Ann Blanchard, 28, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated; open intoxicant: Motor vehicle driver. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 62 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,505 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court.

Timothy Junior Arender-Morris, 26, Kincheloe. Larceny: More than $1,000, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of five years in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for 70 days in jail; $6,260 in fines and costs.

Catheryn Olivia Bryant, 28, Petoskey. Controlled substance - delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 270 days in jail; credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $695 in fines and costs.

Timothy Gene Arender, 43, Dearborn Heights. Attempted abscond or forfeiting bond: Habitual offender, second notice. Sentenced to a minimum of 20 months to a maximum of 36 months in a Michigan correctional facility. To pay $120 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

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Sophie Ann McDonough weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces was born on April 5 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin and Theresa McDonough of Beaver Island. Her sibling is Heather. Her grandparents are Charlotte McDonough of Wyoming, and Joseph and Virginia Tort of Alanson.

Puppy scam

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater warns of a new scam targeting area citizens. Someone is selling some type of goods on the Internet, in this case puppies. Correspondence is sent via UPS including a check and a letter to contact the sender by e-mail

Once contacted, the sender advises the citizen to cash the check and wire the excess funds. The check is fraudulent. Therefore, the citizen would be out the money that had been wired if they did cash the check. Sheriff Lasater would like to remind citizens to never cash any checks where the sender requests money back from the check. If you believe you have been the victim of an Internet/mail scam, you may file a complaint with the FBI by going to the Website: http://www.ic3.gov.

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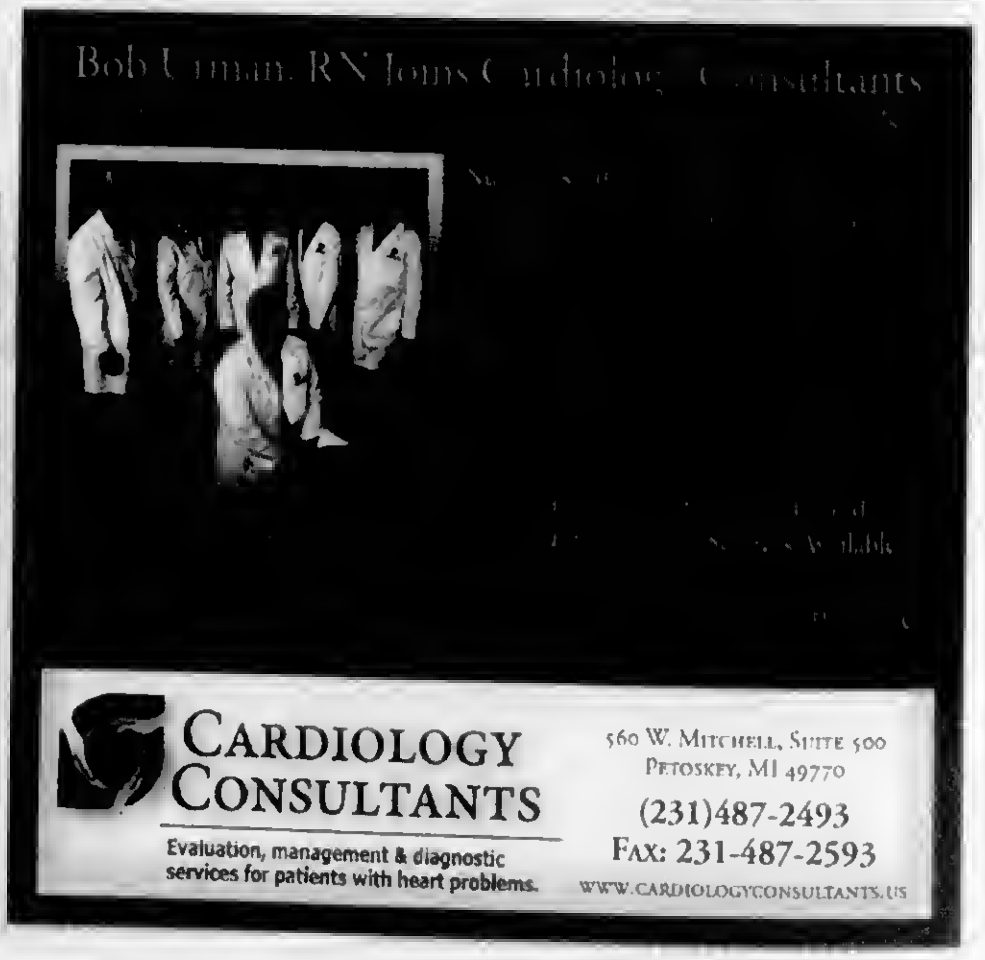

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Nothoff files for Kevin Elsenheimer's seat

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Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, will vacate at the end of his term this year in order to seek a judgeship with the Court of Appeals.

"It's just like last time, only this time I know what's coming," Nothoff said.

A dental hygienist since 1984, Nothoff has a resume' similar to many of her opponents.

She has volunteered in her community, sat on a local board and maintained a solid commitment with her chapter of the Republican Party.

But she sees her consulting work for the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association as her crowning achievement.

In 2005 after extensive work with the group in Lansing, Nothoff helped draft Public Act 161, and was instrumental in its passage.

"It provides more access to care to people who wouldn't otherwise get it," said Nothoff, who also penned a guide book to explain the ins and outs of the act.

Nothoff's accomplishment ensures dental hygienists the freedom to go into underserved areas and provide basic teeth cleaning services.

Nothoff admitted that some counties may be hurt by the wealth of candidates coming from the same area and added she hoped to be the lone candidate from Antrim County.

But for that to happen, Ed Boettcher, 50, would have to ignore certain calls from his supporters to join the race.

The co-chairman of the Antrim County Republican Party said that, while he does have his own ambitions to run, he wants to do what is best for the district and the party.

"I have a great deal of respect for Bonnie. She would be a good leader in Lansing," he said.

Boettcher added that he is still considering whether or not to run.

"I have yet to decide if I would be a better candidate than her," he added.

While Boettcher said a competitive race would ensure a more informed voting public, it could also fracture the party.

"My concern is that 25 percent of the vote could turn out to be the majority and select the candidate, even if that candidate is not the best," he said.

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Dairy Grille: New sign, same food and service

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

No longer laboring under the dueling shadows of frozen hamburger and years of litigation, Charlevoix Dairy Grille (formerly Dairy Queen) owner Pat Hayden is free to run his business his way.

Dairy Queen corporate officials first noticed the smalltime franchisee wasn't following nationwide menu guidelines several years ago—more than 30 years after the local ice-cream and burger stand began using fresh meat—and told Hayden to use their frozen patty or else.

"My customers didn't want the frozen patty," Hayden said. "It came down to Dairy Queen or the locals and we took Charlevoix over Dairy Queen."

He added, "We are working with them in the middle of a mutual cancellation agreement ... which means they're taking away the franchise."

According to Hayden, aside from the changes made to the sign and names of menu items, people will still find the same food and service they've come to know over the past several decades.

"It takes more than a sign on the side of a business to make a good business," he said. "You've gotta do what the local people want. If you don't have the locals, you don't stay in business."

Hayden's choice of name change, he said, was no big stretch: "We wanted everybody to know it was a dairy and grill, so the wife and I just sat down and said, 'Let's call it the Dairy Grille.'"

He added, "The food is exactly the same. It's still the same fresh meat daily from Oleson's. We still have the same hot dogs and chicken strips and our toppings are still from Henry & Henry, which are the Cadillac, I think, of toppings."

The only real change to the menu, Hayden said, is the change in product from Dairy Queen's iced-milk mix with five percent butter fat to Country Fresh's mix which contains six percent butter fat.

"I haven't had one customer come up and tell me that I did the wrong thing," he said. "The local people have been behind us 100 percent."

The Dairy Grille, which is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. now through the end of the school year and then 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. once school lets out in June, is open from April 1 through the last Sunday of September, known locally as Bill Schuiling Day, because Schuiling pays for everyone's meal that day.

"We had a great opening week this year," Hayden said. "The butcher at Oleson's couldn't believe how much meat we were going through."

As one of Hayden's conditions for settling with Dairy Queen, he may not say anything disparaging about them, but he would say his customers preferred his fresh meat hamburgers to Dairy Queen's frozen patty.

Now that Hayden is no longer constrained by Dairy Queen's franchise agreement, he is free to try new things on his menu.

"We're trying to work out something with Parson's to do something with their maple syrup on a sundae," he said. "We couldn't do that before because we had to strictly use Dairy Queen-approved products."

Customers may notice that the Blizzards are now called Avalanches and the Peanut Buster Parfait is now called the Nut-n-Fudge, but Hayden promises that is the only major change.

"The food is the same," Hayden said. "If it's not broke, don't fix it."

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Sing for your subsidies

EDITORIAL

Welfare mothers, as Neil Young put it, may make better lovers, but they make lousy policy.

OK, so State Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) is more of a well-intentioned patron than an out-of-work matron, but his continued support of tax-funded business subsidies makes us question his pro-capitalism street cred'.

Allen's latest contribution to reverse redistribution of the wealth is SB 1115, an amendment to the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA).

MEGA, in short, is the tax-funded entity created under former Gov. John Engler in the mid-1990s as a way, theoretically, of luring businesses from other states while retaining businesses which might otherwise be lured away by other states with similar corporate welfare giveaways—get all that?

SB 1115 is a fully refundable, meaning it can result in cash giveaways, tax credit for so-called "anchor companies" yet to be named by MEGA officials.

"Anchor companies play a huge role in seeding cluster development." Allen stated in a recent press release. "They act as magnets for other firms and suppliers. When you have strong and competitive clusters, it enhances the business environment, regional innovation and productivity"

Luckily resort towns like Charlevoix are braving this fiscal lobotomy better than the dying bergs of Detroit and Flint, but with our crumbling roads, starving schools and militant gasoline purveyors in need of some immediate trust-busting, things could be better.

Look past Michigan's abundant beaches and scenic forests, and you will likely see more and more foreclosed homes, vacant businesses and a citizenry increasingly suffering from diffuse hopelessness.

The state cannot spare a dime for the aforementioned causes, but it has enough of your hard-earned, though easily stolen, money to subsidize businesses willy-nilly?

Forget for a second that, according to Midland-based watchdog the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a mere 2,500 of the 338,000 jobs MEGA claimed to have created in its first four years could be proven, the reasons why businesses move from one state to another are often myriad and more complicated than, "Gee, George, where we gonna' get da best tax break?"

Politicians and MEGA's bean counters rely on what Mackinac Center economist Michael LaFaive called "operational ignorance" meaning we're so busy diapering babies and paying utility bills we don't have time to supervise delinquent public servants, so-called.

In "MEGA: 10 Years With Little To Show" a study LaFaive co-authored, he pointed to the fact that MEGA has had no measurable effect on personal income, employment or unemployment and areas with no MEGA business credits were as successful as those without.

Meanwhile, MEGA spending increases and Michigan's economy withers due to fierce competition from cheap foreign labor, greedy manufacturers and its unfortunate geographical situation: Peninsulas are no friend to shipping costs.

Proponents of subsidies say we must offer them or lose business to competing states, though there is no empirical data that submitting to economic extortion will improve our local or state economy; MEGA has existed for nearly 13 years and our state remains a fiduciary shambles.

'Til our politicians awaken to reality, we'll keep singing: "People pick up what we're puttin' down, now, corporate welfare gets the state nowhere."

Saddle up for thoughtfulness

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

It's spring, according to the calendar, and that means it's time for me to get out the saddles, helmets, rainbow reins, boots, gloves, energy and then some.

A new session begins for the Exceptional Riders Program, a therapeutic horseback riding program that provides therapy for individuals who have been diagnosed with special needs.

The program started on a shoestring budget 23 years ago and still seems to run very aptly with a somewhat larger string.

It's the many people who volunteer their time and equipment that keep the program ongoing.

The students in the program have been diagnosed with a learning disability that may require extra assistance in school. Some experience difficulties with seeing, hearing, talking or walking.

This program is the perfect solution for a child or young adult who feels they cannot participate in some of the activities they see their siblings or classmates participate in.

Parents who attend the sessions remark about how wonderful it is for their child and for them to enter this exquisite barn that is as beautiful inside as the grounds surrounding it.

They pause as they take in the sounds and smell of someplace new where they feel safe and cared for other than home or school. It's unlike most experiences they have had.

Last night, in the cool of the early evening, the kids arrived with moms, dads and siblings in tow complete with smiles and nervous energy that ignited the air.

Their excitement reached a fever pitch when we turned on the lights in the arena and a speckled horse came out to greet them. It took their breath away for a moment when they entered this magical place where many a top rider paraded in the same spot where they stood.

Each child was carefully fitted for their riding gear by dedicated volunteers and then hoisted atop their steed to check size and fit of both rider and horse.

I wish I had a camera running to take in the enthusiasm of each participant, the look of the proud parent on the sidelines and the care given by each volunteer whose trusting hands guided each move of the child and horse.

When the kids are sitting atop a horse it gives them an air of confidence they may not have experienced elsewhere in their lives.

When on horseback they feel 10 feet tall and their spirits soar. For some it may be the first time they can be mobile and independent of mechanical aids.

In addition to the obvious emotional benefits of the program, horseback riding also offers an excellent means of physical therapy.

Every new session brings new volunteers and parents all with the same thing in mind. Help this child feel as special as they truly are.

I'd like to thank all the parents for trusting us with their loved ones, the volunteers who give so much of their time and finally the Bay Harbor Equestrian Center for providing a facility which can transform any non-rider into believing they can soar like the wind.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please feel free to contact this news columnist, as it's her favorite past time activity.

Gennett can be reached by calling: 547-6558 or e-mail her at: news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Legislature justifies existence with laws

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

For your consideration: dozens of men and women clad in business suits with the sole mission to make rules so excessive in number and oppressive in scope that their authors justify their unnatural existence while simultaneously betraying those they've sworn to serve; to find this conundrum smothered in Limburger and served on a skunk tail, one need only look at the menu under "T" for tyranny. The price? Your freedom.

Rod Serling I'm not, but, it didn't take much time surfing the dozens of proposed laws at, www.legislature.mi.gov before I was in the you-know-what zone.

Aside from sundry tax schemes and subsidies, I found a proposal directing police, doctors and teachers to report child abuse: A law needed for something so obvious both scares and puzzles me.

Tresspassing may soon carry a 30-day jail sentence and $100 fine, but where I come from, the law is the least of your worries if you refuse to get off a man's spread.

Some laws hinder prejudice, some protect it, but my favorite are the laws passed after some yutz plays William Tell with a pneumatic nail gun or sneaks into the tiger cage at the zoo to give Simba butterfly kisses.

This all brings us to H.R. 5753 which aims to, "Prevent death and injury from stove tipping."

I read further: "Since 1980, at least 33 people were killed and 84 were injured when free-standing stoves tipped over on them."

Had I simply been lucky enough to evade the marauding band of G.E. and Kenmore ovens thirsting for human blood?

What they don't tell you is half these hundred-plus geniuses were riding their respective ranges like an inebreated tourist on a mechanical bull.

The other half were likely a few of the thousands of neglected children roaming this planet.

Here's a couple tips: stop using your oven door as a diving board, and if you're going to chug bourbon 'til you black out, at least throw junior in his crib first.

Due to a drive-by shooting in Detroit in recent weeks, two Michigan state representatives are pushing for a law which would increase penalties for firing a weapon from a vehicle.

They say "weapon" because, while the predominant choice of murderous hoodlums is the firearm, you never know when some rogue gang is going to whip out their crossbows or wind up the arm on a trebuchet.

I'm sure those perps would have thought twice before blasting if they knew the fine and jail time was doubled for doing so.

Anyone thinking of releasing an anaconda, tiger or a rare African vampire frog loose should do it now before the Exotic Animal law is passed.

A law dictating how many wild birds of prey you could capture and keep as pets seemed strange to me until I discovered that kidnapping various hawks and training them as pets is a pastime in Michigan, you must be 14 and pass a DNR test to become a falconer.

Finally, in the "Cry yourself to sleep" segment, we have H.R. 323, which urges the United States Congress to balance its budget.

I tried coming up with something more ridiculous than state of Michigan officials demanding another governmental body be responsible with tax funds, but I'm not god.

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LETTERS to the editor

HOORAY FOR NWA

Editor:

We returned to Charlevoix after years away. I needed to research the education facilities and programs offered here before enrolling my three children.

One daughter excels academically, another daughter would rather be someplace else, so getting her excited and involved is an important part of her education and our son has a learning disability needing extra resources.

Honestly, when I started to explore the options, the public school was my first choice due to it was what I knew best.

Northwest Academy (NWA) was my least possibility going into my search, I had heard "it's an alternative school" and I wasn't sure.

At a public school tour for my son I was told by an administrator "it doesn't matter which class your son is in because he will never achieve the same academic level as the other children anyway."

When I went to NWA I found they were structured and willing to meet each of my children where they were academically and work with them personally to excel.

NWA an "alternative school?": absolutely, for my family. However, not in the way alternative was portrayed and then perceived by me. An alternative to the public school setting of large child to teacher ratio, usually 20 to 1, to economic and appearance acceptance and clicks. That has been replaced, at NWA they are developing and implementing work and study habits that work for them personally and acceptance by their peers.

Speaking with a couple other parents I have found their perception of charter school has been very positive as well since enrolling their children. Having the class sizes as they are they aren't teaching to a class, they are teaching each child.

The teaching staff pressure of the job is lightened so more time can be spent on personal attention to a child's specific needs.

Walking into Northwest Academy you witness the "family" atmosphere. Watching the interactions between a high school student and a second-grader in the hall is unique. There is more going on here than just providing education out of books in a structured manner to elevate them to the next grade level.

NWA is providing education, building respect and acceptance and character building in children to advance them into life.

I see my children receiving topnotch education along with values and morals in an accepting atmosphere like a private school offers. Best part is, it's publicly funded. I pay no tuition for my children to get personal attention in education by quality educators.

I had heard that NWA was an alternative school for troubled children and I was under the impression that charter schools cost me additional funds.

What I found is a publicly-funded academic alternative where they can advance their education through a private and personalized setting.

Check it out at the Open House from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 29. I am Thankful I did.

Shelia Davis
Charlevoix

DOGGONE IT

Editor;

This is perhaps the third, if not fourth time, I've written on the subject of dogs being allowed in the park.

For those of you who do not know me, I'm the guy who is usually being dragged by my 150-pound brown Newfoundland. We can be found winter, spring, summer and fall walking the downtown streets or along the marina walkway. I write as both a resident of Charlevoix and a boater.

This entire subject came up several years ago when council person Jill Picha, then a resident and not a council person, came before the city council and told some story about an incident that involved a grandchild and a dog, presumably in the park. Because of that, the then constituted city council started considering an ordinance to ban dogs in the park.

While I thought the city council overreacted on that occasion, I'm happy to see cooler heads now prevail. The current ordinance does need to be revisited.

I, for one, don't want my dog in the park on an event weekend. While my Newf [sic] kisses and licks hundreds of kids during the summer on our walks, I'm equally concerned about him getting his feet stepped on by the careless tourist who is taking in the view. Having said this, however, I still want to use the park on non-event weekends.

The council members should be concerned with making laws that affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Charlevoix, and while I can make the argument for no dogs in the park during special events, the argument cannot so easily be made during non-event weekends.

Let us not forget this fact: We are a tourist town. You do not want a reputation as a community that is against dogs, ergo, dog owners.

As Hal Evans pointed out, half the boaters travel with dogs. As a boater in excess of 30 years, I've never not traveled without one or two dogs. Land-based tourists travel with dogs. Dogs are part of the family, and when you exclude them from your welcoming arms in Charlevoix, you, in turn, exclude their owners. Remember folks, this is not the only resort community in the state, and the tourist is welcome to spend his money whenever and wherever he wants and it doesn't have to be Charlevoix, the beautiful.

Bill DuPont
Charlevoix

BLAME IT ON HOLLYWOOD

Editor

We can often explain the events of the present by looking to the past and one area where this reasoning may apply is in the old saying that "imitation is the greatest form of flattery."

As a child, my playmates and I would attend the Saturday matinee movie and on the way home, and for the rest of the week or until the next movie, we would act out and pretend to be the characters of the movie whether it be cowboys and

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Island chamber honors two

BY ELAINE WEST
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Father Patrick Cawley and Pam Grassmick were named Beaver Island Citizens of the Year on April 12.

It was a night of celebration and shared joy on Beaver Island. Residents turned out in large numbers to attend the annual Citizen of the Year award banquet held at Stoney Acre Grill.

"This year the Chamber Board had a lot of difficulty sorting it all out. We agonized over this. We had to pick one and we just couldn't do it," said Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce President Kathy Speck, who read the list of nominees and excerpts from the letters received. "We felt two individuals had to be recognized and we think you will be pleased with the outcome."

Attendees enjoyed companionship at dinner before gathering to honor all the nominees and hear the announcement of this year's winner.

Father Cawley, Priest at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, has been nominated every year since the Citizen of the Year award was first established in 2002.

His deep affection and compassion for the entire Island community was noted in numerous letters, describing his visits with hospital bound patients, his attendance at the away-games of the school sports teams and bringing his ministry of hope, forgiveness, acceptance and humor to all Islanders, their families and friends throughout the state.

Father Cawley lives in Vanderbilt, traveling to the Island for weekend church services and always readily available in times of need. Father Cawley was not in attendance at the banquet, but he sent a letter of appreciation which was read to the crowd by Speck.

His award was presented to him by parishioners the next day at Sunday church services.

Pam Grassmick was honored for her years of work as a devoted activist for ecology awareness and stewardship of the island's beautiful natural resources. For almost two decades, Grassmick has served as a board member or president of the Beaver Island Property Owners Association and put her expertise to work on projects such as grant writing, organizing an island-wide beach clean up program and spearheading a video project titled "Beaver Island – a Great Lakes Jewel" which illustrated the need to understand and protect the sensitive environment on Beaver Island.

Most recently, Grassmick organized the island's assault on the invasive reed grass phragmites which was threatening the pristine shorelines.

As a direct result of her efforts, Beaver Island is recognized as a state-wide leader in phragmites eradication.

Grassmick is also an RN who has worked diligently to acquire assistance for the senior citizens on Beaver Island.

She and her sister-in-law Linda McDonough are co-owners of Whimsy, an island shop.

Grassmick's parents Lawrence and Winnie McDonough are life-long Island residents. Pam and her husband Dr. Brad Grassmick MD have two sons, Keith and Brian.

They reside in Farmington Hills, spending summers and holidays on the island.

Father Cawley and Grassmick received framed, inscribed awards illustrated with photographs of island landmarks. They also both received State of Michigan Special Tributes, signed by MI State Sen. Jason Allen, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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Indians, cops and robbers, our army and the enemy army or spacemen and aliens.

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, author of "Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill," who is a West Point psychology professor, also wrote "On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and in Society" said the following: "The kids who gave us Jonesboro in the middle school and Columbine in the high school are now giving us Virginia Tech in the college. These killers shared one common trait: an obsession with media violence ... and now we have come to a new low with a serial killer as the 'hero' on the public airwaves. It is time to take back the airwaves and to throw out the wretched people and corporations who have turned our airwaves into a moral sewer."

He is referring to the CBS airing of "Dexter". He also said, "Nearly 40 percent of all violent incidents on television are initiated by characters who posses qualities that make them attractive role models to kids. More than half of these incidents feature physical aggression that would be lethal or incapacitating if it were to occur in real life."

Violence in entertainment begets violence in real life. Common sense says it and dozens of studies by innumerable doctors and psychologists prove it. You know it and I know it. Everybody knows it, even Hollywood, and they just don't care.

They could make a lot more money if they showed clean, decent entertainment, but they won't, because they like pushing the envelope.

And, they don't care how much damage they are doing to an entire generation of children with their artistic garbage. We all need to call our local TV stations and complain about the toxic programming they send into our homes and contact the local sponsors to let them know that as long as they pay for this garbage we will spend our money elsewhere and not with them. If we don't protect our children and grandchildren, then who will?

Jerry Evans
East Jordan

TAXES INACTION

Editor:

Tax Day is coming soon. Do you know where your money is going?

Mostly, it's going to pay the costs of current and past wars. The proposed 2009 budget is more of the same: a trillion-dollar budget reflecting military spending at the highest level since World War II.

Government auditors are critical of dozens of the Pentagon's biggest weapons systems, saying cost overruns are $295 billion over budget and deliveries years behind schedule.

There's money for cluster bombs, landmines and depleted uranium munitions, devastating to children and innocent civilians.

A proposed transformation complex to produce new nuclear bombs would suck up $150 billion. Talk about ways to squander money.

Meanwhile, the president is expected to request another $102 billion or more for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The real challenge to security we face in the world today is climate change. Will members of congress approve a budget that shifts resources from the military to where they are truly needed?

Barbara MacArthur
Charlevoix

COA A-OK

Editor:

Changes are being made by COA. I read the recent article (Charlevoix Courier dated April 9), "Changes follow Commission on Aging Survey."

I agree that the survey has opened the eyes of the public, the COA and the Country Commissioners.

I see a lot of improvement in services and programs and I know there is still a ways [sic] to go.

One thing I did notice, though, there wasn't any mention of any of the four senior centers.

Even though COA oversees the East Jordan, BASC and Beaver Island centers, with the Charlevoix Senior Center as independent, they help provide a vital link to the area seniors by giving them a place to go to utilize some of the services and programs that are being funded by the senior millage.

Just an example of some of the activities include day trips, progressive lunches, computer classes, painting classes, wood carving and craft classes.

These are things to keep idle minds and hands busy and alert.

With the help of the senior millage and proper organization of the COA, we can continue to provide these services and programs and implement more to serve our seniors and make a better life for them.

The senior millage vote is very important to all seniors, present and in the future, and I don't want to see it fail.

Everyone will be a senior one day. I want to see the millage stay in place and continue to be utilized properly now and in the future. Thank you.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester.

The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.4 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Grand Valley is dedicated to providing a rich learning environment for students, offering a wide range of majors and hands-on research opportunities.

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Students honored for the fall semester include: Gina Attee, Andrea Farrell, Sarah Hagen, Tess Hoaglund, Lindsey Miller, Logan Priess and Jacob Teuscher.

Dry Harbour attends seminar

Courtesy photo

The staff of Dry Harbour Marine of Charlevoix recently attended the 2008 Formula Boats Product Seminar in Decatur, Ind.

This year's seminar featured sales and service workshops focusing on such topics as product benefits, improving customer relations and product improvements. A tour of the manufacturing facility was also conducted.

Dry Harbour Marine received a certificate of completion award was recognized for the highest achievable level in customer service and awarded Platinum status.

Pictured at the award ceremony (front, from left) Formula President Scott Porter, Don Pero, Jason Brooks, Anne Welke and Ernie Kallman of Dry Harbour Marine, and Formula Executive Vice-president Grant Porter, (back row) Tim Novotny, Barney Way, Scott Boss, Jeff Novotny, Jim Bemis, Jason Spegele and Mike Gagnon of Dry Harbour Marine.

Pastor Neil Wilson installed at First Congregational's Sunday service

Courtesy photo

New Pastor Neil Wilson (far right) was installed by Rev. Steve Davidson, chair of Church and Ministry Committee, UNA on April 13 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Charlevoix.

Also presiding over the ceremony was Rev. Barbarba Hoag, Moderator UNA.

The ceremony was followed by a dinner and reception for Pastor Wilson and his wife Donna.

Wilson replaced Pastor Mary Willis back in November, 2007 after Willis resigned.

The First Congregational Church celebrated its 125th anniversary last year.

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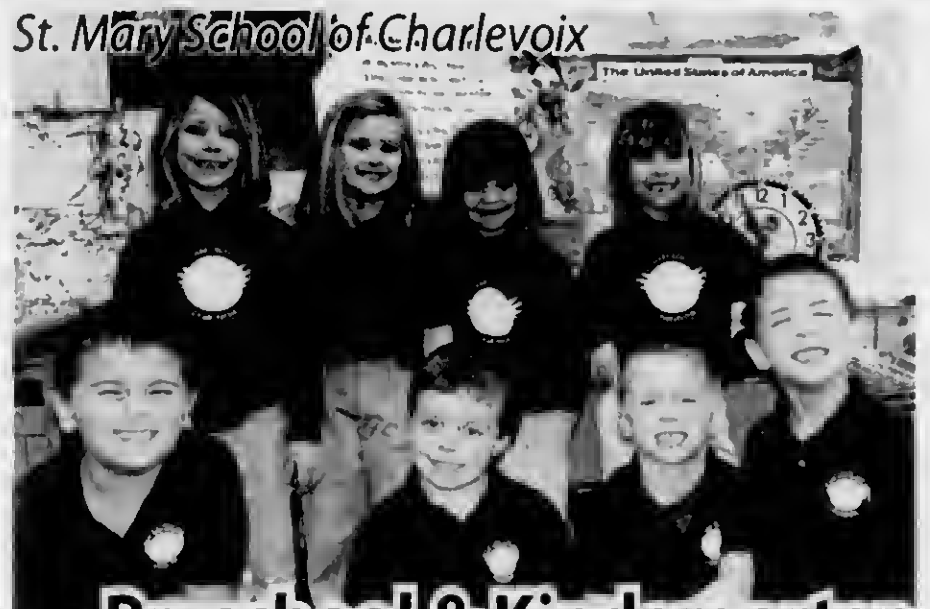

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OBITUARIES

Martin Fassett: June, 24 1961 - April 6, 2008

Martin Kent Fassett, 46, of Charlevoix passed away with his family at his side on Sunday, April 6 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City. No funeral services will be held. A memorial get-together of friends and family will be Saturday, May 10 at Ferry Beach. Martin was born on June 24, 1961 in Yuma, Ariz., the son of Glenn Fassett and Marquita Hansen. Martin is survived by his ex-wife Karla Fassett, his son Joshua Fassett and his daughters Jordyn and Madison Fassett of Charlevoix; his brothers Glenn Fassett of Phoenix, Ariz.; Bill Fassett, Phillip Fassett, Chris Fassett, and An Fassett of Carson City, Nev.; Matthew Fassett of Rupen, Idaho and his sister Jodi (Fassett) Giurlani of Dayton, Nev.

Minert "Mike" Veenstra: Jan. 21, 1919 - April 8, 2008

Minert "Mike" Veenstra, 89, resident of Charlevoix, passed away on April 8 at Sunnybank in Charlevoix.

Funeral services were held April 11 at the Charlevoix Community Church of God.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 10 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The Reverends Neil Turner of Community Church of God and Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church officiated.

Burial followed the service at Brookside Cemetery.

Mike was born on January 21, 1919 in Atwood to John and Minnie Veenstra. He married Rachel Whitley of Charlevoix in 1935. The couple lived in Charlevoix and later Ellsworth for a time and back to Charlevoix in 1962.

Mike served as a Sergeant in the US Army from 1944 through 1946. He was a farmer and retired as a mechanic from Medusa Cement after 18 years of employment.

He was a member of Community Church of God, serving in the past as board member, Sunday School teacher, actively caring for the Church of God Campground and through all the years was a greeter at Sunday morning services.

Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Rachel, his wife of 66 years in 2001.

Survivors include two sons, Minert "Mick" and Kathy of South Lyon, Allen and Nancy of Jonesville, and one daughter Myrna and Ken Boss of Charlevoix. He cherished and loved his seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He is survived by one sister, Johanna Doctor of Ellsworth.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Gezina Aardema and Christine DeVries and one brother, John Tornga.

Memorials are suggested to be sent to Charlevoix Area Hospital or Church of God Campground.

Commissioners compete in county race

BY NOAH FOWLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

The deadline to file for the August election may be a month away, but some current commissioners are getting a head start on their filings—and so are a pair of their opponents.

Commissioners Bob Drebenstedt (District Five), Ron Reinhardt (District Three), Joel Evens (District Four) and Shirley Roloff (District Six) have already filed their election paperwork with the county office.

So far, brothers Jerry and Tom Meggison are the first to oppose any of the six incumbents; Jerry will run against Drebenstedt and Tom is gunning for Roloff's seat.

"I've only been here a year and four months, and here we are again. I filed early because I think it sends the right message," said Drebenstedt. "The job I set out to do is only half done."

Commissioners Chris Christensen (District Two) and Shirlene Tripp (District One), also affirmed they would seek their same respective seats, and planned to file soon.

Jerry Meggison, a retired DNR officer, said he is following a family tradition of community service set by his grandfather, Clarence Meggison a former state representative, and his father Donald Meggison a former county commissioner.

"I want to be more involved and I think I could do a better job," said the volunteer fire fighter and bailiff.

Tom Meggison, who worked in maintenance for 20 years with the county and sheriff's office, said he is familiar with the area and believes it is time for a change.

"I'm only one person with one vote, but want to see what I can do to change the county for the better," he said.

It was rumored that a third Meggison, Bruce, would also be on the ballot, but Tom nixed that idea.

"He's not that politically inclined," he said.

Tripp said that, until the May 13 filing deadline, many people are rumored to be running.

"There's always some scuttlebutt before the filing deadline," she said.

Christensen admitted he had considered joining the crowded race for the 105th district.

"But, I put that to bed in favor of filing for re-election on my commissioner seat," he said.

The August ballot will also play host to a number of millages including four renewals for a transit millage, a separated tax limitation millage, a senior citizen millage and a recycling millage that passed through the board of commissioners earlier this month.

Christensen said a slew of other millages could be coming, but added these four should be familiar to many voters.

"There is so much talk about more millages for the November election that we wanted to get these taken care of," he said. "These four county residents voted to pass previously."

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Council considers merging fire service

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Looking to address future cost and staffing concerns, Charlevoix city officials are planning to again initiate talks with Charlevoix Township about the possibility of consolidating the two municipalities' fire departments.

The Charlevoix City Council on Monday authorized city manager Rob Straebel and mayor Norman Carlson Jr. to initiate preliminary talks with Charlevoix Township officials to gauge their interest in investigating pursuing a consolidation proposal.

"You have all heard me say that staffing is the main reason (but certainly not the only reason) for pursuing some type of consolidation ... Staffing will be an issue here too. Neither (the Charlevoix or Charlevoix Township) department has applicants 'beating down the door' to sign up," Ivan wrote in a memo to the council on the subject.

He added, "Fire Department costs must also enter into this discussion. Costs and level of service (what citizens get for their money) must also be explored. There would unquestionably be some efficiency in combining both departments into one, because currently there are overlapping services."

The Charlevoix Fire Department has one station that is manned by a shift officer around the clock.

The rest of the staff is on a "paid on-call" status. The department provides fire protection to the city of Charlevoix, Norwood, Marion and portions of Eveline townships. The Charlevoix Township Fire Department has two stations, one north and one south of the city, which are not manned.

The department serves Charlevoix and Hayes townships.

After some discussion the council agreed that the logical first step in the process would be to approach Charlevoix Township to find out if there is any interest in pursuing the matter further.

One of the next steps, Ivan said, would be to hire an outside expert to do a feasibility study on the consolidation proposal.

Ivan noted in his memo that investigating a consolidated fire department was one of the goals established by a citizen's review committee in 2006 and that the 2008-2009 city budget included money to pay for the city's portion of a feasibility study.

Ivan said the city approached the township a couple years ago about the same issue, but township officials were not interested at that time.

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Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
#5291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLFLOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: **Todd Thompson**	547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room • Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2113
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday Services	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Church Office	547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN
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9123 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Aiman	588-7005

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	502-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Hill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	547-6652

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President Tom Johnson	487-1061

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Charlevoix High School junior (left) Wes Bryan plays chess with second grader Josh Carlson from Nicole Sterrett's Charlevoix Elementary Class.

The new program is Coordinated by Ellen MacDonald of AmeriCorps, Brenda Bryan at CES and Doug Drenth, the high school Athletic Director

Get your Girl Scout cookies now

Order taking for Girl Scout Cookies ended a few weeks ago.

Soon the Girl Scout cookie truck will come to town

The truck arrives in Charlevoix and will be here from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 16 at the Community Reformed Church on 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix citizens ordered 13,440 boxes of cookies from the bakery Little Brownie Bakers

Did you miss order time?

Girl Scouts will be setting up cookie booths at the following Charlevoix locations where you can buy extra boxes.

Following are several of the upcoming times and places:

- 3 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., April 17, at Charlevoix State Bank
- 3 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., April 17 at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union
- 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., April 18 at Glen's Market
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 19 at Glen's Market
- 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 19 at Bosman's
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 20 at Kmart
- 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., April 26 at Glen's Market

Other booths may be scheduled while cookie supplies last.

Genealogy discussion

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 1 p.m. on April 12 in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

A discussion on computer genealogy will be hosted by the society's webmaster Ron Fuller.

Highlights will include genealogy-related Web sites and will also outline the how-to of posting online queries.

Those attending are encouraged to bring records and names pertaining to one or more of their ancestral connections as well as a list of their favorite Internet research sites.

Time will then be allotted for discussion as well as question and answer opportunities.

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Charlevoix Public Schools

An Open Invitation To Attend A Forum About The Charlevoix Public Schools Bond Election

Dear Charlevoix Public School District Voters,

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to a forum on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium about the May 6 bond election. The sole purpose of the election is to convert the sinking fund millage, which has been in existence since 1998 to a bond millage for seven years. The net bond millage rate will be lower than the current sinking fund millage rate. The objective is to secure funding to address overdue building repairs, energy retrofits, technology upgrades and the purchase of school buses.

In 1998, the voters approved a 1.0 mill sinking fund for 5 years. In 2003, the voters renewed the sinking fund for 6 years at a rate of 0.9 mills. The proposed net millage rate for the bond is 0.55 mills. Current Michigan Law does not allow sinking funds to be used for the purchase of buses and technology but allows those expenditures from a successful bond election.

Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.

Please take the time to review the question and answer brochure that was recently mailed to your home, and please consider attending the forum on Wednesday April 30.

If I can be of further assistance in answering any questions and\or issues that you may have about the proposed bond election, please feel free to contact me directly at 547-3204 or cjanik@rayder.net

Sincerely,
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Pictured Left to Right. Chamber Ambassadors, Jennifer Griggs, Peggy Kusina, Sue Antoine, Lindsay Lewis and Mary Grace & Andrew Otis.

Edward Jones Investments Welcomes Ben Muladore

Ben Muladore, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, April 16 from 4pm to 8pm. It is a privilege to be a part of the community and we hope you will join us. The open house will be held at the Edward Jones office at 702 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

Pat McKeown Ford Open House

Pat McKeown Ford will host an Open House on Saturday April 19 to showcase our new and pre-owned lineup. Register to win $1000.00 in gasoline while swinging with The Oldies 107.5 & 107.9 FM radio station Live Remote! Street Legends Car Club will be present with classic cars on display and will be taking donations & raising funds for our local Food Pantry. Come on out and enjoy in the Fun!!

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Northwest Michigan Works is coordinating a job fair on Wednesday, April 23 from 12:30pm to 4:30pm at the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fairgrounds Community Building. Please contact Angie at 231-439-5213 for more information.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Apr 19	Knights of Columbus Cash Party 547-4046
Apr 19-20	Earth Day Bike Ride to Susan Creek 348-8280
Apr 19	Nature Preserve Clean-Up for Earth Day 347-0991
Apr 25	NCMC Luncheon Lecture, From the Linotype to the Website 347-6602
Apr 26	Friske's Annual Fruit Tree Sale 599-2604
Apr 26	Pat Benatar in Concert at Odawa Casino Resort 877-442-6464
May 01	Swirl at Crooked Tree Arts Center featuring Esperance 347-4337
May 04	Bergmann Center's "Starlight" Dinner & Live Auction 547-2979
May 10-11	Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer Walk 330-6060
May 10	Brett Butler & The Southern Belles Comedy Tour at Odawa Casino Resort 887-442-6464
May 13	Charlevoix Evening Garden Club Meeting 547-5494

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8.45am on Thursday, April 17 at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The next Industrial Development Committee meeting is at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 22 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

May 2 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Gary Stutzman, Co-Administrator of Northwest Academy.

The next Business After Hours is at Fox Motors of Charlevoix on Thursday, May 8 from 5pm to 7pm.

Erin Bemis, *Executive Director*

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Mr. Biology, Roger Gowell to retire from CHS

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix High School math and science teacher Roger Gowell is teaching the last batch of students he'll ever have.

And, after 34 years of grading papers, advising pupils and helping shape future leaders, he's ready to bike, jog, travel and relax.

"My wife is retired and my two kids are now out and working in their careers," he said. "This will give us more flexibility to visit them and travel."

He added, "I also have some woodworking things I have not had time to work on, so I hope to get to those."

Gowell decided to begin working in education while he was a junior in college.

"I was interested in science and math and chose to go into teaching in those two areas," he said.

Gowell completed his undergraduate work at Central Michigan University and his graduate work at Grand Valley State University.

"I've taught a lot of things: general math, consumer math and algebra, and I taught some computers and some conservation and courses in biology at all levels," he said. "I have really enjoyed working with students at Charlevoix High School in athletics and education. I will miss not being around young people."

Gowell added, "I'll miss my coworkers and the time I've spent working with them devising strategies for education and working around the young people: They have so much energy and potential. It's great to see them grow and decide what they want to do with their lives."

Gowell has also coached basketball, football and track during his decades with Charlevoix Public Schools.

The only thing he won't miss, Gowell said, "I would suppose it would be spending as much time on the weekend as you do grading papers, but that's just one of those things that goes with the territory."

He added, "I think Charlevoix has been very supportive in education and the Charlevoix community offers a lot of great opportunities for students at Charlevoix High School and I think that's great."

Gowell is currently a part-time teacher of advanced biology in addition to serving as the high school's assistant principal.

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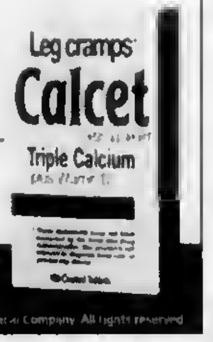

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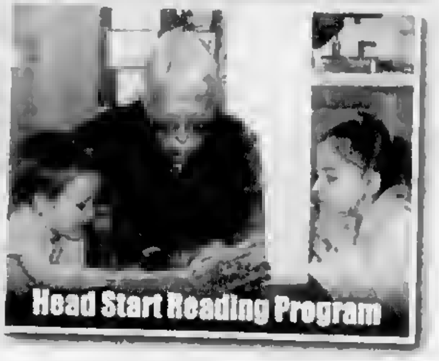

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayders win big

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The Rayder girls' varsity soccer team began their 2008 season with two wins right out of the chute. So far they have bested Harbor Springs and East Jordan which puts their record at 2-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayder girls' varsity soccer team improved to 2-0 overall and in the Lake Michigan Conference with a victory at Harbor Springs on April 10.

The Rams hung tough for the first quarter of play beginning a typically contested Harbor-Charlevoix match.

Once the Rayders scored, however, the match was decided.

Charlevoix opened the scoring when fellow midfielder Madison Way assisted KC McCary.

Shortly following, senior captain Ariel Ramsey passed to Way for the second score. In an unfortunate collision, the Harbor keeper was injured.

The Rayders ended the half up 4-0 with goals by Ramsey and Caroline Dupuis. Both were assisted by Olivia Catt.

Center back Meridith Rich opened the Rayders scoring in the second half with an unassisted shot from 25 yards out.

More Rayders got into the action when freshman Abby Barnes assisted on Ramsey's second goal.

Freshman Hannah Doan then sent a long assist to Catt for her first. Catt then ended the match on an assist by senior Danni Bergmann.

The Rayders played strong defense led by Rich.

Senior captain Emily Foster and junior Marnie Greens also played well defensively.

Rich was awarded Rayder Player of the Game honors for her inspired play.

The Rams have upset the Rayders the past two years in the District finals. It is early in the season and the Rams will get stronger as the season matures. Coaches Carol Madison and Tom Conlan feel they should not let overconfidence hinder their effort to continue improving play.

On April 8, Charlevoix beat East Jordan 8-0.

Charlevoix managed 39 shots.

Goals were scored by Catt and Rich, freshmen Taylor Smith and Barnes, and senior co-captain Ariel Ramsey.

'Assists went to senior Kaleigh Blanchard, Rich, sophomores Caroline Dupuis, Way and Barnes.

Tammy Potter earned the shutout in goal with the help of dominating defensive play by center back Rich and outside backs Marnie Greene and freshman Hannah Doan.

Doan earned player of the game honors in her first varsity game.

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Trout tourney benefit dinner is May 3

The Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament Annual Benefit Dinner is right around the corner. Cocktails will be available at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. on May 3 at the Argonne Supper Club. Limited tickets are available at $25.00 each. Dinner choices include: steak, shrimp or chicken. The Captain's Package is available for $100 which includes two dinner tickets, $75.00 of general raffle tickets and two tickets for a gun raffle. Door prizes and gifts galore to be given. For further information, call evenings: 237-9772 or 675-7623.

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Work together to keep women safe

The month of April brings thoughts of warmer weather and new beginnings. However, for those of us at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc. (WRC), it is also a reminder of a societal problem called sexual assault. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and an ideal time for the WRC to further our goal of engaging and encouraging our community to work with us towards eliminating sexual assault and violence.

It is the responsibility of all members of our society to resolve this problem and work together to end sexual assault. Why is sexual assault everyone's problem and not just a women's issue? Because survivors of sexual assault include sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and grandparents. The majority of sexual assault survivors are females, and the, majority of perpetrators that choose to commit sexual assault are male. This does not mean all men commit sexual assault. In fact, most males are "well-meaning men" and choose to not commit acts of violence.

Sexual assault unfairly confines and stereotypes men. Statistics show that 80% of women who are victimized know the man that assaulted them. As a result, it becomes difficult to distinguish men who are safe from men who choose to be hurtful. This leads to confusion about men who can be trusted from men who can't, men who will rape from men who won't. The result is a society, where relationships may be approached with fear and mistrust, where intimacy is limited by the constant threat of violence. It is not fair to label all men as dangerous for the wrong choices of other men. Well-meaning men do not deserve this label so it is time to break down these social stigmas and prevent sexual assault by:

- Educating yourself about the root causes of gender violence and inequality.
- Talking with women about how the risk of being sexually assaulted affects their daily lives.
- Helping re-define what healthy masculinity looks like to end dangerous stereotypes.
- Mentoring youth by modeling equality in relationships.
- Challenging your own language and attitudes.
- Talking honestly with other men about your perceptions of this issue.
- Speaking up when you hear others blaming victims.

To eliminate sexual assault from our community, well-meaning men need to move from being bystanders to being allies in this struggle. Whether at work, the grocery store, the gym, a restaurant or walking down the street, there are opportunities every day for men to take a personal stand against sexual assault. Being an ally begins with recognizing that a person or a group is being treated unfairly. In the case of sexual assault, men are needed not only to recognize that women are harmed but also to be part of the solution by working collaboratively with others in the community, including agencies like the WRC, to end sexual assault.

The WRC is a community supported, non-profit agency serving survivors of sexual assault in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information or support, call the WRC 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995.

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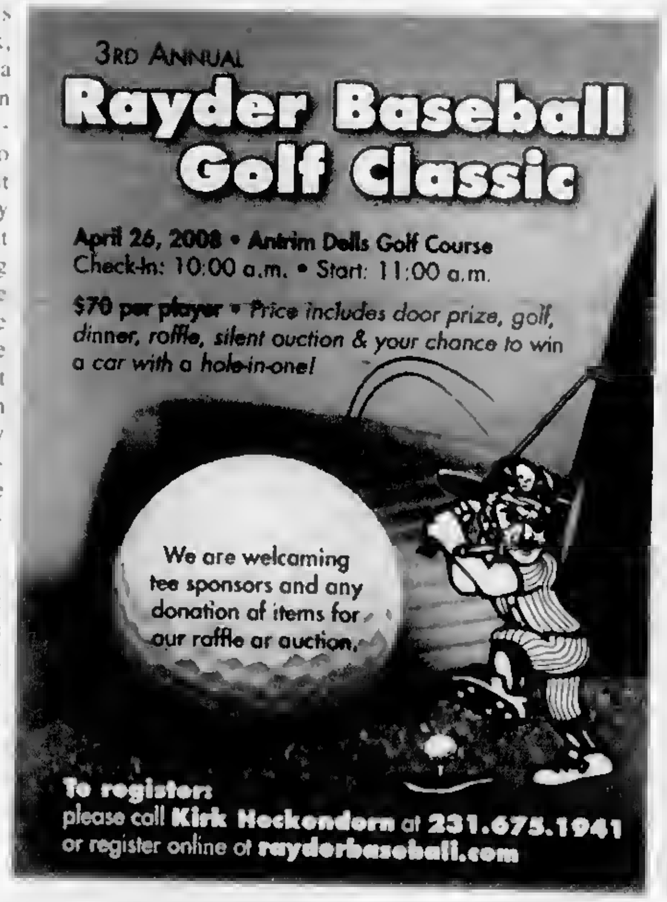
Three earn GED

Raymond Baker holds his daughters Grace (left) and Liberty during a reception held following a G.E.D. graduation ceremony for families of the three inmates who recently earned their respective diplomas while incarcerated in the Charlevoix County Sheriff Office.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater addresses (from right) Raymond Baker, Mark Feury and Cody Anderson during their G.E.D. graduation ceremony at the Charlevoix County Jail on April 10.

Lasater said he was proud of the men for working to better themselves and hopes the three will use this as an opportunity to further their education.



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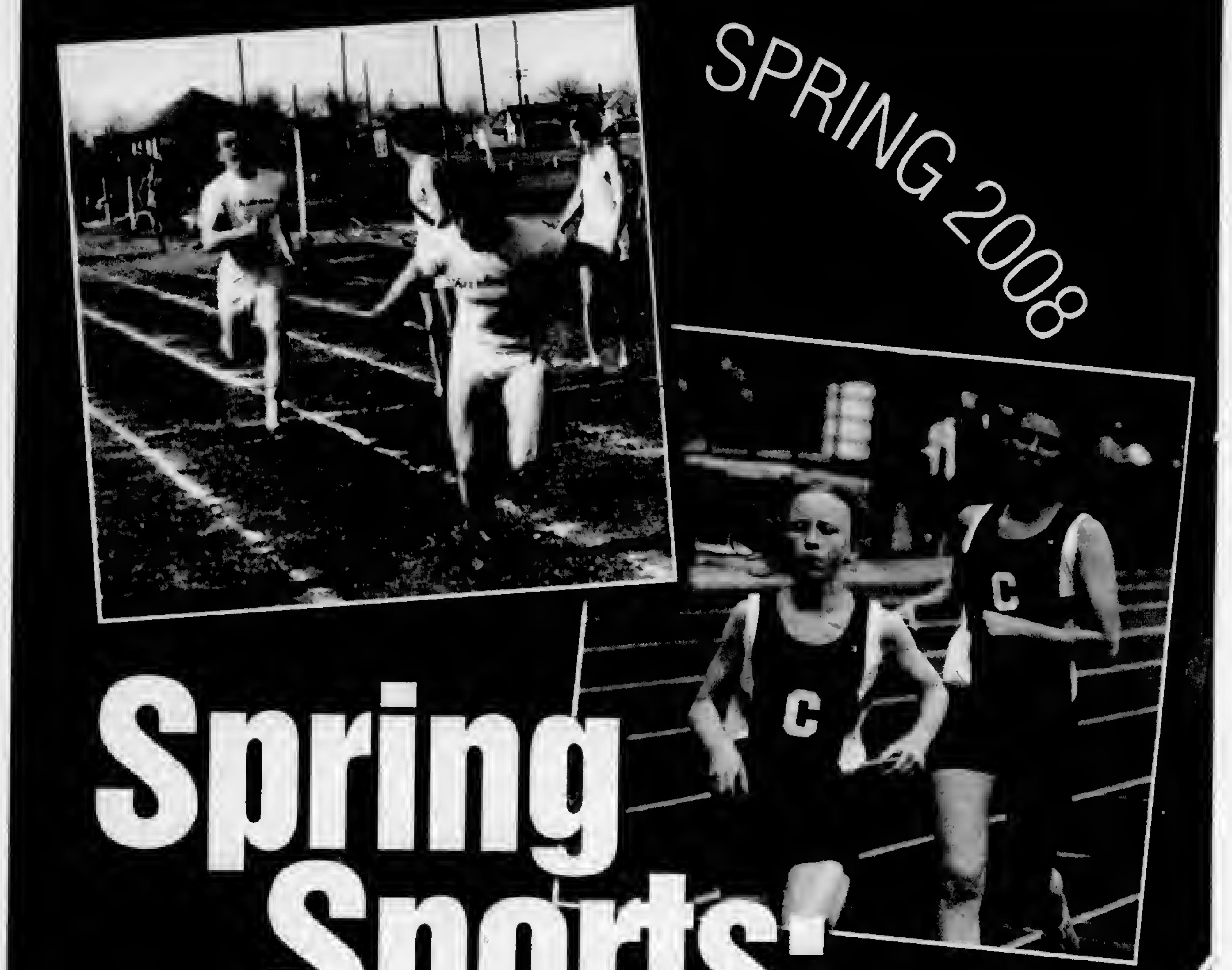

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BASEBALL

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The varsity baseball team is (front from left) batboy Will Telgenhof, Andrew Lergent, Clayton Mitchall, Nic Williams, Cliff Jones, Mitch Kres, (back from left) Coach Allen Telgenhof, Tanner Fisher, Ty Telgenhof, Jon Putmen, Brock Yenglin, Michael Heckendorn, Matt McKenzie, R.J. More, Assistant Coach Kirk Heckendorn. Not pictured: Kyle Jones. Below: The junior varsity team is (front from left) Manager Noeh Certe, Paul Stolt, Gul Awede, Brett Ludwig, Dylan Putman and Chase Moore, (back from left) Coach Brian Certa, Tanner Fisher, Alex Foster, Adem Travers, Bill Ivan, Mett Mackenzie and CJ Kunkle.

Team heavy with experience

BY ERICA GOFF
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Charlevoix High School varsity baseball coach Allen Telgenhof is relying on experienced players to bring success in to the Rayder's 2008 season.

"We have a veteran team with eight players returning and two other seniors with previous experience coming back," Telgenhof said.

Last year's winning record of 22 wins, 15 losses, including a second place finish in the Lake Michigan Conference, set the pace for this year's expectations, which include bringing a championship program to Charlevoix.

"We want to win the three tournaments we are playing in and compete for the state championship," Telgenhof said of his goals for the season.

Knowing last year's league champion Elk Rapids and rival East Jordan, among others, will be teams to reckon with this year, Telgenhof said he has faith in his team, and noted a few key players:

Cliff Jones will be playing his fourth year at the varsity level. Jones is the starting second baseman, and was named all-conference, all-district, all-district all-academic, all-region honorable mention and Petoskey News-Review All-Area last season. He tied the school record for runs scored in season with 37, hit .337 and posted a 3-0 record as a pitcher.

Fourth-year player Ty Telgenhof had four wins as a starting pitcher last season and struck out 55 batters in 45 innings pitched. He received a scholarship to play baseball at Rochester College after high school.

R.J. Moore and Nic Williams are the other returning seniors. Moore is the starting third baseman, hitting .273 and playing stellar defense earning all-conference honorable mention last season. Williams is the starting catcher who hit .279 with a .404 on base percentage last year. Williams was named to the prestigious all-state all-academic team.

Sam Balasz and Kyle Jones return to the team after one year absences. Both are expected to be starting outfielders this season.

Juniors Michael Heckendorn and Jon Putman are key parts of the Rayder team. Heckendorn moved to first base last season where he earned all-conference, all-district, all-district all-academic and all-region and all-area honorable mentions. Heckendorn batted .365 and scored 28 runs in 38 games played.

Putman was the starting shortstop for his second straight season, hitting .288 with 23 RBI's (runs batted in) and 35 runs scored in 38 games. On the mound, Putman was 4-6 with 38 strikeouts in 43 innings. He earned all-conference honors and was named all-area honorable mention by the Petoskey News-Review.

Sophomore Clayton Mitchell came up to the varsity early last season as a freshman and stayed in the starting lineup the rest of the way, hitting .289, scoring 29 runs and stealing 20 bases in 30 games. For his efforts, he was named all-conference honorable mention and all-district. He will be the starting center fielder this season.

Juniors Drew Largent and Mike Kras will battle for starting positions in their first full season at the varsity level. Tanner Fisher and Matt McKenzie round out the team and will play important roles providing outfield depth.

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SOFTBALL

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The varsity softball team is (from left) Omega Hancy, Desi Faust, Caitlin Mitchell, Leah Kelly and Manager Madison Zimmerman. (back from left) Leuren Mielke, Hennah Hybl, Amber Hoffman, Erica Feust, Sare Potter and Coach Tony Zimmermen. Not pictured are: Coach Ken Hoffmen, Coach Patrick Feust, Ashley Devries, Kristin Bredley, Meeghan Hevens.

Below: The junior varsity softball team is (front from left) Nikki Spiegl, Emily Mielke, Kelsey Jacobson, Kristine Alden and Megan Klooster. (back from left) Coach Anne Gorney, Jordyn VanMeter, Megghen Golovich, Isis Heng, Coach Weja Dixon. Not pictured: Jenne Kirby, Bekeh Postoy, April Whitley, Clere Chenda.

Girls' team seeks a softball title

BY ERICA GOFF
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Focusing on their motto, "all it takes is all you got," the Charlevoix varsity softball team has high hopes of continuing the pace set in the 2007 season.

"We are going to continue to build off of last season's win total. This team is looking to bring a conference and district title to CHS," Coach Tony Zimmerman said of his team.

The girls boasted 18 wins over their 10 losses last year, and it was a monumental pace setter, marking the first winning season for the Rayders since 1995. Zimmerman said this year's team promises similar success on the field.

"With a good group of senior leaders including Caitlyn Mitchell and a great team attitude, we are looking forward to the upcoming season," he said.

Highlighting some star hopefuls, Zimmerman recognized seniors and four-year varsity players: Pitcher/outfielder Desi Faust, who ended last season with a .344 batting average and conference first team honors; Leah Kelly, who signed to play at Lansing Community College next fall, returns at second base with a .296 batting average, junior catcher Lauren Mielke with a .362 batting average and a conference fist team selection, junior pitcher Amber Hoffman with a .303 batting average and conference honorable mention; and junior third base Erica Faust with a .258 batting average and three home runs. Zimmerman also noted the promise of up-and-coming sophomore infielder Sara Potter and freshman pitcher/infielder Hanna Hybl along with a very talented cast to round out the squad.

Zimmerman said the biggest challenge that lies ahead for the team is that with only 11 players on the squad, minimizing injuries is key, as well as working together as a team to get the younger players acclimated to the speed of the game at the varsity level.

The entire Lake Michigan Conference is expected to be strong this season, Zimmerman said, and all have the potential of winning on any given day.

"We are going to take each opponent one inning at a time and keep focused on our goals," he said.

The team's first match-up is in Roscommon April 8, and they return to their homefield the following day to face Leland.

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BOYS' TRACK

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The boys' track team is (front from left) Max Braniecke, Jonathan Kelly, Neil Salisbury, Eric Buday, Alex Buday, Cliff Jones, Jake hunt, Justin Klooster, Michael Pelon, Trevor Sobieski and Ty Wilhelm, (sacond from left)Travis Johnstona, Ryan Wimmer, Bryan Cosler, Brennan Stebe, Alax Myers, Chris Kela, Sam Schelle, Braden Knoop, William Larsen, Jay Gray, Islam Sobariyev, John Shea, Jeramy Stow, (back from left) Ian Gauthier, Doug Reynolds, Acel Edick, Sam Keehn, Brian Shutler, Hunter Boss, Trevor Cola, Caleb Arp III, Stephen Beck, Hunter Johnstona, Justin Williams, Tony Sepeta and Jacob Roach

Big numbers sure to help track team

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

They're nearly 60 deep.

Coach Ken Plude said with that kind of a number he is confident the Rayder runners and field athletes will offer some serious competition this spring.

"Last year they won their third straight regional title," he said, which he attributed to good leadership by his more senior athletes. "I had some guys that got the right attitude going and you just try to keep that going by focusing on discipline and good work ethic."

Plude said his boys will likely face their biggest competition in the form of both Suttons Bay and Traverse City St. Francis schools.

He added that Kingsley will be a fierce competitor in the regional event.

"It's going to be a real dogfight at conference," Plude said. "But, as long as the kids are having fun they play hard and work hard and the rest just falls into place."

The boys' track and field team had their first meet at an unofficial event in recent weeks at Lake Superior State University.

"There wasn't an official score kept, but I was able to calculate our boys would have won the meet," Plude said. "And that was against some good sized schools like Marquette and Cheboygan."

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GIRLS' TRACK

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Tha girls' track team is (front from left) Alina Dhaseleer, Katie Mays, Tanya Wynkoop, Alyssa K. Smith, Ellise Smolenyak, Amber Trudeau, Sara Wilkinson, Linsea Jelinek, Alexandra Lobenherz, Taylor Storm, Courtney Chamberlain, Nichole Cyr, (back from left) Sherry Boss, Bobbie Moltev, Shauna Spencley, Alyssa McCormack, Abby Wilhalm, Madeline Jaakle, Kathryn Sell, Karinne Smolenyak, Alyssa Balfy, Nataleigh Massar, Shelby Goss, Chantel Naothy and Krista Pischner.

With biggest track team ever, lady Rayders hope to go all the way

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Will the lady Rayders make history twice in a row?

Charlevoix girls' track coach Mary Plude hopes so.

"We were conference champs and regional champs which was the first time in the girls' history," she said. "I don't think it's anything you forget."

Plude began this season with 28 girls, which is the largest team she's ever had.

"I think participation is up because we had a very good middle school program last year and I have a large influx of freshmen," she said. "That made a big difference."

Plude said her girls will see their biggest competition from schools like Kingsley and Benzie.

"They were right behind us in regionals," she said. "In conference it's typically Harbor Springs and (Traverse City) St. Francis who are the perennial powers."

She added, "I'm balanced in everything except seniors. I only have two seniors I'm returning: Alina Dahsaleer who was all-state in cross country, she's my main leader and a very strong junior class that I have."

Plude said it is very nice to have a bigger than usual team because she knows she will have enough talent to count on throughout the season.

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The varsity soccer team is (from left) Hannah Doan, Marnie Greena, Ariel Ramsey, Taylor Smith (middle from left) Abbey Barnes, Emily Fostar, Kaleigh Blanchard, Danielle Bergmann, Madison Way, Caroline Dupuis, (back from left) Coach Carol Madison, Tammy Potter, KC McCary, Meridith Rich, Becca Madison, Bridget Peters, Megan Cross, Coach Tom Conlan. Not pictured: Olivia Catt. Below: The junior varsity soccer team is (front from left) Kaylin Neihardt, Celina Wunck, Rachel Boss, Lacay Greene, Hillary Lutz, Hallie Bills, Elizabeth Drost and Lynzie Gotshall, (back from left) Lauren Pettis, Jordan Dixon, Rachel Cur, Breanna Cepeda, Erica Moses, Amy Palon, Kris Broman, Maria LaVanWay, not pictured: Ashley Marsh.

Girls fit and feisty

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The girls' varsity soccer team is shaping up to be a competitive one.

Coaches Carol Madison and Tom Conlan are confident their girls will have a good showing throughout this season.

"All the girls want to see us go far in the state tournament," Carol said. "Everyone came into the season fit and ready for the challenge."

The 16-member team is replete with returning athletes.

"Returning stars include senior Becca Madison (center midfield), who broke the school scoring record as a junior, senior Ariel Ramsey the second leading scorer behind Madison," coach Carol said. "She is a tenacious attacker."

Junior KC McCary plays center midfield, junior Tammy Potter is a goalkeeper who, last year, had the fewest goals ever scored on a goalkeeper in a Rayder season, and Emily Foster, Olivia Catt and Madison Way are returning as well.

Coaches Carol and Conlan hope to make this year their fourth in a row as conference champs, but will be on the lookout for their most fearsome rivals Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids.

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TENNIS, GOLF

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The tennis taam is (front from left) Sarah Kloostar, Katelyn Cole, (middle from left) Aubray Way, Kimber Wager, Jessica Soto, Julia Holdsworth and Sarah Stevenson, (back from left) Coach Vinnia Klooster, Christina Miller, Celina Wanek, Cassidy Steba, Jordyn Fassett, Andrea Roloff and Coach Neil Turner. Not pictured: Bacca Jadwin, Murphy Gillespie, Rachel Gilmore, Erika Smith, Amanda Fritsch, Stephanie Way, Madison Sayward, Lindsay Laway and Bailey Chamberlain.

From tennis club to competetion

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

A club no more.

The Charlevoix Rayders Girls' Tennis team was a club in 2007, but has opened their 2008 season as a varsity-level team.

"Except for the returning players, most of the girls have little or no experience," said coach Vinnie Klooster.

Klooster added that the biggest challenge her team will face this year will be getting them ready to compete."

Coach Klooster's 22-member team includes returning athletes Christina Miller, Sarah Klooster and Kimber Wager who will top the singles lineup.

"Also returning is the doubles team of Rachel Gilmore and Julia Holdsworth," coach Klooster said. "We're looking to these girls to take a leadership role because of their experience."

She added, "We also hope that Murphy Gillespie and Aubrey Way, two newcomers, will become a strong doubles team for us."

Klooster will be aided this season by assistant coach Neil Turner.

"Our goals are to have the girls team improve and enjoy what they are doing," Klooster said. "We will face some tough opponents."

She added, "We need to keep a positive attitude and take pride in any accomplishments no matter how small."

The lady Rayder tennis team's first home match will be on April 28 against Harbor Springs.

Photo by Erica Goff

The golf team is (front from left) Coach Jim Glynn, David Merrill, Thomas Rich, Shaun Couture, Boog Nitchman, Logan Kline, Wyatt Drost, Nathan Tripplehorn, (back from left) JD Speigl, Tyler Munroe, Woody Nitchman, Ty Jones, Connor Boss, Beau Boss and Coach Bruce Beaudoin. Not pictured: Gunnar Whitley and Nick Brandi

Golfers swing into action

BY ERICA GOFF
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The 2007 season was a good one for Charlevoix's golf team, taking 46 matches, winning the district title and taking second in the Lake Michigan Conference, and coaches Jim Glynn and Bruce Beaudoin hope to see similar success this season.

The pair and their 16-member team of golfers face a new challenge however: This is the first season they will compete in the spring instead of the fall.

"We're three weeks into practice now (in the end of Marcht and we can't even get outside yet," Glynn said.

The change is similar to what a number of other sports have witnessed thanks to the change in Michigan High School Athletic Association annual seasons, a change many hoped would equalize the world of high school sports by giving female athletes the same focus and opportunity as male athletes. Like many other coaches, Glynn is just learning to adjust.

"We practice inside, and it will be different but the girls (golfers) did this for years," he said while watching his team practice their drives using nets set up in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium.

Returning athletes include: Seniors Tyler Munroe, Wood Nitchman and J.D. Speigl, freshman Wyatt Drost and sophomore Ty Jones.

Glynn said his team's biggest competition will likely come from Traverse City St Francis.

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VARSITY BASEBALL

Coach: Allen Telgenhof

April 8	Tuesday	4:00	AT Roscommon
April 9	Wednesday	4:30	HERE Leland
April 11	Friday	4:30	HERE Elk Rapids
April 15	Tuesday	4:30	AT Harbor Springs
April 18	Friday	4:30	AT Kalkaska
April 19	Saturday	10:00	HERE vs. Ellsworth Charlevoix Invitational
		12:00	Rudyard vs. Cheboygan
April 22	Tuesday	4:30	HERE TCSF
April 25	Friday	4:30	AT TC Christian
April 29	Tuesday	4:30	HERE Boyne City
May 1	Thursday	4:30	HERE Sault St. Marie, Ontario
May 3	Saturday	10:00	Birch Run BIG CAT Classic
May 6	Tuesday	4:30	HERE Grayling
May 8	Thursday	4:00	AT TC Central
May 9	Friday	4:30	AT Harbor Light
May 12	Monday	4:30	HERE Pellston
May 13	Tuesday	4:30	AT East Jordan
May 20	Tuesday		League Make-up
May 21	Wednesday	4:30	HERE Central Lake
May 24	Saturday	10:00	AT Alpena Alpena Invitational
May 27	Tuesday	4:30	PRE-DISTRICTS
May 30/31	Fri/Sat	10:00	DISTRICTS
June 9	Saturday		REGIONAL

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Coach: Brian Certa

April 11	Friday	4:30	AT Elk Rapids
April 15	Tuesday	4:30	HERE Harbor Springs
April 17	Thursday	4:00	HERE Roscommon
April 18	Friday	4:30	HERE Kalkaska
April 22	Tuesday	4:30	AT TCSF
April 29	Tuesday	4:30	AT Boyne City
May 6	Tuesday	4:30	AT Grayling
May 8	Thursday	4:00	HERE TC Central
May 13	Tuesday	4:30	HERE East Jordan
May 16	Friday	4:30	HERE Pellston
May 17	Saturday	10:00	AT Rudyard Invitational
May 20	Tuesday		League Make-up
May 21	Wednesday	4:30	AT Central Lake
May 23	Friday	4:00	HERE Alpena - 9th

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Tony Zimmerman

April 8	Tuesday	4:00	AT Roscommon
April 9	Wednesday	4:30	HERE Leland
April 11	Friday	4:30	HERE Elk Rapids
April 15	Tuesday	4:30	AT Harbor Springs
April 18	Friday	4:30	AT Kalkaska
April 19	Saturday	10:00	Charlevoix Invitational HERE vs. Ellsworth
		12:00	Rudyard vs. Harbor Light
April 22	Tuesday	4:30	HERE TCSF
April 24	Thursday	4:30	AT TC West
April 29	Tuesday	4:30	HERE Boyne City
May 1	Thursday	4:30	HERE Sutton's Bay
May 3	Saturday	9:00	AT Elk Rapids Invitational
May 6	Tuesday	4:30	HERE Grayling
May 8	Thursday	4:00	AT TC Central
May 9	Friday	4:30	AT Harbor Light
May 12	Monday	4:30	HERE Pellston
May 13	Tuesday	4:30	AT East Jordan
May 17	Saturday	10:00	AT Harbor Light Waterfront Tournament
May 20	Tuesday		League Make-up
May 27	Tuesday	4:30	PRE-DISTRICTS
May 30/31	Fri/Sat	10:00	DISTRICTS
June 9	Saturday		REGIONALS

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Ann Gorney

April 11	Friday	4:30	AT Elk Rapids
April 15	Tuesday	4:30	HERE Harbor Springs
April 17	Thursday	4:00	HERE Roscommon
April 18	Friday	4:30	HERE Kalkaska
April 22	Tuesday	4:30	AT TCSF
April 29	Tuesday	4:30	AT Boyne City
May 3	Saturday	9:00	AT Elk Rapids Invitational
May 6	Tuesday	4:30	AT Grayling
May 8	Thursday	4:00	HERE TC Central
May 13	Tuesday	4:30	HERE East Jordan
May 16	Friday	4:30	HERE Pellston
May 20	Tuesday		League Make-up
May 21	Wednesday	4:30	AT Central Lake

VARSITY SOCCER

Coach: Carol Madison

April 8	Tuesday	5:00	HERE East Jordan
April 10	Thursday	5:00	AT Harbor Springs
April 14	Monday	5:00	HERE Grayling
April 17	Thursday	5:00	HERE Kalkaska
April 21	Monday	5:00	AT TC St. Francis
April 24	Thursday	5:00	AT Boyne City
April 25	Friday	5:00	AT Petoskey (w/JV)
April 28	Monday	5:00	HERE Elk Rapids
April 30	Wednesday	5:00	HERE Suttons Bay (w/JV)
May 1	Thursday	5:00	AT East Jordan
May 5	Monday	5:00	HERE Harbor Springs
May 8	Thursday	5:00	AT Grayling
May 9	Friday	7:00	AT Gaylord (w/JV)
May 12	Monday	5:00	AT Kalkaska
May 14	Wednesday	5:00	HERE TC Liberty
May 15	Thursday	5:00	HERE Marquette (w/JV)
May 19	Monday	5:00	HERE Boyne City
May 22	Thursday	5:00	AT Elk Rapids

JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER

Coach: Carol Madison

April 14	Monday	5:00	HERE Burt Lake NCMA
April 23	Wednesday	5:00	HERE Petoskey Freshmen
April 25	Friday	5:00	AT Petoskey JV
April 28	Monday	5:00	HERE Elk Rapids
April 30	Wednesday	5:00	HERE Suttons Bay
May 2	Friday	5:00	AT Petoskey Freshmen
May 7	Wednesday	5:00	HERE Petoskey JV
May 9	Friday	5:00	AT Gaylord
May 15	Thursday	5:00	HERE Marquette
May 22	Thursday	5:00	AT Elk Rapids

GIRLS TENNIS

Coach: Vinnie Klooster

April 10	Thursday	4:30	HERE Boyne City
April 15	Tuesday	4:30	AT Elk Rapids
April 16	Wednesday	4:00	AT TC St. Francis
April 22	Tuesday	4:30	AT Harbor Springs
April 23	Wednesday	4:30	AT Boyne City
April 25	Friday	9:00	Boyne City Invitational AT Petoskey
April 29	Tuesday	10:00	AT Grayling
May 1	Thursday	4:30	HERE Harbor Springs
May 6	Wednesday	4:30	HERE TC St. Francis
May 15/16	Thurs/Fri	9:00	MHSAA REGIONALS
May 19	Monday	4:30	HERE Boyne City
May 22/23	Thurs/Fri	9:00	LMC AT TC
May 30/31	Fri/Sat		STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TRACK & FIELD

Coach: Ken & Mary Plude

March 25	Thursday	12:00	AT LSSU
April 14	Monday	4:00	AT Harbor Springs
April 16	Wednesday	4:30	AT Boyne City Invite
April 21	Monday	4:00	HERE w/ Elk Rapids, Grayling & Harbor Springs
April 23	Wednesday	4:00	AT Harbor Springs JV Invite
April 25	Friday	3:00	AT Clare Invite
May 2	Friday	4:00	AT TC Central Invite
May 5	Monday	4:00	AT TCSF w/Boyne & Grayling (No P. Vault)
May 8	Thursday	3:00	AT East Jordan
May 13	Tuesday	4:00	AT Petoskey Kiwanis
May 17	Saturday	8:00	MHSAA Regional
May 21	Wednesday	4:00	HERE LMC Championship
May 24	Saturday	10:00	MITCA Team State
May 27	Tuesday	5:00	AT Gaylord Meet of Champions
May 31	Saturday	9:00	MHSAA STATE FINALS

GOLF

Coach: Jim Glynn

April 17	Thursday	10:00	LMC AT Elk Rapids
April 19	Saturday	9:00	Bulldog Invitational AT Inland Lakes
April 21	Monday	4:30	LMC AT Boyne City at Ye-Nine
April 23	Wednesday	4:30	HOME LMC at Charlevoix Municipal
April 24	Thursday	4:30	LMC AT Elk Rapids
April 28	Monday	4:30	LMC AT East Jordan at the Mallard
May 1	Thursday	9:00pm	LMC AT Grayling
May 3	Saturday	10:00	LMC AT Harbor Springs at Boyne Highlands
May 6	Tuesday	1:30	LMC AT Harbor Springs
May 7	Wednesday	1:00	HOME Rayder Classic at Belvedere
May 9	Friday	9:00	AT Gaylord Invitational at The Otsego Club
May 10	Saturday	1:30	LMC AT TCSF
May 14	Wednesday	4:30	LMC AT Elk Rapids at A-ga-ming
May 16	Friday	1:00	LMC Championship Elk Rapids Host at Antrim Dells
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"We're hoping for great weather during this year's first pickup by our 27,000 volunteers," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "There's a lot of work to be done following the harsh weather our state had this winter. We'd like to get people to stop littering altogether, but in the meantime, we need help from our volunteers to get Michigan roadsides in top shape. We couldn't do the job without them, so please drive carefully when you see the Adopt-A-Highway crews working along our state's highways."

Steudle explained that last year the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) spent $5.5 million to remove litter from roadsides.

Adopt-A-Highway volunteers saved the department an estimated $1 million in litter pickup costs by collecting trash on 5,800 miles of roadway.

More than 64,000 bags of trash were removed during the three 2007 pickups.

This year, volunteers will be switching to a more visible, bright yellow-green safety vest with reflective stripes. The new vest, part of a nationwide safety initiative, will be required by the Federal Highway Administration to be worn by anyone working in the highway right-of-way. This rule goes into effect in November 2008.

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In some locations, sections of highway that are available for adoption include a sticker on the Adopt-A-Highway sign that proclaims, "Available!"

To adopt one of these sections, or to discuss other possibilities, interested groups are advised to contact their local MDOT coordinator whose contact information is available on the MDOT Web site.

Additional 2008 pickups are scheduled for July 12 to 20 and Sept. 13 to 21.

MDOT's 2008 statewide construction map now available

The annual state highway construction map is now available from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The free guide, called "Paving the Way" is updated each year to help motorists locate major road and bridge projects across the state. The 2008 map will be available at MDOT's Transportation Service Centers and Travel Michigan's Welcome Centers and posted at state rest areas.

"A good road system is crucial for economic growth in order to attract new business across the state. Road construction is necessary to preserve and maintain our roads," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "MDOT is committed to keeping the public informed about our projects. This construction map is a good resource to guide motorists traveling throughout the state during this year's busy road construction season."

As in past years, the 2008 edition of "Paving the Way" also details construction on state roads in Detroit and Grand Rapids, providing maps specific to these two areas of the state.

Motorists are encouraged to check MDOT's frequently updated list of lane closures that is accessible on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/laneclosures.

To request copies of "Paving the Way" contact the MDOT Office of Communications in Lansing at 517-373-2160.

Singles for Christ meet

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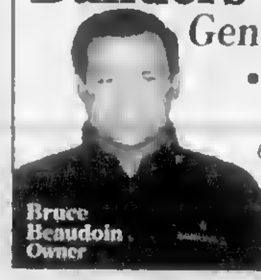

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Genevieve Hollend Gedge, who lived at 5601 Country Club Shores, Petoskey, Michigan died on October 6, 2007.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE/TRUST CLAIMS NOTICE

Estate/Trust of Shirley A Mathers, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 10/29/1931

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Shirley A. Mathers, whose last known eddress was 402 Groveland Street, Boyne City, Michigan died on March 19, 2008. The decedent established the Shirley A. Malhers Living Trust on June 15, 1999.

Creditors of the decedent ere notified that all claims against the estete will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Cheryl Garvin, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: April 16, 2008.

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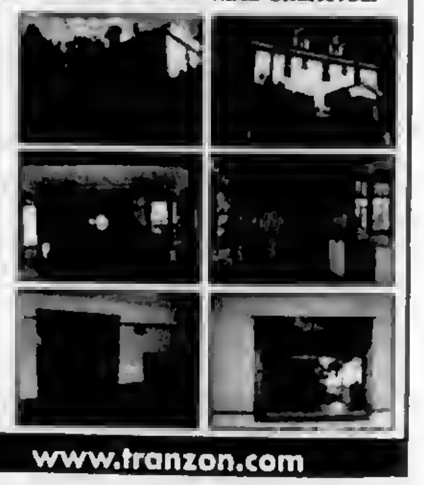

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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Default having beon mado in the terms end conditions of a mortgage mado July 30, 2007, by Jeffrey A. Wellman, Julio A. Wellman, and The Joffrey A. Wellman Trust u/a/d March 11, 1994, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on August 3, 2007, at Liber 813, Page 885, Charlevoix County Records, and the ontire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid et the dato of this notice $104,996.90; end no legal or equitable proceeding having beon instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described In the mortgage, situated In Evangeline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County Michigan;

Parcel 1, Timber Ridge: Commencing at a 2 inch pipe et the Southwest comer of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North 00°10'29" East 693.14 feet along the West line of said section to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°10'29" East 625.00 feet along said section line to a 1 1/2 inch pipe on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence North 86°13'00" East 320.00 feet along said South 1/8 line to a 1/2 Inch rod; thence South 19°05'53" West 676.76 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod; thence South 86°13'00" West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West.

TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot private roadway easement for ingress, egress, Installation and maintenance of public utilities, described as: In the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as:

The West 66 feet of all that part of the West 330.0 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 33 North, Renge 6 West lying Northerly of the Northeasterly line of the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO private roadway easements for ingress, egress, installation and maintenence of public utilities, as fully set forth in Liber 333, Page 785, as amended in Liber 339, Page 961, Charlevoix County Records.

TOGETHER WITH Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (North Parcel), Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (South Parcel) end Recreational Easement, as fully set forth In Conservation Easament, recorded in Liber 333, Page 792, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale Is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and In the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of saie.

Dated: March 25, 2008

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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of May, 2006, by Steve W. Johnecheck, Jr., a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on June 8, 2006, In the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 751, page 058, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE AND 37100 DOLLARS ($30,129.37) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 16, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , thoro will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, et public sale, for the purpose of setisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs end charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and promises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

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Liber 2, page(s) 242 of Plats, Cherlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall bo six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from sald date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 27, 2008

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

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COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011211-DE

Estate of James Albert Porter, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 10/26/1911

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jemes Albert Porter, who iivod at 615 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died on March 15, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeffrey L. Porter, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court et County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Daled: April 7, 2008.

Christopher T. Turkelson
(P57602)
1404 Bridge Street, Ste. 101
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-1111

Jeffrey L. Porter
109 Prospect
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9616
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Official Notice

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2. **Hayes Township Hall & Fire Barn Lawn Mowing** - The hall and fire barn are located at 09195 Old US 31 N, Charlevoix. Mowing & trimming will include an aroa of approximately 5 acres of land.

3. **Hayes Township Hall & Fire Barn Snow Removal** - Snowplowing the parking lot of the hall and the area around the service door and entrance to the fire barn.

All items listed above should be quoted individually Please include your labor and machine rates for any work the Township may request that is not included in the bid Proof of liability and workman comp insurance must bo provided before a contract can be signed. Mail bids to Hayes Township Clork, 10772 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 to be recoived by May 1, 2008 Please call 347-2899 with any questions. Hayes Township reservos the right to reject any or all bids.

(B-03/26, 04/02, 04/09, 04/16)

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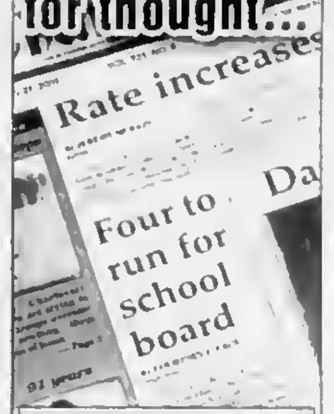
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Earth Day ride

The Top of Michigan Trails Council will sponsor an Earth Day group bicycle ride from Bay Shore to the Susan Creek Nature Preserve and back on April 19.

Riders will begin at 10 a.m. from West Park in Bay Shore and travel west about six miles to the Susan Creek Preserve of the Little Traverse Conservancy where they will stow their bicycles and be joined by a conservancy staff member for a short interpreted hike through the preserve.

The 223-acre preserve straddles Susan Creek that flows from Susan Lake to Lake Michigan.

The hike will take about one hour and the entire event about three hours.

Riders should meet in the parking lot at West Park a little before 10 a.m.

The parking lot is located about a quarter mile north of US 31 on Townline Road. The ride is free to TOMTC members and $5 for non-members. Each rider will receive a complimentary orange vest inscribed with "One Less Car" as long as they last. Also a discount on a box lunch ordered at the start will be available.

The biking portion of the event will take place on the all-asphalt Little Traverse Wheelway and all bikes are welcome. Considering the time of year and the creek-side terrain participants are encouraged to wear rubber boots for the hiking portion of the trip.

To register in advance call (231) 348-8280 or e-mail to info@trailscouncil.org.

TOMTC events are low-key, non-competitive bike rides over non-motorized trails and lightly traveled local roads. Most are 15 to 25 miles long and take 1 1/2 to three hours to complete except where noted. All events will be held RAIN OR SHINE. TOMTC will be at the staging area for all who care to ride. Use of helmets is required. Discount lunch coupons from partnering restaurants will be available on most rides.

For more information, e-mail to: info@trailscouncil.org

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis –April 9, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Minutes of the March 28, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-031, Approve County Expenditures.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-032, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes for 2007
- Motion approved Resolution #08-033 Tax Limitation placement on August Ballot
- Motion approved Resolution #08-034, Transit Millage Renewal placement on August Ballot.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-035, Recycling Millage placement on August Ballot.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-036, Senior Citizen Millage placement on August Ballot
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 10 45 a m

Jane E Brannon County Clerk

Kiwanis on the move

Courtesy photo

Here volunteers for Kiwanis One Day, a Kiwanis International project bringing Kiwanis, AKtion Club and volunteers together to complete a community service project. This year's project included painting the lounge, workshop floor and portions of the senior room at tha Bergmann Center. Pictured are: Sandy Thomas (rear from left) Ed Buday, Gary Jesle, Ken Kline, Dave Garland, Kim Brock, John Baughan, Dave Burzyck, Darlene Raymond, and Ted Dumbauld, (front from left) Carolyn Navarre, Bill Picotte, Anne Brown, Suzanna Muma, Matt Jollife and Lorie Kritcher.

Organ donors save lives daily

Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land recently marked the start of Donate Life Month by encouraging enrollment in Michigan's Organ Donor Registry, a simple act that brings hope to nearly 3,100 patients across the state awaiting transplants.

April is as Donate Life Month both nationally and in Michigan.

"One nf organ donation's main wonders is that it empowers all of us to save and enhance the lives of other Michigan residents," Land said. "Make no mistake, the need for donors is very real. The demand for organs far exceeds the supply. Please take a minute to sign up on Michigan's organ Donor Registry. It's fast, convenient and means the world to someone in need."

The theme of Donate Life Month in Michigan is "Show Us Your Heart." Joining the donor registry means you receive a heart sticker for our diver's license or state ID card.

The sticker tells emergency responders and hospital personnel that you wish to be a donor.

If you enrolled in the past and don't have the sticker. You are asked to do so again. Signing up is easy. Visit www.Michigan.gov.sos or any Secretary of State office.

"Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land and her staff have embraced the miracle of organ and tissue transplantation by encouraging Michiganders to sign up o the Michigan Organ Donor Registry," said Richard Peitroski, newly appointed executive director of Gift of Life Michigan. "Secretary Land has made signing up simple, which ensures one's decision to become a donor is carried out."

Land pointed out that, while there are more than 1.2 million names on the registry, Michigan has approximately 10 million residents, underscoring the need for donors.

Last year in Michigan, record numbers again were achieved with 301 organ donors and 920 tissue donors aiding in 881 lifesaving organ transplants and thousands of tissue surgeries.

On average, 17 Michigan patients receive organ transplants each week.

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Speaker:
Pamela Bergman, BSN, RN
Cancer Research Coordinator
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Munson Medical Center
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, April 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 Stete Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold e public hearing on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinanco to amend and renumber Title 11 of the Code of tho City of Cherlevoix, Michigan, end to add a new chapter, which chapter shall be designated as Chapter 3 of Title 11 of the City Code, to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare and exercise reasonable control over the public right-of-way by reguleting the use and occupation of such right-of-way by video service providers who havo a standardized, uniform video franchise but who lack a metro act permit.

The proposed amendment, if adopted, will renumber Title 11 Franchises/Cable/Telecommunication in its entirety and add also a new Chapter 3. Video Service Provider Right-of-Way Management to Title 11 of the Charlevoix City Code

A complete copy of the proposed language is availablo at the City Clerk's Offico.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

Carol A Ochs City Clerk 04/10/08

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonablo auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon one week's notice to the City of Charlevoix Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office in writing or by calling the following: City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 (231) 547-3250

Rayder Jazz Band makes sweet sounds

Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Rayder Jazz Band performed recently for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 2 State Jazz Festival in Cheboygan.

The band did a wonderful job performing three tunes of different styles including "Little Brown Jug," as their swing tune, "A Nightengale Sang in Berkley Square," as their ballad and "Blue Bossa," as their latin piece.

Seven students played solos throughout the event including Ashley DeVries on tenor sax, Roberta Molter on alto sax, Steven Beck on trumpet, Alex Myers on trombone, Logan Nuttall on trombone, Shaun Coutura on guitar and Colton Leese on piano. The band took home a second division rating ovarall.

Kiwanis rose sale bloomin' success

Kiwanis Rose Sale a Success

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped raise $1,880 in March during the Charlevoix Kiwanis annual rose sale.

This event could not have been successful had it not been for the commitment from Lori Mitchell, community members who purchased roses, Kiwanis members who spent time selling, preparing, boxing and delivering the roses, "Aktion" club members who filled over 2,000 water picks, cut ribbon, helped prepare and deliver the roses.

The funds raised will be used by the Kiwanis club to support our local youth.

Normal people scare me

In recognition of "May is Mental Health Month," at 6 p.m. on May 8 in the Charlevoix Public Library, North Country Community Mental Health and the Charlevoix Public Library will be showing excerpts from the film Normal People Scare Me followed by a panel discussion on Autism.

The panel will consist of clinicians, parents and youth with Autism.

The event will be held at the library located at 220 West Clinton St

The award winning documentary was co-directed by 17 year-old filmmaker, Taylor Cross, a high school student with Autism and his mom, Keri Bowers, a long-time advocate in the disabilities community.

The documentary shares first person accounts of life and living with Autism

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Autism and ask the panel questions.

Everyone is welcome to attend; however, if there are large groups, please RSVP to (231) 838-1258

Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org, or to access services call 800 834 3393.

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Zonta Award winner named

Caitlyn Wonski, a senior at Boyne City High School, was named the winner of this year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. Wonski was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because of her involvement with her community, her focus on her career goals and her understanding of and involvement with global issues and cultures. Wonski is currently ranked first in her class and will be attending St. Mary's College or Notre Dame to study medicine. She is also very involved in school activities, including being president of the National Honor Society and captain of the basketball, volleyball and track and field teams. Zonta International is a global service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta. Applications for next year's award will be available from Charlevoix Area Zonta in late fall.

Pictured (from left) are: Shelley DeYoung, Edith Dale, Maura Snabes, Caitlyn Wonski, Cathy Wonski, Karen Jsrama, Jean McDonough and Marty Strawbridge.

Relief for those stricken by EAB

In a continuing effort to assist the agricultural industry in Michigan, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the designation of 69 counties in Michigan as disaster areas, making nursery and tree production of Ash trees in those regions immediately eligible for USDA/FSA and SBA physical loss emergency loans.

Charlevoix is one of 69 counties designated as a primary disaster area due to damage and losses caused by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Nancy Dietz, Michigan's State Executive Director said, "this assistance will go a long way in aiding the landscape industry and wood lots devastated by this event. We will continue to implement every available USDA program to assist farmers and nursery growers through this difficult condition."

This designation makes qualified nursery and wood lots used for ash tree production in primary and contiguous disaster counties eligible for low-interest physical loss EM loans from the Small Business Administration and Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met.

Tree producers in eligible counties have until Dec. 4 to apply for the loans to help cover part of their losses.

SBA and FSA will consider each loan application on its own merit, taking into account the extent of loss, ability to obtain other credit, security available and repayment ability.

Dietz stated the FSA will do its part to mobilize resources to help those most affected by these conditions.

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For information about the lab nearest you, call: (800) 442-1074

APRIL 13 – 19TH CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

Attend one of the many events at the library during the week. Bring a donation for the food pantry during NLW and your fines will be removed. (Only overdue fines will be removed, lost book and other fees are not applicable). Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W, Clinton Street.

APRIL 16 FIBER DESIGN GROUP

(meets the third Wednesday of each month)

Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors at 1 p.m. at your library for this work session.

APRIL 16 COMPUTER TIDBIT: MELCAT

Learn how to request books from anywhere in the state by using the library's new resource, MelCat, the statewide library catalog. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street.

APRIL 17 ST. MARY 3RD ANNUAL ART SHOW

Third Annual St. Mary Art Show, under the direction of Lori Bolt, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 17 through April 27. Please stop by and see all the wonderful art pieces.

APRIL 17 QUILTERS GROUP

(meets the third Thursday of each month)

Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors at 10 a.m. at your library for this work session.

APRIL 17 LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the award winning documentary film "A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash," at the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Watch the trailer at http://ltlpf.blogspot.com. The film is free and all are welcome.

APRIL 17 DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION

Begins at 3:30 p.m. for middle school children.

Enjoy Dance Dance Revolution on the library's big screen.

APRIL 17 GUITAR HERO!

High school kids can play this video game beginning at 6 p.m.

Play Guitar Hero with friends on the library's big screen.

ARPIL 18 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS SEMINAR FOR WOMEN

Beginning from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 18, the Zion Lutheran Church at 500 West Mitchell St. in Petoskey will host a four-week seminar on DVD for women called, "Your Body, His Temple."

Topics to be covered are on controlling toxic thoughts and emotions, redefining mid-life and body, mind and spirit. Topics discussed are diet, exercise, vitamins, probiotics and menopause. There will be a freewill offering and refreshments. Call Frieda at 347-3438.

APRIL 19

Susan Creek trail ride

At 10 a.m. on April 19 there will be a Earth Day Bike Ride to Susan Creek Nature Preserve with Top of Michigan Trails Council and Little Traverse Conservancy

From our meeting place at West Park in Bay Shore (between Petoskey and Charlevoix) we will bike the six miles to the Susan Creek Nature Preserve, enjoy approximately a mile of hiking new trails in the preserve, and then bike back to the park. All hikes welcome and discount lunch coupons will

be available from partnering restaurants in the area. Please register through the Trails Council by calling 231.348.8280.

APRIL 19 JULIE AUSTIN WORKSHOP

Join Julie from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in learning how to incorporate music into your work and fun with children. This is for parents, educators, day care providers, baby sitters, and librarians. CEU's provided

APRIL 19 JULIE AUSTIN PERFORMANCE AT 1:30 P.M.

Join Julie for this fun, interactive family concert.

APRIL 22

Creative Aging: The Stage of Age: Laughing all the Way!

Maureen Burns, a speaker, motivator, and author, will entertain the audience at 6:30 p.m. with hints on aging with humor, fun and fulfillment.

Registration is suggested by calling 237-7340.

APRIL 23

The Library will be closed all day for a staff in-service

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library
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Story-Time
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

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Writer's Group
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, noon

Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome.

All hosted by the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St.

APRIL 26 CIRCLE OF STRENGTH FASHION SHOW

The Circle of Strength Fashion Show is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m., April 26 at the library.

There will be a lite lunch provided by the Charlevoix Public School Culinary group, and will be served by The Z Club. There will be several models, showing clothing from several local merchants.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, April 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Deputy Mayor Sherm Chamberlain presiding. All Council members were present. Mayor Norman L Carlson, Jr. was absent

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the execution of deed documents for a land swap between the City of Charlevoix and Todd Wyett at the corner of E Dixon Ave and Mercer Blvd.
- Motion passed to approve the relocation of water line easement at the corner of M-66 and US 31 at the property owner's expense
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the revised Sewer Maintenance agreement between the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Public Schools.
- Motion passed directing the Mayor to contact Charlevoix Township Supervisor to propose that the Township participate in a feasibility study to consider consolidating the Township and City Fire Departments.
- Motion passed directing staff to introduce a proposed ordinance to allow dogs in East Park except during events at the April 21 2008 meeting The introduction would allow Council to set a public hearing on the proposed ordinance for May 5, 2008.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for April 21 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on a proposed ordinance to renumber Title 11 of the City Code and add a chapter regulating video service provider right-of-way management
- Resolution 2008-04-01 adopted. Fire Insurance Withholding.
- Resolution 2008-04-02 adopted. Decertification of Portion of Mason Street.

Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office 210 State Street

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Tickets are $10 each, and are now available from one of the following Circle of Strength members: Kim Stevens, Linda Hoffman, Gay Pung or Dee Vincent or by contacting the Circle of Strength Office.

For more information, please contact the Circle of Strength Office at: 547-8950 or the Community Health Education Office at: 547-8906.

MAY 9
BUFFET SUPPER

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women are hosting a Spring Buffet Supper, Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 9. There is a variety of salads, vegetable and meat dishes, desserts and beverage. Proceeds will benefit projects that support local, national and international missions.

MAY 17
ARTIST RECEPTION

"Reflections of Northern Michigan," Watercolors by Betty Bea Washburn, 4 to 6 p.m.

JUNE 28
ARTIST RECEPTION

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m.

JULY 19
ARTIST RECEPTION

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m.

AUGUST 9
ART DEMONSTRATION DAY

Noon to 3:30 p.m

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 a.m and visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at (547-4062

DIVORCECARE

A free, non-denominational support group, open to everyone, will offer help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Organized through the Community Reformed Church DivorceCare program, the group starts Feb. 1 and lasts for 13 weeks. Call (231)675-1925 for more information.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of hands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently, used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at the Flap Jack family restaurant at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

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The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of every month except July in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651. This is a change from previous meeting times.

CHURCH GROUPS —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

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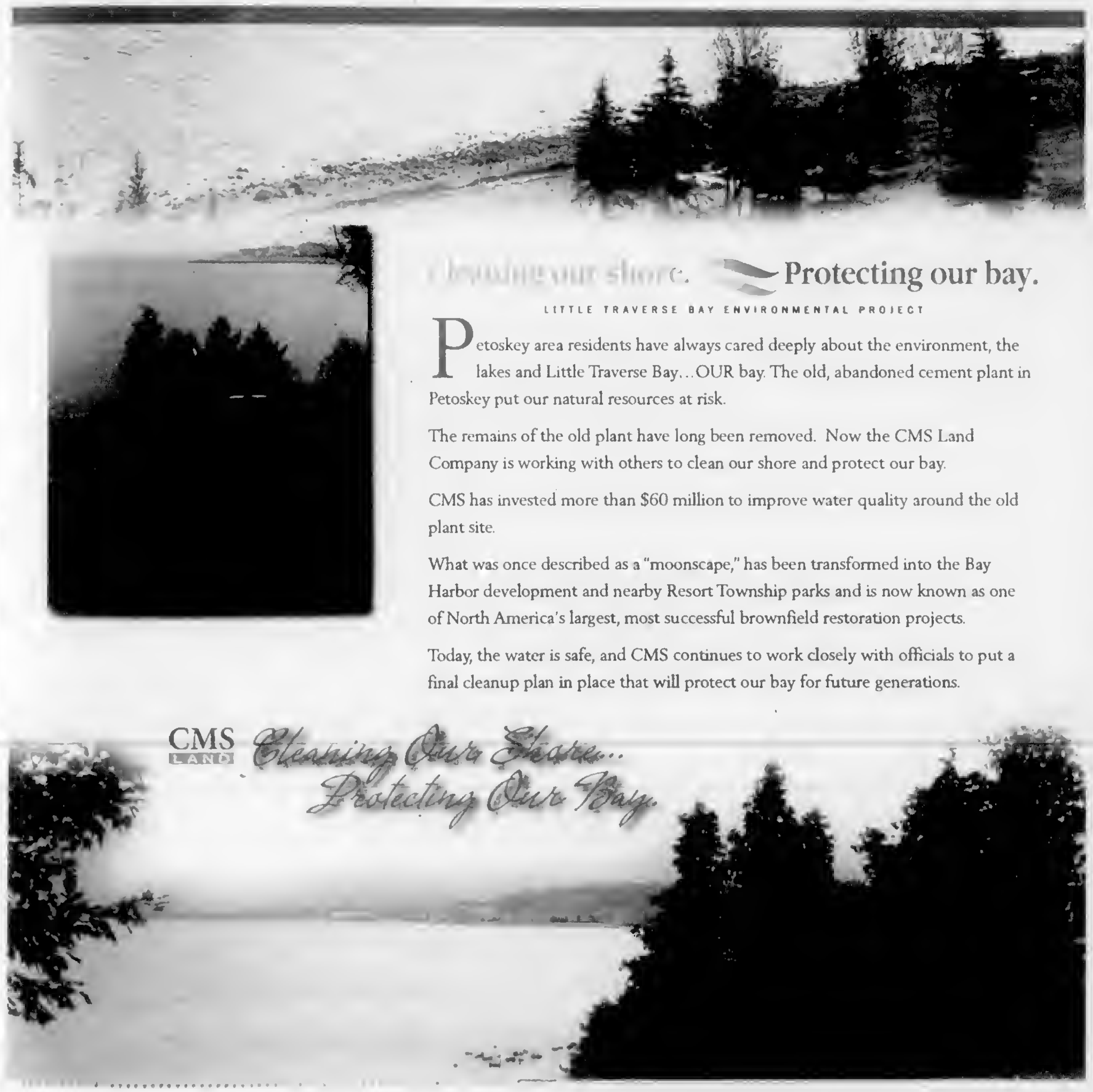
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Yeah baby, it's spring

Isaac Sumerix, seven months, of Charlevoix, went to the beach for the first time on Friday, April 18. He loved digging his toes in the sand.

Ironton Ferry awaits USCG inspection

BY NOAH FOWLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

The Ironton Ferry's annual launch is being delayed pending a hull inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Rather than begin ferry service as it normally does every April 15, members of the Charlevoix Transportation Authority convened last week 0to explain the delay and discuss its ramifications.

"There are going to be a lot of people who are upright about this because the ferry saves them a lot of time," said Doug Way, the Charlevoix County Road Commissioner and one of three appointees on the board that oversees the ferry's management.

Officials from the Coast Guard's Grand Haven Sector Field Office will not perform the routine assessment of the ship's physical integrity until April 22, potentially keeping service across Lake Charlevoix's south arm from beginning until the end of April.

Vance Wood, a captain on the ferry, said that although the delay will inconvenience local commuters, it could actually save some funding during the slowest part of the season.

"We don't have enough traffic to run in the black until June," said Wood. "So it's good for us, but not so good for our customers.

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Sea Scouts open local chapter

Courtesy photo

Sea Scouts of the new Charlevoix chapter could soon be manning a ship similar to the S.S.S. Trident, circa 1973. *See related story on page 11.*

Merriman on trial

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Merriman

It's not likely that a cut to the palm of the hand would cause the amount of bloodshed that police say they found in the Merriman home after Bill Merriman disappeared.

That was the opinion of an orthopedic surgeon who testified in the murder trial of Charles Merriman Jr on April 17.

Charles is accused of killing his brother Bill Merriman in their parents' home on Phelps Road near East Jordan on or about June 15, 2006. No one has seen or heard from Bill since, but his body has never been found.

During the second day of testimony, Dr. Roland Brandt told the jury that the cut Charles told police his brother sustained to the palm of his hand is inconsistent with the large stains of his brother's blood that police found in his parents home.

But that depends on which of Charles' descriptions of the injury the jury believes.

In his audio-recorded statements to police — portions of which have already been played for the jury — Charles says that he and Bill were cutting carpet out of their parents' house when Bill accidentally cut his palm from about the base of his ring finger to the base of his thumb with a utility knife. But his description of the cut changes over the course of several interviews. At first he describes the cut as not very deep, but in later interviews after police have found more blood stains in the house, he describes the wound as deep, hitting a blood vessel and "squirting blood."

The doctor testified that to cut a major artery in the middle of the palm, a cut would have to be nearly half way through the thickness of the hand and through a tough protective layer under the skin.

The amount of blood that was shed in the house is also a point of contention. Dr. Brandt testified that, based on the size of the stains he's been shown both on the floor and on a couch cushion, it's pos-

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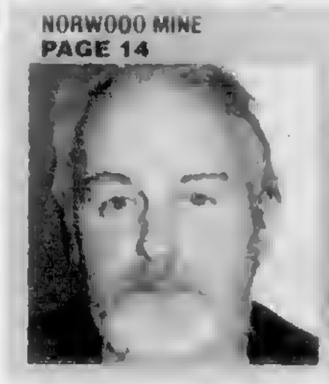

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Mary Elizabeth Cunningham, 47, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Tommy Rae Nalevayko, 41, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Norman James Clark, 73, Boyne City. Domestic, aggravated—first offense. Credit for 41 days in jail; 305 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; not to have contact with the victim, not to enter Boulder Park Terrace; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Julie Anne Brown, 46, Owosso. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Michael David Grutsch, 34, East Jordan. Retail fraud: third degree. Credit for 15 days in jail; 75 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; $611.47 in fines and costs.

Douglas James Decker, 23, Comstock Park. Operating while intoxicated; Driving while license suspended. Credit for 24 days in jail; 54 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,450 in fines and costs.

Trevor Aron Lawlor, 26, Rudyard. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; to serve six months on probation, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $680 in fines and costs.

Michael Norman Johnson III, 19, East Jordan. Operating minor with any blood alcohol content. Serve 15 days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Jane Duhart, 51, Charlevoix. Retail fraud, third degree. Pay $350 in fines and costs or serve 14 days in jail.

Jacquelyn Shelly Hersha, 47, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; $500 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Dan's Painting and Decorating, 1761 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey, by Daniel Munson

The Miller Empire, 09888 Old U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, by Joshua J. Miller

Webster Express, 4572 Loch Road, Charlevoix, by Keith M. Webster

C & C Marine, P.O. Box 247 Beaver Island, by Dustin Cushman and Garrett Cole

Toby Prevo Residential Services, 01170 M66 North, East Jordan, by Toby Prevo

J.D.A. Builders, J.D. Motorsports, 00850 Clute Road, Boyne City, by John D. Anthony

Northern Recording, 510 Barker St., East Jordan, by Everett L. Combest Jr.

Boyne City and Petoskey Apartments, P.O. Box 244, Conway, by David Washburn

Doug Sumner Builder, 06636 Lee Road, East Jordan, by Douglas D. Sumner

All Trucking, 4572 Loch Road, Charlevoix, by Susan K. Webster

Flights of Love, 04026 South Ranney Road, East Jordan, by Ted Schlueter

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

John Phillip Johnson-Jerred, 22, Burton and Samantha Ann Stanek, 21, East Jordan

Ryan David Ely, 26 and Mary Margaret Berg, 19, both of Charlevoix

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesse Lemuel Klaassen weighing 12 pounds 8 ounces was born April 11 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Hermann and Elizabeth Klaassen of Boyne City. His siblings are Salome Anna and Phillip Nathaniel.

Rylee Rose Vaughn weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces was born April 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Nathan C. and Kimberly K. Vaughan. Her grandparents are Rose and William Vaughan and Katie Jones of East Jordan. Her great grandparents are Rose and Mike Jones from East Jordan.

Bodie McNeil Nelson weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces was born April 10 to Holly and Chris Nelson of East Jordan. His sibling is Noel Nelson.

Emma Rose Vanderhoop weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces was born April 11 to Judy Morris and Wayne Vanderhoop of East Jordan. Her siblings are Shane, Casey, Breanna and Ashlee. Her grandparents are Darwin and Mary Lou Morris of East Jordan and Matt and Joyce Simowski of Petoskey. Her great grandparent is Minnie Trombley of Petoskey.

Alexis Vivian Evans weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces was born April 13 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Leon Evans, Jr. and Samantha Dunson of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Leon Sr. and Barb Evans and Wayne Dunson of East Jordan and Debra Hinton of Charlevoix.

Addison Sophia Murray weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces was born April 14 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christopher and Jacqueline Murray of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Fred and Mary Murray of East Jordan and Pat and Connie Bootz of Ellsworth.

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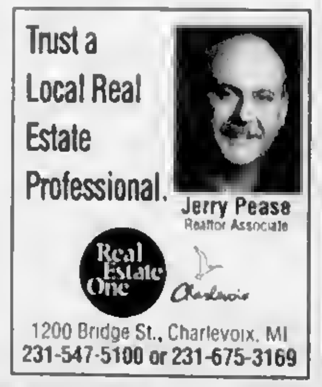

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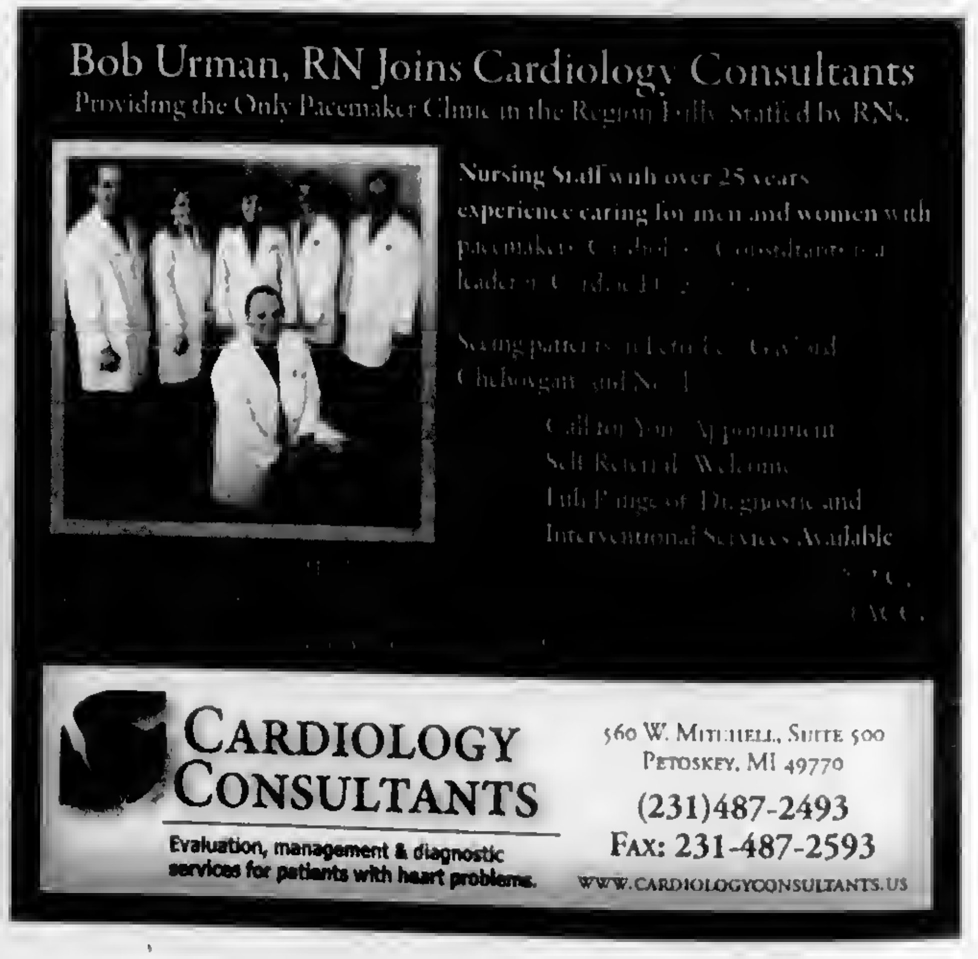

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First leg of three week trial complete

TRIAL

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sible the amount of bloodshed could have been fatal.

But the doctor also conceded that the amount of blood necessary to make such stains could be less, especially if the carpet had already been pulled up or if the blood had been diluted in a cleanup attempt (or by rain in the case of the couch cushion).

More testimony about the blood evidence found in the house is expected from forensic experts later in the trial.

The jury also heard from several nurses who had provided care for Charles and Bill's parents in the days before Bill disappeared. They all said Bill was always around, taking interest in his parents' care.

None had ever met Charles Jr. All but one of the caregivers said Bill had expressed his desire to move from Grand Rapids to East Jordan to care for his parents. One nurse testified she remembered Bill saying he wanted to move his parents to Grand Rapids.

The caregivers also said Bill was concerned that Charles, who had been living with his parents for many years, either couldn't or wouldn't provide proper care for his parents.

At the request of defense attorney Dan Hartman, Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas repeatedly told jurors that they could only consider the testimony about Charles Jr.'s apparent lack of care for his parents, and other similar testimony only for certain limited purposes.

Generally evidence of "other bad acts" are not allowed into evidence. However, in this case, part of the prosecution's theory is that Charles' motive to kill Bill was that Bill was upset with him for not taking better care of their parents and had told him that he would have to get a job.

Another caregiver said she met Bill on June 12, 2006 when he came to Boulder Park Terrace where Charles Sr. was a patient. She told the jury that Bill spent a great deal of time with his father at the nursing home and spent time both learning how to care for him and actually helping with his father's wounds. She said she last saw Bill on the afternoon of June 15, when Bill told her he was going to be gone for a few days so that he could go to Grand Rapids, collect his belongings from his apartment there and then return to live with and care for his father.

She also testified that when Bill never returned, she called the Phelps Road home on July 1 looking for him. She said she spoke with Charles Jr. who told her she had "just missed" Bill, who had just ran out the door to go down state to help with an emergency involving his ex-wife.

The trial is expected to continue into early May. If convicted, Merriman could face up to life in prison.

Wednesday was the first day of trial.

Much of the first day of testimony in the trial of an East Jordan man accused of killing his brother focused on the brother's personality and state of mind before he disappeared.

Jurors in the murder case against Charles "Chuck" Merriman Jr., 58, heard from several former business associates of William "Bill" Merriman, then 54, whose whereabouts have been unknown since June 15, 2006.

Based on what police described as large quantities of Bill's blood found at the home of Charles and Bill's parents, prosecutors believe Charles killed his brother.

But Bill's body has never been found.

Of the 12 witnesses who testified Wednesday, nine were people from the Grand Rapids area for whom Bill had done graphic design work over the years.

They all described Bill the same way: meticulous, hard-working, reliable, professional, a nice guy, always willing to go the extra mile and quiet. In fact, most said he was likely the best artist with whom they had worked. They all also said that Bill seemed to be close with his parents, that he never seemed to be or said anything about being depressed, and it would be unlike Bill to "just disappear" for a prolonged time.

It was all part of an effort by Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema to counter defense theories that Bill either committed suicide in some remote location, was killed by someone else, or simply chose to abandon his life and its responsibilities.

But all of them said they knew Bill only on a professional level. Several testified that they last saw or heard from Bill in late May or early June of 2006 and that he told them he would not be able to do work for them for a time while he traveled to Northern Michigan to address health problems with his parents.

Although most of the business associates were fairly sure that they had last seen Bill in late May or early June, defense attorney Dan Hartman took particular interest in two witnesses who were unclear about whether Bill told them his mother was dying or had already died before he left.

It matters because if someone saw Bill in the Grand Rapids area after his mother's death, it would fly in the face of the prosecution's contention Charles killed Bill sometime later June 15 or early June 16.

Some of the most contentious testimony of the day came from Perrysburg resident Ed Olger, who said he became friends with Bill over the course of eight years they worked together.

Olger described Bill as easy-going, well-liked, talented, had a good sense of humor and was interested in studying human psychology, physiology and philosophy. Olger also said he had never heard Bill talk of being depressed or taking his own life.

Olger said he hadn't been in regular contact with Bill since 2002 and last saw him in 2005 — a fact that Hartman tried to use to cast doubt on Olger's knowledge of Bill's state of mind around the time of his disappearance.

The last witness of the day, East Jordan Ambulance Director Jay Peck provided ammunition for both sides of the case.

Peck testified that ambulance crews were called to the Merriman home on May 29 and June 2 to provide medical attention for Bill and Charles' father, Charles Sr., who was suffering from Alzheimer's and other problems. Peck testified that on the June 2 visit — Charles Sr. had numerous bed sores and bruises on his leg. The testimony would support the prosecution's contention that Bill was angry with Charles Jr. for not pulling his weight around his parents' house.

Peck also testified that odors in the house made it clear that Charles Sr. was suffering from incontinence. The testimony bolsters the defense's claim the reason the carpet was removed from the house was because it was old and soiled, and Charles Jr. and Bill were removing it in preparation for bringing their father home from the nursing home.

The prosecution has contended that Charles tore out the carpet in an effort to get rid of evidence of his brother's murder.

Charles Jr. has told police that the reason they found numerous stains of his brother's blood in the house is because Bill sustained a deep cut to the palm of his hand while the two were removing carpet at the house.

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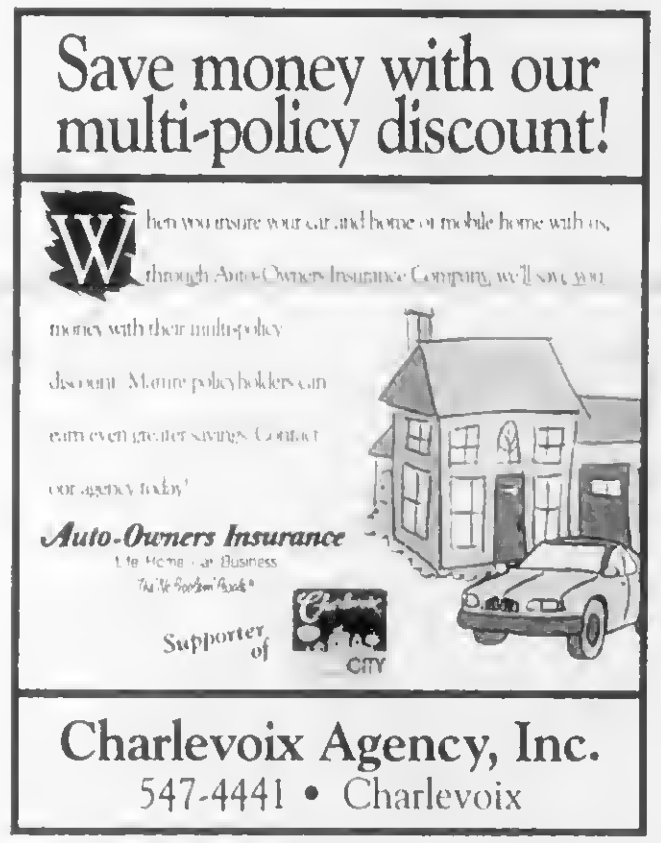

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EDITORIAL

Charlevoix is replete with restaurants, clothing shops, book stores and beaches.

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So it is with enthusiasm we give a "rah-rah sishoombah!" to Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority for looking into the cost and logistics of putting a couple aesthetically pleasing kiosks at strategic points in the downtown business district.

Preferably they will place one near the bridge and the other near Veterans Park so visitors to our fine town may better find their way.

We understand the park and marina projects are already costing us the proverbial arm, leg and first-born child, but we truly hope our city fathers can scrounge up the dough needed as soon as is fiscally responsible to purchase these much-needed additions to this cool city.

We understand it would cost more, but just think of a tastefully decorated stand-alone station roughly the size of a pay phone with a touch screen where tourists could find anything from the nearest hotel, historical society, public restroom or a fresh fish market to beaches, bistros and campgrounds.

According to the Cool Cities findings, the downtown is, "Charlevoix's cultural center, and the hub of its community life, that's filled with music, art, food and fun, and offers a historic, waterfront experience."

Now all we need is the perfect map so those unfamiliar may explore this heavenly hub.

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Wendell who?

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

The name Wendell Willkie does not stir the thoughts of very many people. He is hardly more than a footnote in American history, but sometimes the footnotes are more interesting than the main text, and history always has something to teach us.

Wendell Willkie was the Republican presidential candidate in 1940. He was running against Franklin Roosevelt and wasn't expected to win, although he did get 22 million votes to Roosevelt's 26 million. He was, I believe, the only Republican candidate my father ever voted for. Willkie was a conservative from the Midwest, but he fit poorly in any of the molds people provided. I think a younger John McCain would have liked Willkie.

I have been rereading a book Willkie wrote in 1943. He was sent by President Roosevelt on a goodwill mission to fly around the world and meet with world leaders. His traveling companions were a newspaper editor, Gardner Cowles, Jr. and Joseph Barnes, an editor and foreign correspondent. Try to imagine that circumstance in today's world. It would be like President Bush sending Al Gore, Bob Woodward and another member of the liberal media on a trip to visit 20 countries and try to find out first hand what the effects of global warming might be. That it is unlikely to happen now is not reason to think it would be a bad idea.

Willkie explains the trip this way "I had an opportunity to fly around the world in the middle of this war, to see and talk to hundreds of people in more than a dozen nations, and to talk intimately with many of the world's leaders. It was an experience which none of those leaders and few private citizens have had. It gave me some new and urgent convictions and strengthened some of my old ones."

Willkie called his book "One World." Some might think it too idealistic for our age, but at least Willkie based his ideas on real information, not on spin, conjecture and propaganda.

On his trip Mr. Willkie visited Nigeria, North Africa, Cairo, Tehran, Beirut, Baghdad, Turkey, Russia, Yakutsk and China; all of this while a war was going on and Cairo might well have been overrun by the German General Rommel before Willkie arrived. An exciting trip. Note that he visited Baghdad. In a two day stop he seemed to understand more about Iraq than the present administration has managed in five years.

What did Willkie think of Iraq and its neighbors? Listen to this. "The magic of western political ideas has been sharply challenged in the minds of many Moslems, many Arabs, many Jews, many Iranians." Willkie learned all that in only two days of talks with the people in Baghdad. If only Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Cheney had listened as well as Willkie did!

One more quote from Willkie's understanding of Iraq. "If we believe in the ends we proclaim and if we want the stirring new forces within the Middle East to work with us toward those ends, we must cease trying to perpetuate control by manipulating forces, by playing off one against the other for our own ends."

Willkie was not a seer or a prophet, he was just listening to people and drawing reasonable conclusions. And he was listening to everyone, not just those people he identified as friends. A Democratic president sent Republican candidate Willkie on that mission, and listened to him when he got back. We should all listen.

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LETTERS to the editor

THANKS ISLANDERS

Editor:

I want to extend our appreciation to the islanders for hosting the (Charlevoix County) Commission on Aging's Beaver Island Task Force on April 8 at Peaine Township Hall. Thank you to Carolyn Works and Joan Vyse for refreshments, Jean Palmer for her assistance and Nancy Tritsch, COA Board member. Thank-you also to Preservations Association of Beaver Island Board members Don Tritsch and John Fogg for their tour of the new community center and Pete Lodico with Beaver Island Senior Housing for information on the proposed new housing development.

Members of the COA task force in attendance were County Commissioners Shirley Roloff; Shirlene Tripp representing Robert Drebenstedt, committee chair Corrine Russell and Margo Johnson.

Our organization consultant David Emmel of Abbot and Emmel from Midland also accompanied this group.

The purpose of the meeting was to get input from residents and to hear concerns about senior services.

The COA recently published our Strategic Plan Development, which was produced from the work of seven ad hoc committees. They worked very hard researching and developing plans to address issues identified in the county-wide assessment last year. You can

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LETTERS to the editor

find copies of the Strategic Plan Development at your Library or at the Health Center.

Many concerns were voiced at our meeting with you and I want to reassure you that the COA is listening. Very positive feedback was brought back to the mainland. We are taking your comments into consideration in developing and refining our programs and services. We hope you will continue to provide your suggestions and ideas in an ongoing, positive dialogue.

The COA board voted in January to help purchase community center kitchen equipment. Work on this contract was suspended pending our meeting last week with Island residents. Details of a contract are yet to be worked out.

We look forward to extending capital improvements to a BI facility similar to what we are doing in other areas of the County.

We are trying to help meet the growing demand of the island's senior residents by offering to sponsor training for more certified nurses aides to provide the services.

We will continue to work with Beaver Island Regional Health Center to promote a pilot program for physical therapy for seniors on the island.

Unfortunately, the COA is not a Medicare certified provider of skilled nursing and therefore not qualified or authorized to do physical therapy. We are open to assisting with medical transportation reimbursement for islanders to come to the mainland for medical services.

There were many other positive suggestions and we know that we need to keep communications open to the islanders. We at the COA are listening and strive to improve the quality and diversity of services to seniors throughout the county.

For information on any COA service, call: (866 428-5185.

Sue Bergmann COA director

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HELP SENIOR CLASS

Editor:

Charlevoix High School Senior Party 2008

It is true what they say: it takes a community to raise a child, and our community has done a great job thanks to the support of our local businesses.

The All Night Senior Party Committee, made up of several dedicated parents, is in the process of planning a fun, safe and memorable after-graduation party for the class of 2008.

This year the entire party will be held locally.

Similar to last year, our committee decided to ask for your support after concluding the majority of our fund raising efforts.

Our goal is to provide a no-cost party for our graduating seniors to celebrate their accomplishments.

We have been very successful in our fundraising efforts but need your help.

We hope that you can help by donating $25 for a senior party ticket for one or two of the 2008 graduating seniors.

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Chris Cole
Charlevoix

RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

Editor:

"The Women's Resource Center is committed to equality, justice, and the well-being of women. To that end we will engage and encourage our community to work with us toward those goals," from the Women's Resource Center (WRC) of Northern Michigan mission statement.

For more than 31 years, the northern Michigan community has worked side by side with the WRC to provide supportive services to those in need. Certain individuals have gone above and beyond in their scope of dedication to this work by joining the WRC volunteer team. During National Volunteer Week, April 27 through May 3, we take the opportunity to celebrate the important work done by these WRC volunteers.

Over the past year, our diverse circle of volunteers has provided over 3,038 hours of service to the WRC.

The volunteer staff support families at the Safe Home, ring up sales at the Gold Mine Resale Shop, serve on the board of directors, assist with agency mailings, answer the 24-hour crisis phone line, style hair at the Safe Home, do facility upkeep and maintenance, and other important tasks.

The support given by volunteers directly benefits the hundreds of individuals and families served by the WRC in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Through the hands-on dedication of our volunteers, the WRC commitment to equality, justice and the well-being of women in northern Michigan is fulfilled. Please join us in honoring these individuals who have made such a significant social impact on our community.

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator

COA, ONWARD AND UPWARD

Editor:

Over the past 15 months, the COA board, staff and community stakeholders, including commissioners, have been engaged in an intense effort to expand, enhance and improve the quality of senior programs and services provided by the COA. We began with an independent outside assessment and continued with brainstorming, prioritizing and analyzing actions through a series of ad hoc committees.

We presented this report on the status of our accomplishments, recommendations and plans to the commissioners on April 2.

We view this work as a strategic plan in progress. There are many actions yet to be analyzed and costs to be determined. It will take additional time to implement the decisions already made and to finalize future plans.

In reality this work will never be complete; We will always be striving to better align our work to support our seniors and their caregivers; both directly and indirectly.

We intend to continually improve quality against the benchmark we set with the assessment, taking into account the community's evolving expectations.

As you peruse our ad hoc committee summaries, we welcome you to contact any board or staff member to get questions answered and concerns raised. Reports are available at your local senior center or library.

The COA is grateful to all the community members who worked hard on this project with us, and we extend special appreciation to the county commissioners for their involvement, advice and continuing support.

Sue Bergmann COA director, Joan Blanchard COA chairperson
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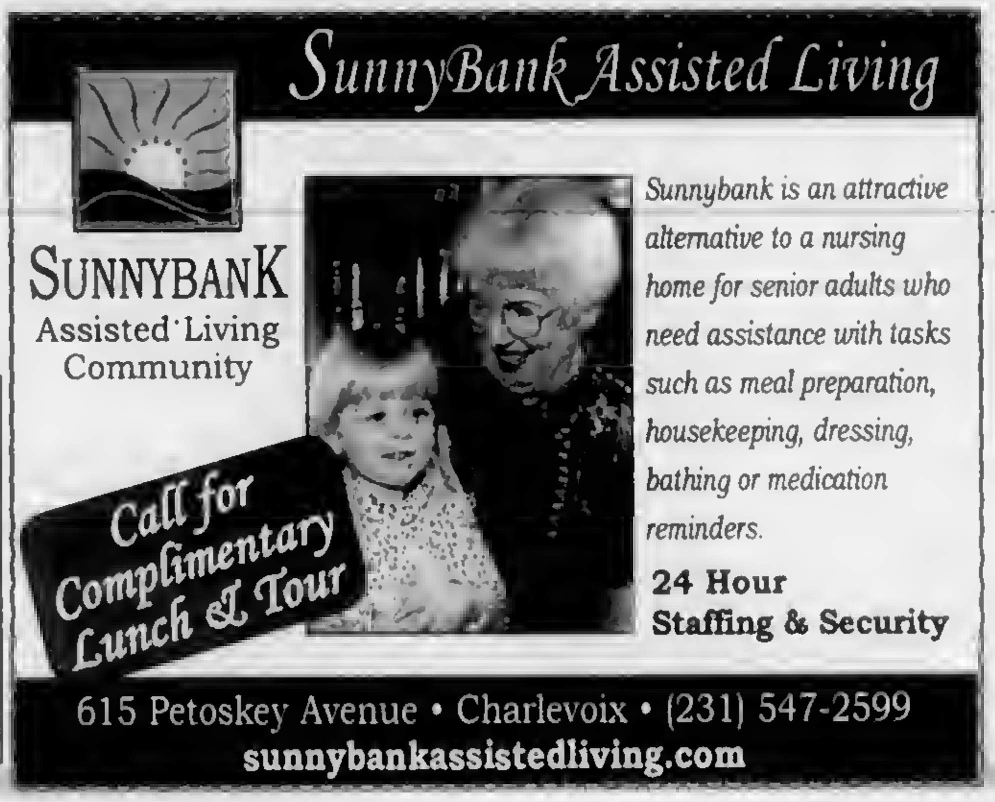

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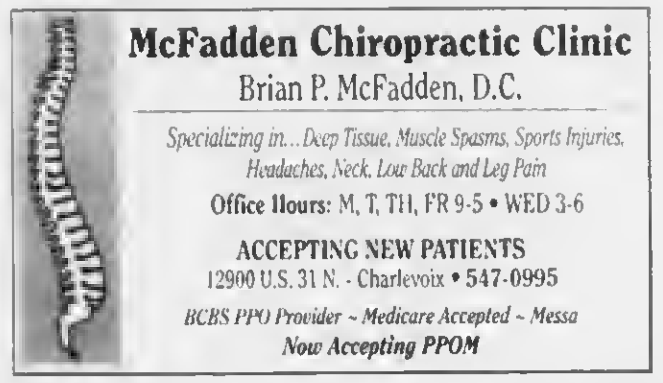

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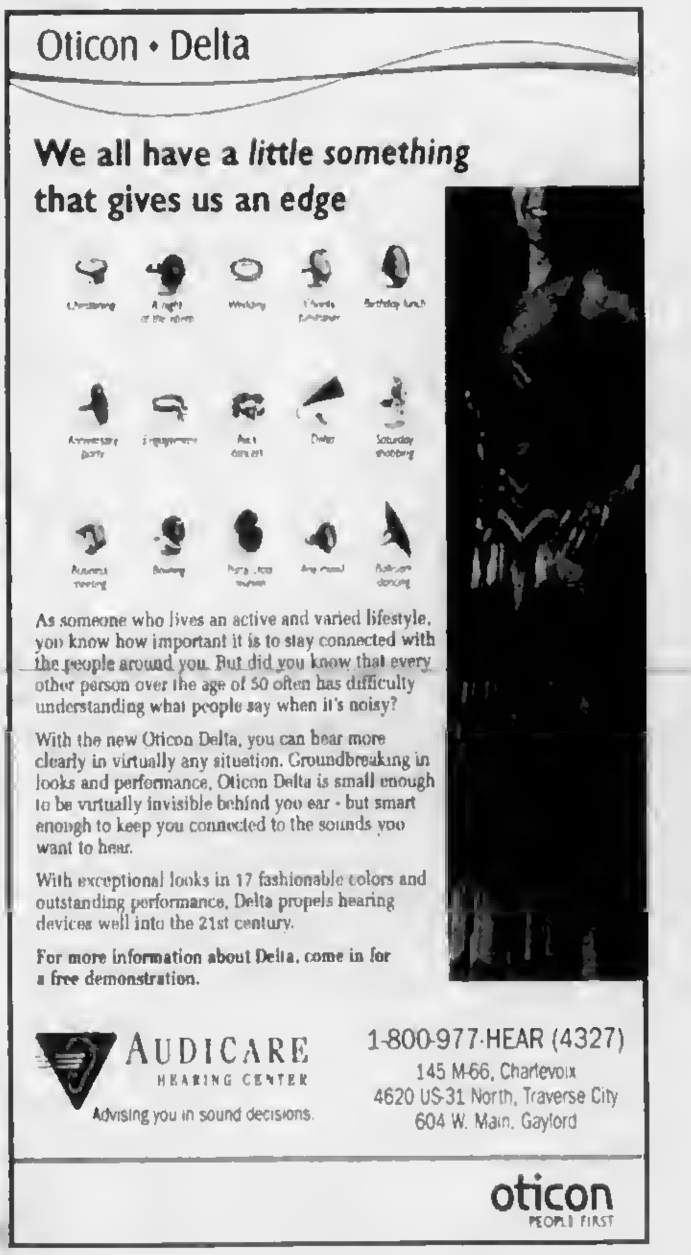

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Walk for cancer

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlavoix breast cancer survivor Linda Schofield made this quilt in memory of her sister-in-law Mary Elizebeth Moore at Hearts to Holly quilt shop in Charlevoix. She donated the quilt for raffle at the May 10 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk in Charlevoix.

Five years ago, a routine mammogram screening saved Charlevoix native Linda Schofield's life and she's since made it her mission to make those same screenings accessible to other women.

"It's so important we as women take care of ourselves," she said.

Schofield, a nursing research consultant and nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, made a 72 inch by 72 inch pink batik quilt with a cream and pineapple foundation to be raffled.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be directed to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund in coordination with the Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk to take place on May 10 in Charlevoix.

The money will be distributed to the Circle of Strength cancer support group and Charlevoix Area Hospital to assist in purchasing a digital mammography machine.

"It stays in the community, which is so wonderful," Schofield said of the funds raised in the raffle. "If we can save one woman with the money from this quilt that's what it's all about."

She dedicated the quilt, which took her about five months to complete, to her sister-in-law, Mary Moore who died from breast cancer.

"She was a really important person in my life," Scholield said.

The quilt is dedicated to Moore, but its aim reaches all women, including Schofield who, in fall 2003, underwent a routine mammogram screening that detected breast cancer.

"I had no symptoms. It was only through the screening that they found it," she said. "There are hundreds of women out there just like me and we need to take care of each other."

While there is no guarantee she will be cancer-free for life, Schofield said she is grateful her condition was caught early and she doesn't live in fear.

"It is what it is," she said, adding that her five-year survival mark, a milestone for cancer survivors, is coming this fall.

Schofield's niece Amy Salatino of Charlevoix is coordinating the quilt raffle for Charlevoix County's Kappa Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, the group coordinating the upcoming walk.

The winner will be drawn between 11 a.m. and noon, May 10 at Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix. At that time, prizes will also be awarded to the walker and team raising the most money.

Quilt raffle tickets are $5 each or six for $25 and can be purchased through sorority members.

For information on obtaining quilt raffle tickets, call Amy Salatino at (231) 675-3572.

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Starlight dinner, auction

Tha 6th Annual. Starlight Dinner and Liva Auction is scheduled for noon on Mey 4 whan browsing of auction items will ba accompanied by the musical styling of Dwain Martin, and Amy cook and Mike Carey of Acoustic Staw. Dinner, catered by Gray Gablas, will be sarved at 1 p.m. followed by the auction. All proceeds from tha event benefit the Bergmann Canter. Tickete coet $25 per person. For more informetion, call Kim Brock at 547-2979, extension 11.

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Thursday, April 24, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
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Music & Movement
Saturday, April 26, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. (ages 0-4)
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The Enlightened Elder

BY SUE BERGMANN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Do you remember the itchy red spots of childhood chickenpox? The teasing by other children and the gallons of pink lotion that only worked for a short time?

By your mid-20s you probably thought the battle of chickenpox was won.

You celebrated decades of freedom from this illness and continued on with everyday life. One morning, in the midst of your golden years, you wake up with a painful, itchy rash on one side of your body; Could it really be Shingles?

The answer to this question is probably "yes."

It is estimated that one million cases of shingles occur in the United States every year.

The occurrence of shingles increases as we age, especially to those over 60.

Congratulations, this is one more thing to look forward to in your golden years.

Shingles is the same virus that caused you to have chickenpox as a child. This virus known as varicella-zoster lies dormant in your nerve cells, ready to strike again anytime the immune system has been compromised.

This second eruption of the chickenpox virus is the disease known as shingles or herpes-zoster.

The first signs of shingles may include itching, tingling or a burning pain in one location on one side of the body. Common locations are the girdle or waistline and on the face around the eyes and forehead. After several days, a rash of fluid-filled blisters will erupt. This can be a few scattered lesions or, in severe cases, can produce an area that looks like a severe burn.

An outbreak of shingles for generally healthy people can last up to three to five weeks. This includes time for the lesion to heal and the pain to subside. If diagnosed early, within 72 hours, the use of antiviral and pain medication prescribed by your doctor can greatly reduce discomfort and speed in healing.

In 2006, the Food and Drug Administration approved the shingles vaccine for people over 60 who have had chickenpox as a child. Research has found that this vaccine can reduce the number of cases by half. Of those who still contracted shingles despite having the vaccine, the severity of the disease was greatly reduced.

The shingles vaccine is only a preventative therapy and is not a treatment for those who already have shingles or postherpetic neuralgia.

Shingles is a very serious threat to individuals with a suppressed immune system. This includes people undergoing cancer treatments or diagnosed with the HIV infection.

People who have received an organ transplant are also at risk due to the immuno-suppressant drugs that must be taken.

Is shingles contagious?; Yes and no: you can pass the virus to someone who has never had chickenpox. This person may develop chickenpox but not shingles. An individual who has chickenpox can not pass on shingles to someone else. Shingles comes from the virus hiding in your body, not from an outside source.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging recommends that you see your doctor if you think you have shingles or need further information on the vaccine.

Facts and figures courtesy the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes.

Visit www.shinglesinfo.com for more information.

Sue Bergmann is a contributing writer to the Enlightened Elder section which appears monthly in the Charlevoix Courier.

Courtesy photo

Chadwick Scholarship

Max Schwein, 14, of Charlevoix Middle School is the receplent of this year's Chuck Chadwick Memorial Scholarship. As the winner, Schwein receives a week at Huron Hockey School. Schwein was chosen due to his sportsmanship on en doff the ice, his determination, dedication, attitude, attendance and acedmics. Schwain also made the "Dream Team" for Bantam players and he received the Academic Athlete award for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Petunia planting soon

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The petunias are growing and will be ready for planting at 5 p.m. on May 22. Save the date for this annual community effort in Charlavoix the Beautifull

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10 things you never knew about Jimmy LaMonse

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BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

This month the Charlevoix Courier sat down with a longtime local fixture to learn 10 things about James "Jimmy" LaMonse.

LaMonse was born in 1944 and raised in southern Michigan, summering a few miles south of Charlevoix on his grandparents' farm in Mancelona.

LaMonse was an autobody inspector for Ford in the Detroit area when he was hit by a car in 1969. The entire left side of his body was paralyzed, leaving him with a hitch in his step and minimal use of his left arm and hand.

Q 1. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

A: American food is the best. I'm all American ... Probably steak and eggs.

Q 2. What are your hobbies?

A: Fishing, trout fishing. Mostly because it's a genuine clean fish: they can't live in lake water. They've got to have clean drinking water. No regular lake fish can compare to rainbow trout, speckled trout or brown trout.

Q 3. What do you like most about Charlevoix?

A: I know more people here, I know everybody and their brother; People are friendly to me mostly because I'm disabled, so in my position it's easy to find friends.

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A: I want to see the marijuana law put into a category like tobacco. It's already been proven over and over marijuana is a grand, great find because you don't get drunk and you don't stagger—it puts booze in it's place.

Q 5. If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A: Valentino: he was a slick lover of the broads. He was the most famous lover.

Q 6. What is something nobody knows about you?

A: I blend in with anything imaginable because I'm not hard to please. Before my '69 accident I was particular because I had a good job, but now I'm not a particular dude; anything will do now.

Q 7. Favorite movie of all time?

A: I like all movies. I like comedies best because I like a lot of cheerfulness in movies. I'll always like the Three Stooges best. Boy, they really put up a great career for the world with their comedy.

Q 8. What is the biggest challenge with your disability?

A: My left arm is the only bothersome item I've got left. When I walk, I don't walk like other people. I'm a little slow in my left leg because it's numb. It just doesn't feel functional like the right side

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

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Q 9. How do you cope with the paralysis?

A: Because of all the walking I've done, that's what healed my left leg. Any exercise long enough endured will practically repair anything.

10. Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: Charlevoix. I got no want to go downtown to the Motor City of pity (Detroit). It's a faster life down there, but you can never rely on anything; it's just houses, houses, houses, there's nothing scenic.

Ferry service delayed

FERRY

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Wood said he got the news from the Coast Guard only two weeks ago and was surprised to learn of the delay. While the Coast Guard already has a series of other inspections scheduled, a spokesman confirmed that they would be ready for next week's dry dock inspection.

Following approval from the Coast Guard, the ferry, currently out of water in Boyne City, must be lowered into the lake, have its engine props installed, tugged over to Ironton and have the tow cable put in place. Wood estimated that if everything runs smoothly, the ferry could be operational as soon as April 25.

Yet, some are already feeling the pinch of the delay.

Bob Herrmann, who lives in Ironton and works in Boyne City, said the ferry saves him between 20 and 30 minutes of his commute each way. "It's going to cost me more time and money It's frustrating," said Herrmann

Herrmann said the delay was indicative that the ferry needs to be run more efficiently.

"If it was run like a business, an appointment would have been made to get it inspected back in February," he said. "It needs to be run more economically. This shows poor planning for the boat's maintenance."

Mick Luchenbill, the shop foreman for the Charlevoix County Road Commission, said the Coast Guard's inspection was somewhat unexpected.

"Usually they inspect the hull's thickness through simple tests. But this is the first year they're doing it out of their Grand Haven post and they wanted to do a more thorough inspection," he said. "It's more procedural than an actual issue."

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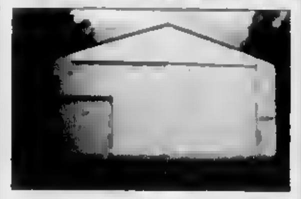

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Herrmann: Oct. 30, 1922- April 14, 2008

Mary Jane Herrmann, 85, of Charlevoix, and formerly of St. Clair Shores and Louisville, Ky., died Monday, April 14 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She was born October 30, 1922, in Louisville, Ky., to Chester A. and Catherine A. (O'Brien) Bell.

On June 24, 1943, she married John P. (Jack) Herrmann Jr. in Boston, Mass. They made their home in Louisville, Ky., and later in St. Clair Shores where they raised their family.

Mary Jane did volunteer work for St. Joan of Arc Catholic School and Church. She was a wonderful lifelong seamstress and considered it to be a relaxing hobby spent with her "very best girlfriend" Bib Buttice.

Mary Jane and Jack returned to Louisville, Ky., in 1974, where she remained until moving to Charlevoix in 2004.

She was a member of St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores, Our Lady of Lourdes Church in St. Mathew's (Louisville, Ky.), and St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Jack preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2001

Mary Jane is survived by her children, Sandra L. (Frank) Barresi of Cold Spring, Ky., John P. "Randy" (Lynda) Herrmann III of Harrison Township, Anne R. (Harry) Golski of Charlevoix, Thomas E. (Pamela) Herrmann of Holly; grandchildren: James (Lynette) Barresi, Matthew (Laine) Barresi, Amanda, Julie, Jeannette and Tommy Herrmann, Kate and Chris Golski; six great-grandchildren: Nicole, Michael, Molly, Ryan, Cole and Catherine. She is also survived by her sister Nora Lee Gies, brothers Chester A. (Ann) Bell Jr. and James A. (Joan) Bell and sister-in-law Sis Bell and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

A memorial Mass for Mary Jane will be celebrated at Our Lady Of Lourdes at a later date. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Louisville, Ky. Memorial contributions may be made to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix, Charlevoix Area Hospital or Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

John Sexton

John Sexton of Lusby, Md., formerly of Cocoa Beach, Fla. and Boyne City, passed away in January. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Bradley Sexton and nine brothers and sisters. He will be remembered by his family as a kind and generous man who enjoyed life and brought joy to those around him. He is survived by loving daughters Kim (Bill) Sexton and Lee (Scott) Terrett of Maryland as well as sister-in law Mary Bradley of Charlevoix.

Also surviving are nephews Tim (Kathy) Bradley, Buck Bradley and Tom Bradley all of Charlevoix, John Bradley of Madison, Wisconsin and nephew Richard Patterson of California. Surviving nieces are Laurie Bradley of Lansing, Lynne (Juan) Carbonell of Traverse City, Terry (Randy) Higgins of Tampa, Fla and Patricia Vail of California.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sharon Lea "Murph" Herriman: July 16, 1943 - April 18, 2008

Sharon Lea "Murph" Herriman, 64, of Charlevoix, died Friday, April 18 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

The funeral was April 22 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where Paul Bradley officiated.

Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Sharon was born July 16, 1943, in Muskegon to Thomas and Clara (O'Neil) Murphy, and moved to Charlevoix at age two.

She was actively involved with the Charlevoix Sports Booster and enjoyed league bowling and camping.

She was a member of the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post 226 Auxiliary

On June 7, 1969, she married Howard A. Herriman in Charlevoix.

Howard survives her as does their son Tom and his wife Terri and brother Donald "Bud" Murphy all of Charlevoix.

Sharon's brothers Dale and Jim Murphy and her sisters Betty Hulbert, Zella Bacon and Helen Zeitler preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Larry Grate Memorial Fund at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Metta M. Balch: Nov. 12, 1910 - April 17, 2008

Metta M. Balch, 97, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, April 17 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

The funeral was 11 a.m. on April 22 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Neil Turner of the Community Church of God officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Metta was born Nov. 12, 1910, in Norwood Township to John and Maggie (O'Neil) Webster. She was a life resident of Charlevoix who loved to read, and was a member of the Community Church of God.

She was married to Archie Balch on July 2, 1928, and he preceded her in death in 1985. In later years, Metta went everywhere with her sister Ila Sarasin and to many people they were mistaken for twins.

Metta is survived by her daughter Shirley Hall of Charlevoix.

She was preceded in death by her brother Harry Webster and sisters Marie Jones and Ila Sarasin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Church of God in Charlevoix.

Mental health month

North Country Community Mental Health has planned the following activities during May is Mental Health Month:

Mental illness and suicide presentation

- Prior to the presentation there will be a tailgate party from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on May 1, Join former NFL quarterback Eric Hipple for an open discussion about mental illness and suicide. These events will occur at the K of C Hall on Charlevoix Street in Petoskey. A member of the 1980 to 1990 Detroit Lions, Hipple is now the Outreach Coordinator for the University of Michigan Depression Center. The tailgate party features a light meal and a chance to meet Hipple with photo and autograph opportunities. Bring your football to be autographed. This event is also sponsored by Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Char-Em ISD, Petoskey Rotary and Kiwanis Club.

Five kilometer run/walk

- Late registration starts from 8:30 a.m. and runs until 9:30 a.m. at Bayfront Park on the Petoskey waterfront on May 3. The governor's council on physical fitness, health and sports has endorsed the event. The run will begin at 10 a.m and the walk at 10:10 a.m. Registration fee for the run is $12 before April 25 and $15 after. There is no charge for the walk. Other events during the run/walk include: featured speaker Eric Hipple, a former Detroit Lions' quarterback; Faces of Recovery exhibit; door prizes for all registered participants; consumer recognition awards; community recognition awards; and music by Charlie's Root Fusion. Log on to: www.norcocmh.org for registration forms and more information on May is Mental Health Month or call North Country CMH at (231) 347-0740.

CMH Charlevoix branch open house

- The open house is scheduled for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 9 at their new office located at 6250 M66 North.

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Area Church Services

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
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Big tourney win for Rayder baseball team

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The Rayder varsity baseball team after their tournament win are: (back from left) Cliff Jones, Brock Yenglin, R.J. Moore, Jon Putman, Bill Ivan, Matt McKenzie, Kyle Jones, assistant coach Travis Jakeway, Michael Heckendorn, assistant coach Kirk Heckendorn, (front) manager Will Telgenhof, Mike Kras, Ty Talgenhof, Drew Largent, Clayton Mitchell, Sam Balasz, Alax Foster, coach Allen Telgenhof and (lying in front) Nic Williams.

The Charlevoix Rayders had a big week on the baseball field last week, highlighted by the Rayders winning their fourth straight Charlevoix Invitational title.

Charlevoix defeated Ellsworth 8-3 and Rudyard 3-0 to take the trophy.

"Winning this tournament was one of the goals the team set out before the season so it was nice to pull it off," coach Allen Telgenhof said. "Rudyard went to the state semifinals last season and is ranked number three in the state in Division 4 now so we knew it would be tough but the guys played very well."

Against Rudyard, Michael Heckendorn hit a two-run double in the bottom of the third inning to break a scoreless tie, plating Nic Williams and Clayton Mitchell. One batter later a wild pitch scored Cliff Jones to give Charlevoix the 3-0 advantage.

Cliff Jones was the winning pitcher in his first pitching start of the season, throwing three-and-a-third innings of two-hit shutout baseball, striking out five. When he tired in the fourth, walking two straight batters, Ty Telgenhof came in from the bullpen to get a strikeout and ground out to leave the runners stranded.

Telgenhof pitched two-and-two-thirds innings to get the save, yielding only one hit and walking none.

To reach the finals, Charlevoix scored five runs in the first and two in the second to defeat Ellsworth.

Cliff Jones had a two-run single and Drew Largent had two RBI.

Largent was the winning pitcher, throwing a five inning complete game, giving up only three hits and striking out nine.

Earlier in the week the Rayders went 3-1 in conference play, sweeping Harbor Springs 7-1 and 13-2 and splitting with Kalkaska, winning 7-3 and losing 4-3.

In game one, Harbor's first batter hit a bad-hop single and it would be the Rams' last hit of the game as Telgenhof threw six innings, giving up only the one hit and one unearned run, striking out seven.

Charlevoix's offense was led by Kyle Jones who scored three runs, Jon Putman with two hits and three RBI, and Cliff Jones with a double, two runs scored and three RBI.

Jon Putman was the winning pitcher in the nightcap, striking out nine in four-and-one-third innings pitched.

Clayton Mitchell scored four runs and stole three bases. Heckendorn scored two runs and stole four bases. Cliff Jones had two hits. Mike Kras and Kyle Jones both scored two runs.

Against Kalkaska, Telgenhof pushed his record to 3-0 on the mound, striking out six and giving up only five hits, two walks and no earned runs in six innings of work.

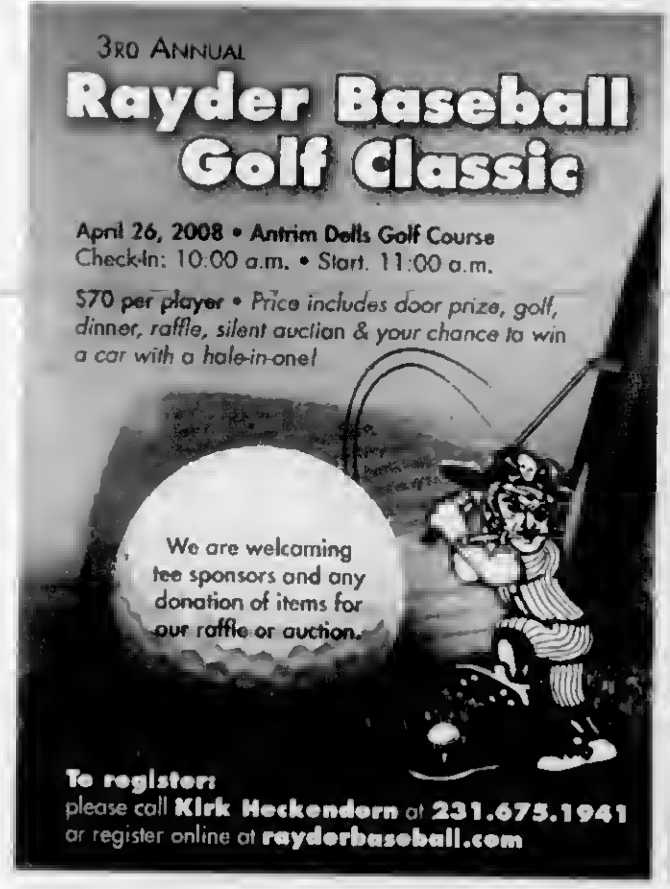
Heckendorn again led the Rayders at the plate with three hits, three runs scored and three stolen bases.

R.J. Moore had two hits, two runs scored and three RBI. Kyle Jones also drove in two runs.

Despite a combined no-hitter by Putman and Cliff Jones in game two, the Blazers pulled out a come from behind win with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, wiping out a 3-1 Charlevoix lead. The runs scored on two walks, an error, a passed ball and a balk.

Largent had a two-run double for the Rayders.

Their standing is 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the conference.



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Sea Scouts taking new members

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Charlevoix will soon have a chapter of the nearly 100-year-old group Sea Scouts.

Formed in 1912 as an offshoot of the Boy Scouts of America, the Sea Scouts is an organization which trains 14 to 21-year-olds boating safety, maintenance and operation.

"I joined Sea Scouts when I was 14. That would make it 56 years ago," said retired United States Coast Guard member Dave Smith. "I was lucky enough to become a quartermaster in the Sea Scouts at the age of 18. That was instrumental in getting me into the Coast Guard Academy and I even met my wife through Sea Scouts."

Aside from learning water safety, how to fix a boat engine and how to operate both power and sailboats, the Sea Scouts offers young men and women the opportunity to join the Coast Guard or U.S. Navy at a higher rank than those without nautical training.

"You enter as an E-3 instead of an E-1," Smith said. "You get higher pay and more privileges."

An open house for young people and their parents is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 5 at Christ Episcopal Church, which is located on 200 State St. in Charlevoix.

Prior scouting experience, Smith said, is helpful but not required.

Adult leaders Skipper Doug Jacobs and his mates or skipper's assistants will be in attendance as will Sea Scout Ship 11-Charlevoix committee members and crew members who have already joined in addition to representatives from boating safety organizations Charlevoix Sheriff's boat patrol, U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary and National Power Squadrons.

For more information on Ship 11, call Commander Smith at: 547-0172 or e-mail: smithd@bignetnorth.net.

Registration to join Sea Scouts, which are being sponsored by Kiwanis, is $10.

"Vocationally it's wonderful, especially in our area," Smith said. "There is a lot of emphasis on safety."

Smith has offered the use of his sailboat for the program.

Anyone interested in lending their powerboat to the program is welcome to contact Smith.

"We're also working with Northwest Academy and the high school (Charlevoix) trying to initiate a program where a young person could get academic credit for going through the ranks," Smith said. "But it's not a total brainiac thing. Mainly this program is to have fun° while learning."

The first regular meeting of the Charlevoix Sea Scouts is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 12 at Christ Episcopal Church.

Visit: www.seascout.org for more information.

Junior golf scholarships

Applications for the Charlevoix County Junior Golfer Scholarship must be completed and returned by May 15.

The applications in question have already been mailed to those eligible, however, if you have not received one, call Dean Davenport at: (231) 796-7252 and he will ensure you receive one.

Girls' fastpitch: sign up

Girls ages 8-14 interested in signing up to play in the Chain-O-Lakes Girls' fastpitch season should get their sign-up form from Charlevoix Middle School, Northwest Academy, St. Mary School, Charlevoix Elementary or the city recreation department. Sign-up deadline is April 30. Return completed form and $15 to the Charlevoix Rec. Department located at 210 State St. in Charlevoix.

Telgenhof signs with Rochester

Charlevoix High School student-athlete Tyler Telgenhof has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball for Rochester College beginning with the 2008-2009 season.

Telgenhof, a left-handed pitcher, was 4-3 for the Rayders last season with a 3.43 ERA.

He struck out 55 batters in 45 innings pitched and posted an impressive 1.80 ERA in Lake Michigan Conference play.

"Ty comes from a great family and is willing to work hard," said Rochester coach Brett Crawford. "Combine those intangibles with his talent and he will be competing for a starting role in 2009."

Telgenhof is off to a fine start for Charlevoix in his senior season, posting a perfect 3-0 record and 0.00 ERA and striking out 22 batters in 17 innings pitched.

"It is great to see Ty accomplish one of his goals: to play college baseball," said Tyler's father and coach Allen Telgenhof. "His mother and I are very proud of him, not only for his baseball ability but more importantly for the kind of person he is."

Telgenhof intends to major in mass communication at Rochester College in Rochester Hills.

Rayder girls still kicking

The Charlevoix lady Rayders varsity soccer team recently beat Grayling 8-0.

Charlevoix improved to 3-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference and overall with a home win on Monday.

Two goals each were scored by Anel Ramsey, Caroline Dupuis and Kaleigh Blanchard. KC McCary and Madison Way each scored one goal.

Assists were made by Ramsey, Blanchard, McCary, Mendith Rich and Emily Foster.

Tammy Potter earned her third shutout of the season in the net. Charlevoix then bested Kalkkaska 7-0 making their record 4-0.

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In 1998, the voters approved a 1.0 mill sinking fund for 5 years. In 2003, the voters renewed the sinking fund for 6 years at a rate of 0.9 mills. The proposed net millage rate for the bond is 0.55 mills. Current Michigan Law does not allow sinking funds to be used for the purchase of buses and technology but allows those expenditures from a successful bond election.

Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.

Please take the time to review the question and answer brochure that was recently mailed to your home, and please consider attending the forum on Wednesday April 30.

If I can be of further assistance in answering any questions and\or issues that you may have about the proposed bond election, please feel free to contact me directly at 547-3204 or cjanik@rayder.net

Sincerely,

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Third time a charm for limestone mine?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EOITOR

Wayne Wynkoop wins again, for now.

Three lawsuits have been filed against Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood Limestone Mine by the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS), and three Special Use Permits (SUP) have been granted to the gravel pit operator and former Norwood Township Supervisor.

"Deliberation lasted approximately three hours," said Norwood Township Planning Commission member and secretary Denny Way of the recent hearing. "The outcome was unanimous to approve the SUP."

Wynkoop was pleased with the planning commission's decision.

"I got a lot of people right in the township here standing in line waiting for material," said Wynkoop, who added that the specter of future lawsuits is always on his mind.

"My plan from here is to just get back in business again and try to put all this stuff behind us," he said.

NTCHS founding member Bill Gnodtke was disappointed with the commission's decision.

"I guess it's fair to say we continue to believe they've made an incorrect decision," he said. "We will wait to consider what our options are when our legal counsel returns (from out of town)."

Aside from a slight change in hours of operation, previously 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and now 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the only major changes to Wynkoop's previous SUPs are the number of trucks which may haul gravel from his property each day, average of 30 per day with no more than 60 on a single day, and how land reclamation will be handled: Wynkoop must keep up on reclamation as he goes.

No matter how stringent a restriction is levied against Wynkoop's business, Gnodtke said, he will not be happy until the entire operation is scuttled.

"We still believe that quarrying, mining and mineral extraction is not allowed under the code," he said.

While Wynkoop has been given the OK by township officials, he may not begin selling limestone until the planning commission officially approves their meeting minutes, which will likely occur during their May 13 meeting. Wynkoop's SUP is good for 15 years. He may not perform any blasting and he must mine above the water table.

Gnodtke could not say for sure whether the NTCHS would take the matter to court a fourth time, but added, "We truly believe we'll prevail again if it goes to court. We feel that strongly in our arguments."

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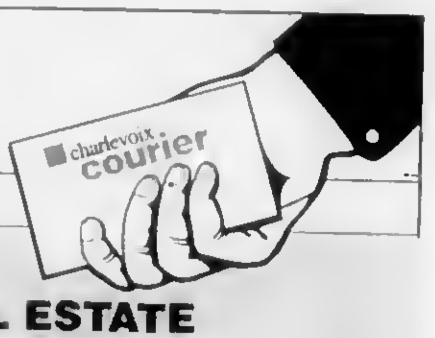

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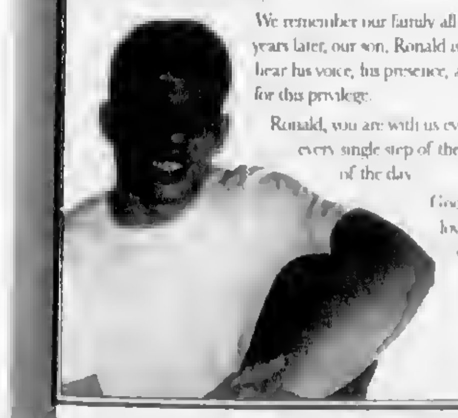

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Third time a charm for limestone mine?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
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Wayne Wynkoop wins again, for now.

Three lawsuits have been filed against Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood Limestone Mine by the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS), and three Special Use Permits (SUPs) have been granted to the gravel pit operator and former Norwood Township Supervisor.

"Deliberation lasted approximately three hours," said Norwood Township Planning Commission member and secretary Denny Way of the recent hearing. "The outcome was unanimous to approve the SUP."

Wynkoop was pleased with the planning commission's decision.

"I got a lot of people right in the township here standing in line waiting for material," said Wynkoop, who added that the specter of future lawsuits is always on his mind.

"My plan from here is to just get back in business again and try to put all this stuff behind us," he said.

NTCHS founding member Bill Gnodtke was disappointed with the commission's decision.

"I guess it's fair to say we continue to believe they've made an incorrect decision," he said. "We will wait to consider what our options are when our legal counsel returns (from out of town)."

Aside from a slight change in hours of operation, previously 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and now 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the only major changes to Wynkoop's previous SUPs are the number of trucks which may haul gravel from his property each day, average of 30 per day with no more than 60 on a single day, and how land reclamation will be handled: Wynkoop must keep up on reclamation as he goes.

No matter how stringent a restriction is levied against Wynkoop's business, Gnodtke said, he will not be happy until the entire operation is scuttled.

"We still believe that quarrying, mining and mineral extraction is not allowed under the code," he said.

While Wynkoop has been given the OK by township officials, he may not begin selling limestone until the planning commission officially approves their meeting minutes, which will likely occur during their May 13 meeting. Wynkoop's SUP is good for 15 years. He may not perform any blasting and he must mine above the water table.

Gnodtke could not say for sure whether the NTCHS would take the matter to coun a fourth time, but added, "We truly believe we'll prevail again if it goes to coun. We feel that strongly in our arguments."

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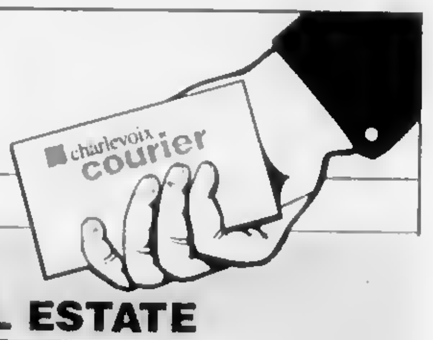

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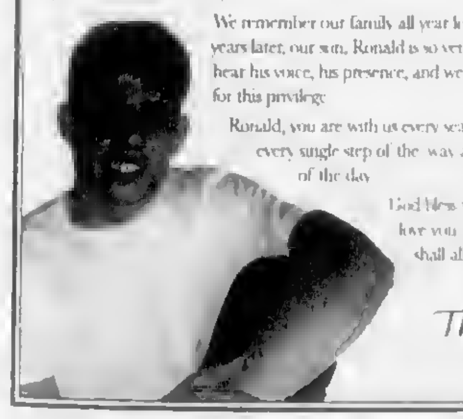

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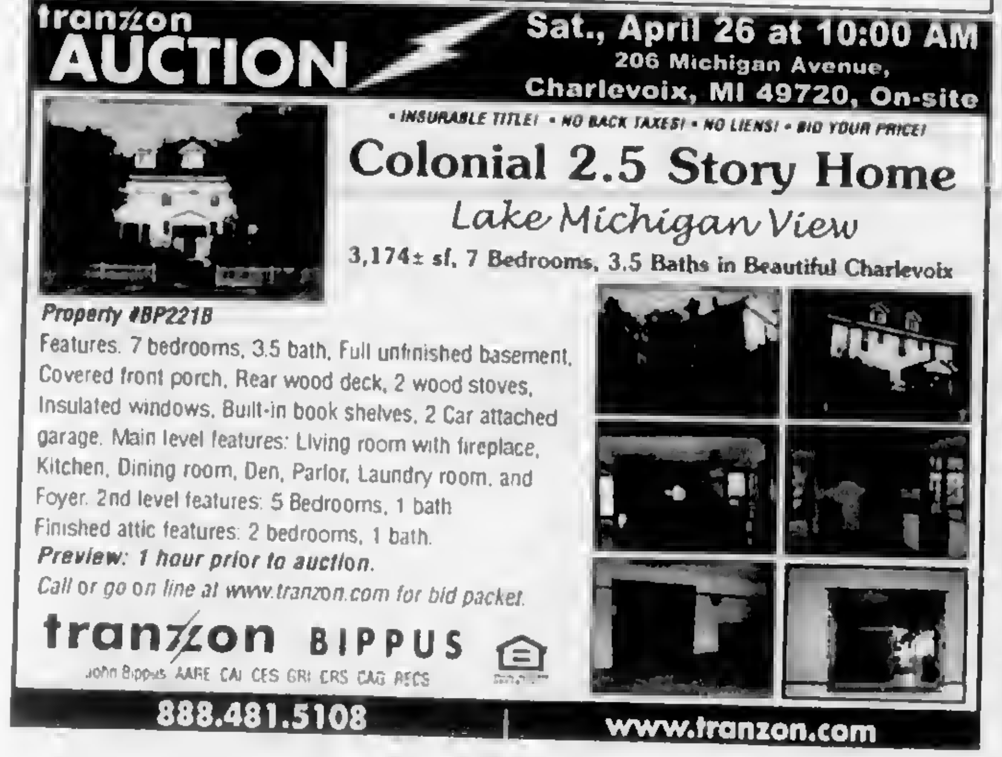

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 08-011214-NC

In the matter of Harry Manfred Suckert, Kimberly Jeanne Suckert, Michelle Christine Suckert and Andrew Donald Suckert.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose address(es) are unknown and whose interested in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on May 28, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose:

To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Harry Manfrod Suckert, requesting the names of Harry Manfred Suckert, Kimberly Jeanne Suckert, Michelle Christine Suckert and Andrew Donald Suckort be changed to Harry Manfied Suekert, Kimberly Jeanne Suekert, Michelle Christine Suekert and Andrew Donald Suekert

Dated: April 14, 2008.

Scott T Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

Harry Manfred Suckert
14394 Klooster Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-6464
(L-04/23)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 9, 2004, by Wellman Properties 10, LLC, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on June 21 2004, at Liber 621, Page 238, Charlevoix County Records. This mortgage has been amended by Loan Modification Agreements dated January 20, 2006, recorded January 23, 2006 at Liber 727. Page 591; dated November 22, 2006, recorded December 4, 2006 at Liber 776, Page 094; and dated June 11, 2007, recorded June 14, 2007, at Liber 807, Page 092, all Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $128,830.84; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

In the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

PARCEL 1
(15-002-021-022-20)
Beginning at an iron stake at the South eighth corner on the East line of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence North on the East line of said section 342.28 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of Highway U.S 131; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly line of said highway 220 feet; thence South 69 44'37" West 375 feet, thence West, parallel with said South eighth line, to the Westerly side of Boyne River; thence Southerly along said river to said South eighth line; thence East on said eighth line to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the "West Parcel" as described in the Warranty Deed to the Little Traverse Conservancy Inc., recorded in Liber 508 Page 773, Charlevoix County Records

PARCEL 3.
(15-002-022-009-00)
That part of North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, lying westerly of Highway U S 131

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D Wurster (P48708)
Joel D Wurster, PLC
P.O Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988
(L-04/16, 04/23, 04/30, 05/07, 05/14)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 30, 2007, by Jeffrey A. Wellman, Julie A. Wellman, and The Jeffrey A. Wellman Trust u/a/d March 11 1994, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on August 3, 2007, at Liber 813, Page 885, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $104,996.90; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Evangeline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

In the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County Michigan;

Parcel 1, Timber Ridge Commencing at a 2 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North 00°10'29" East 693.14 feet along the West line of said section to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°10'29" East 625.00 feet along said section line to a 1 1/2 inch pipe on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence North 86°13'00" East 320.00 feet along said South 1/8 line to a 1/2 inch rod, thence South 19°05'53" West 676.76 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 86°13'00" West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West

TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot private roadway easement for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, described as. In the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County Michigan, described as:

The West 66 feet of all that part of the West 330.0 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 33 North, Range 6 West lying Northerly of the Northeasterly line of the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO private roadway easements for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, as fully set forth in Liber 333, Page 785, as amended in Liber 339, Page 961, Charlevoix County Records.

TOGETHER WITH Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (North Parcel), Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (South Parcel) and Recreational Easement, as fully set forth in Conservation Easement, recorded in Liber 333, Page 792, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated. March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of May, 2006, by Steve W Johnecheck, Jr., a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on June 8, 2006, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 751, page 058, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE AND 37100 DOLLARS ($30,129.37) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 16, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Bay, County of Charlevoix State of Michigan:
Lot 18 - WALLOON VIEW BRAE according to the plat thereof as recorded in
Liber 2, page(s) 242 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated. March 27, 2008

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
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Charlevoix students perform native tunes

The Charlevoix School Bands will be presenting their spring concert this year as a Native American Celebration of music, dance and the arts at 7 p.m. on April 29 at Charlevoix High School. The entire concert will center around the beauty of the Native American culture and music. Each school band will play music based on Native American songs, legends or history. Tickets cost $5 each or $15 for a family of four.

APRIL 23

The Library will be closed all day for a staff in-service

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library

220 W Clinton St

231.547.2651

Story-Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

All children birth to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Writer's Group

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome

French Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, noon

Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, new comers always welcome.

All hosted by the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St

APRIL 24

Thursday Night Open Mic

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Looking for a safe and fun environment to explore your performance abilities? The library is now offering a venue with an open mic where the public is welcome to perform original works or an interpretation of a classic song, poem, short scripted piece, dance, etc. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Audience members are also needed, so if you prefer to observe, come enjoy!

APRIL 26

Music & Movement (ages 0-4)

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Join Andrey in this fun session and help build confidence, self-esteem and social skills for your infant or toddler.

APRIL 29

French Conversation Circle

Begins at noon

Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, new-comers always welcome

APRIL 30

Writer's Group

Begins at 6 p.m.

Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

APRIL 26

Circle of Strength Fashion Show

The Circle of Strength Fashion Show is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m., April 26 at the library.

There will be a lite lunch provided by the Charlevoix Public School Culinary group, and will be served by The Z Club. There will be several models, showing clothing from several local merchants.

The event will serve as a wonderful opportunity to get together for an afternoon of fun, and support, for anyone that has been affected or touched by cancer.

Tickets are $10 each, and are now available from one of the following Circle of Strength members: Kim Stevens, Linda Hoffman, Gay Pung or Dee Vincent or by contacting the Circle of Strength Office.

For more information, please contact the Circle of Strength Office at: 547-8950 or the Community Health Education Office at: 547-8906.

DIVORCECARE

A free, non-denominational support group, open to everyone, will offer help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Organized through the Community Reformed Church DivorceCare program, the group starts Feb. 1 and lasts for 13 weeks. Call (231)675-1925 for more information.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Baby blanket project

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to home-bound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

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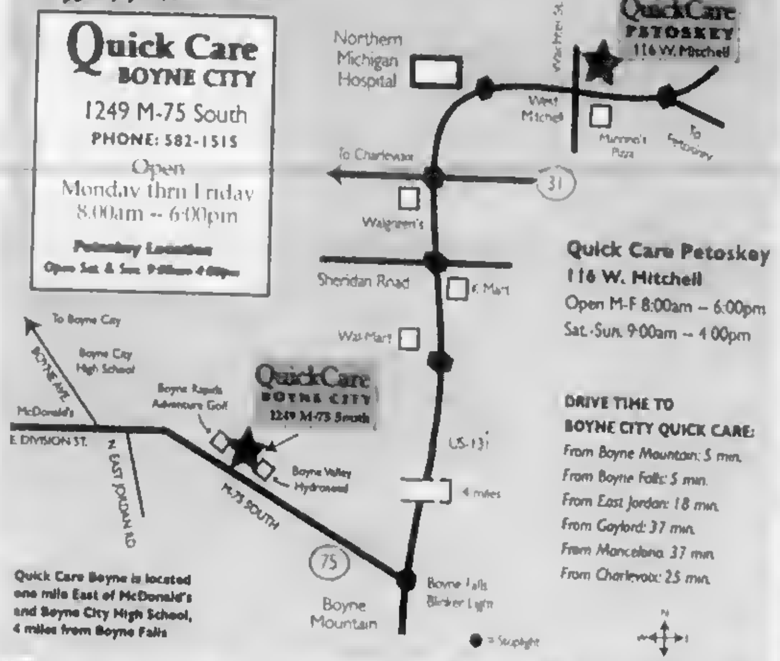

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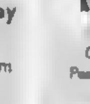
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T.J. Cardoza of Denoyer Shipping unloads hundreds of boxes of Girl Scout cookies on Wednesday, April 16 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

As we talk with the public about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project we have been asked many questions about the history of the property and what we are doing today to address the problems of the past. Here are answers to a few of the questions we hear most often.

Q: Did the construction of Bay Harbor and East Park create the environmental problem?

A: No. Before the development the site was home to an abandoned cement plant and limestone quarry that operated from 1904 – 1980. About 2.5 million cubic yards of cement kiln dust was left in piles – totally open to the environment - around the site by the former owner. The redevelopment of the site substantially improved environmental conditions and turned the abandoned brownfield into two public parks and a resort that draws tourists from around the world.

Q. Were "corners cut" when redeveloping the property?

A: No. An environmental study and reclamation plan was developed by project partners and then reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and former Attorney General Frank Kelley. The work was conducted under a brownfield redevelopment agreement that recognized the long-standing environmental blight on the site. Such agreements are common and without them redevelopment of brownfield sites would be rare. Under that agreement, a site once described as a "moonscape" was transformed into two public parks and an award-winning community. Bay Harbor added more than 700 jobs and more than $8.5 million in wages to the Michigan economy and contributes about $13 million per year to the local tax base.

Q: Is it safe for people to swim in the water?

A: Yes. Completed and on-going actions taken at East Park and Bay Harbor have effectively eliminated public health and safety concerns. Today, only a small part of the five-mile-long shoreline still shows any elevated pH levels from what was left at the old cement plant. Periodic evidence of elevated pH in these areas generally shows levels similar to those found in pools of algae naturally occurring on the beach or baking soda. CMS Land is taking steps to reduce even further the pH in those areas.

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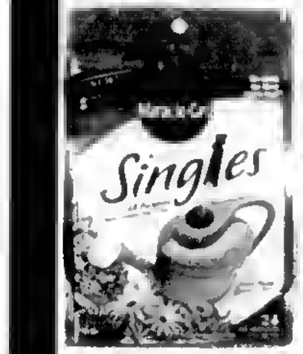
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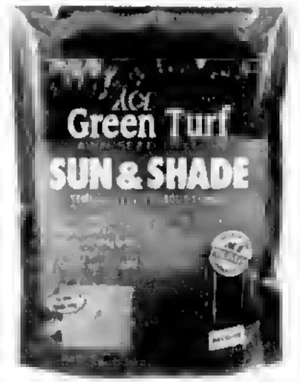
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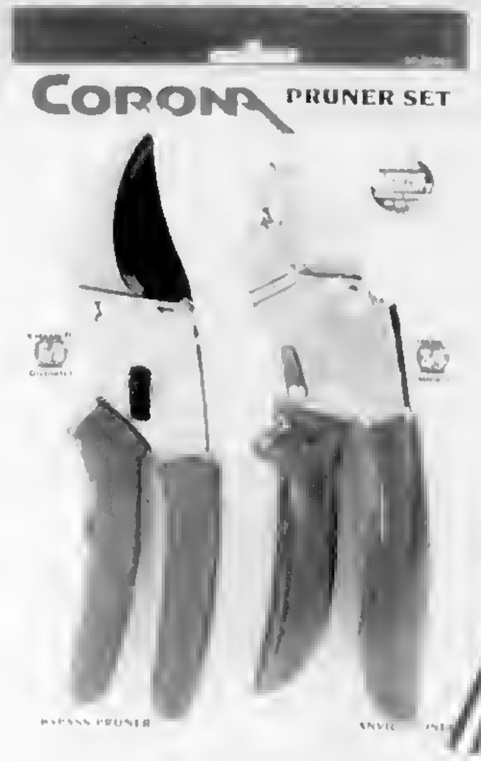
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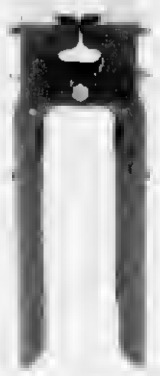

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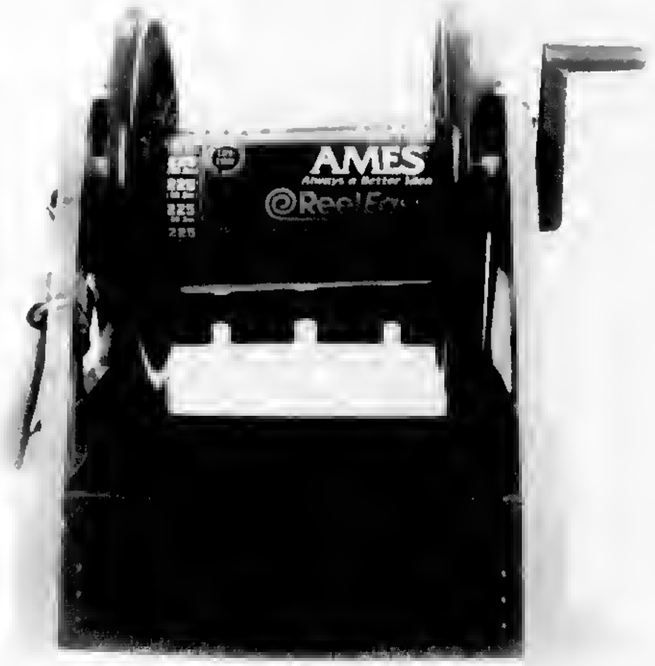

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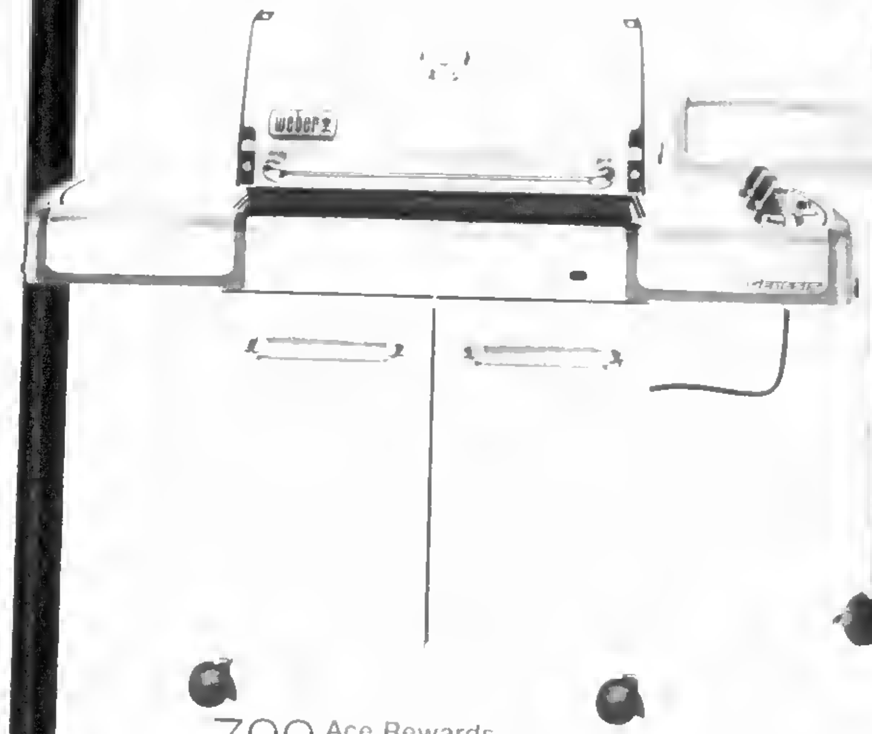

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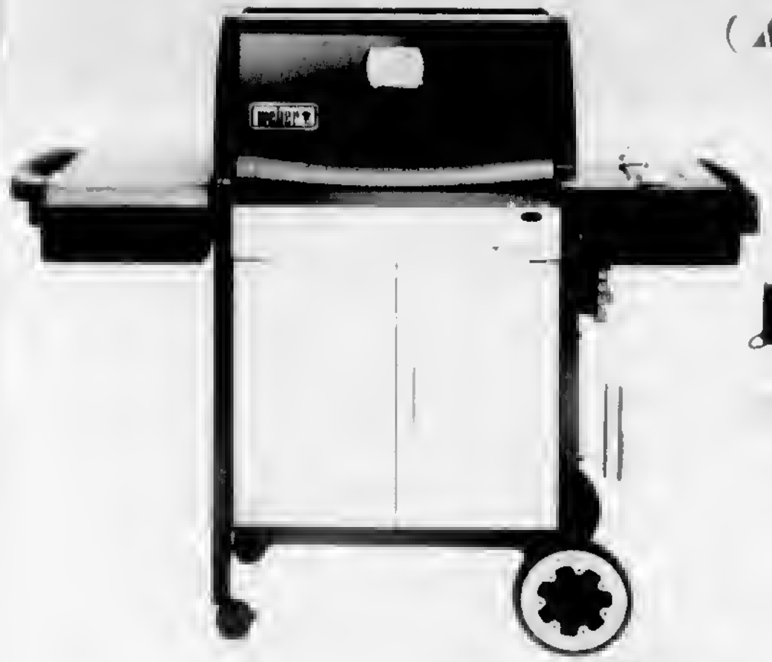

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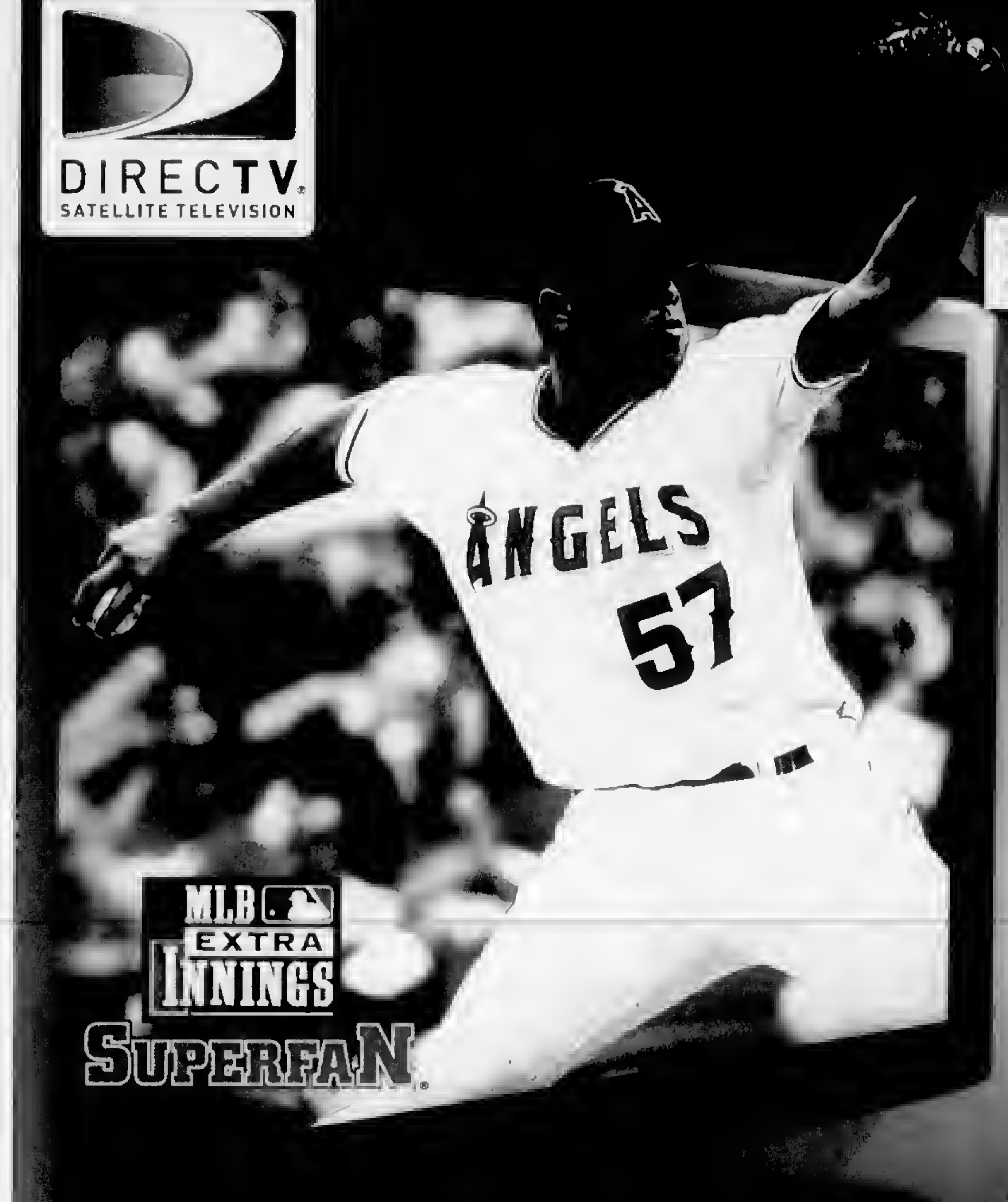

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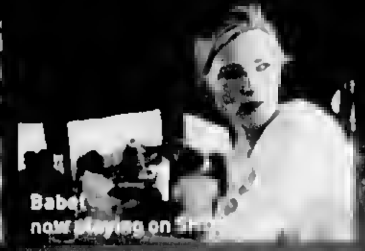

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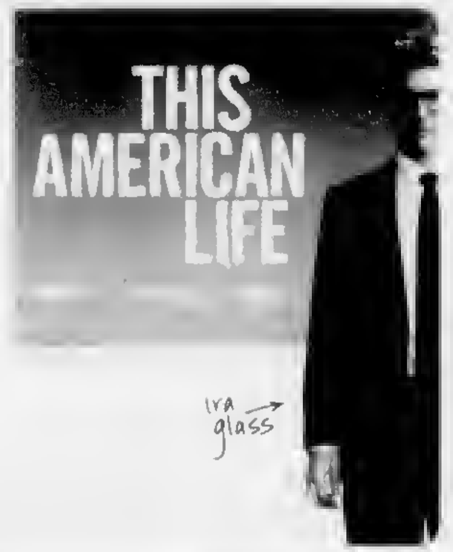

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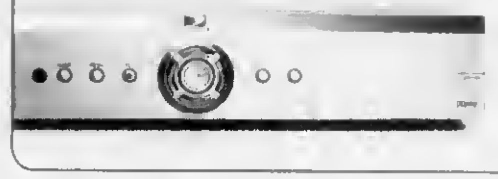

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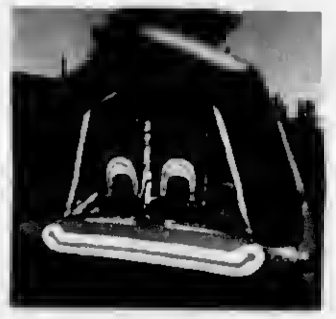

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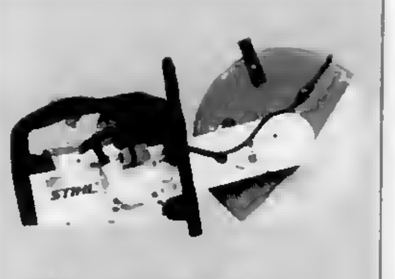

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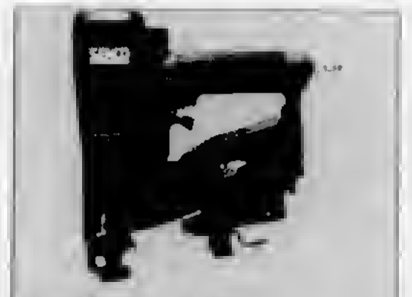

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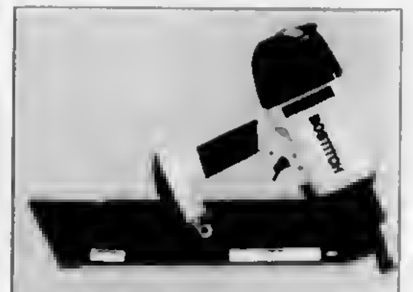

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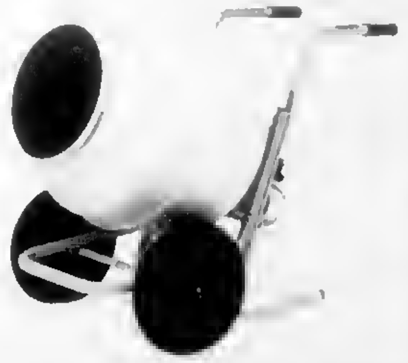

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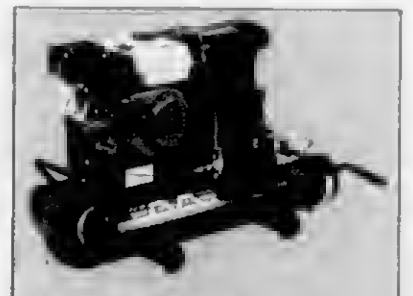

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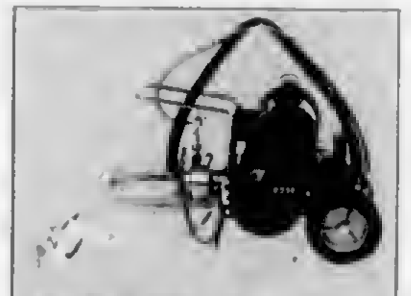

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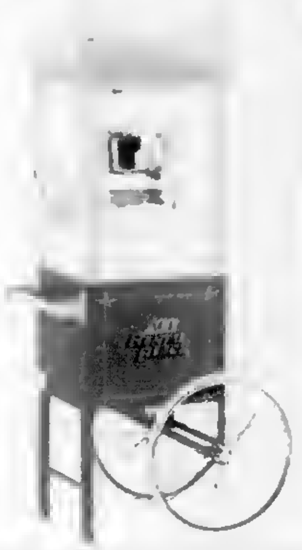
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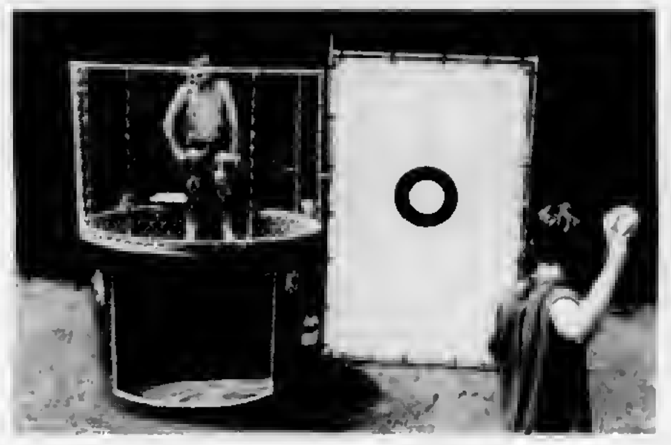
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East Park trout stream on hold

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

In a move to save money and expedite the grand reopening of Charlevoix's East Park, city council agreed to postpone a proposed trout stream.

Weather, said Third Ward Charlevoix City Councilman Sherm Chamberlain, is to blame for the delay of one of East Park's major features.

"I would have preferred to have everything done all at once, but because of the frost limits being so late for bringing heavy-duty equipment here, it has limited progress," Chamberlain said. "Some of the site work had to be prioritized and everything couldn't get done all at once."

Council members discussed the issue with Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel during their April 21 meeting and decided it would be best to wait until fall to send the job out for bids.

Hallmark Construction, the general contractor handling East Park, won the original bid for the trout stream, but Straebel said it is in the city's best financial interest to put the proposed project up for bid in order to get the most "competitive" pricing.

"We are certainly advocating moving forward with the trout stream in East Park next to the harbor master building, but we're proposing to sod the area where the trout stream is being proposed," Straebel said, adding that the sod would be a temporary measure to en-

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Necessary win for Griffon hunters

A U.S. appeals court recently struck down a lower court ruling which would have forced shipwreck hunter Steve Libert and his Great Lakes Exploration Group to reveal the exact location of what Libert believes to be the famed 15th century ship LeGriffon. Here Libert prepares to dive in search of the mysteries kept by Lake Michigan's cold, dark depths.

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Former library fetches $460,000

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Nearly 10 years of strife caused by a clerical error on the former library's deed ended with its recent sale to J.P. Investment LLC.

Charlevoix Public Library and Schools officials, as well as Connie Saltonstall, daughter of 109 Clinton St. property's donors, closed on the deal for the building, last appraised at $720,000, with buyer Robert Grove on April 23.

"It's a done deal," said library director Valerie Meyerson. "I think all parties are very happy about that."

The school and library each take $210,000 away from the deal.

The school's portion of the sale will be diverted into their general fund for undetermined operational expenses.

"We have a budget of almost $12 million," Chet Janik, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools said. "While we appreciate its significance, it will not have a major impact on our budget."

He added, "Obviously it's closure. It's been a long process for both the library board, the Saltonstall family and the school board. We are just pleased all parties involved worked to come up with a fair, equitable solution."

The library's slice of the financial pie will be applied to its $6.75 million debt millage.

"We're doing what we said we were going to do when we started the project: our portion of the sale ... will go into our debt payment account," Meyerson said. "So, people will probably see a little relief in their tax bill from us."

The fight over who owned the property began a few years after Proposal "A" passed into legislation in the early 1990s.

The school had been deeded the property in perpetuity so long as it was used for educational purposes, but Proposal "A" no longer allowed schools to own or operate public libraries.

The school board signed the property over to the library for $1 with the stipulation it remain a library asset, but revert to the schools if it ever ceased to be a li-

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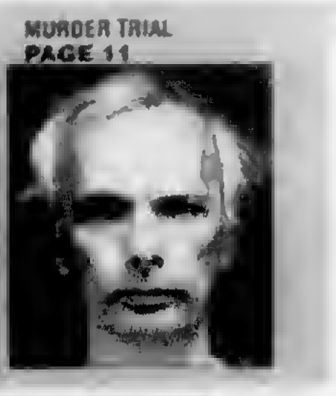

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Michael Ray Trowbridge, 17, East Jordan. MIP: tobacco. Totaling $85 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Timothy Deneau, 23, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Pay $750 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Jennifer Lynn Abbey, 25, Petoskey. Drivers license suspended. Totaling $400 in fines and costs.

Cameron Stuart Mock, 19, St. Joseph. MIP: Alcohol, first offense. To attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $300 in fines and costs.

Anthony Peter Sloan, 50, Charlevoix. Credit for five days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Stuart Roy Whitley, 41, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance; serve three days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

David Alan Mellios, 19, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one days in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $780 in fines and costs.

Kendall Lars Francis, 21, Charlevoix. Drug/alcohol consumption by a minor allowed on premises. Pay $400 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Colleen Sue Knott, 49, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $930 in fines and costs.

Timothy Michael Wehh, 38, Linden. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve three days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

John Victor Cannon Jr., 46, Petoskey. Disturbing the peace. Pay $600 in fines and costs or serve 25 days in jail.

Tina Marie Leist, 43, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Totaling $300 in fines and costs.

William Patrick Bowman, 19, East Jordan. Larceny: More than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for six days in jail; to serve 35 days in jail; 314 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; to write a letter of apology; $1,730 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Sadie and Jake's Gallery and Cafe, 327 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Sarah Sirlani, Janice and Steve Leonhardt

Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals, 12600 PoBeshan, Charlevoix, by Kimberly Engstrom

David Willingham Painting, 503 North Lake St., East Jordan, by David and Jennifer Willingham

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Hunters of 15th century shipwreck one step closer to victory

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

After decades of work and spending more money than he is willing to disclose searching for a 15th century ship, Steve Libert is one step closer to Le Griffon.

Despite attempts by the State of Michigan to pull the proverbial rug from under Libert and his Great Lakes Exploration Group's (GLEG) effort to identify what Libert believes is the famed French vessel, the U.S. Sixth District Court of Appeals of Cincinnati, Ohio found a lower court erred when it failed to offer protection to GLEG before demanding the explorers disclose the ship's location.

"I feel elated. The whole time I kept thinking, 'Why are we here?'" said Libert of the case argued March 12. "If you invented a new type of engine that would revolutionize the whole auto industry, would you turn it over so people could look at it before you filed the patent? No, because they would steal it from you."

The Virginia resident added, "It's the same with the discovery of a shipwreck. You go ahead and file for admiralty arrest and then the location is given."

Sixth circuit justices, which have purview over Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Michigan, found in their April 22 opinion that the lower court should have administered an admiralty arrest, which would prevent the state from taking possession of the ship before salvage rights and jurisdiction have been determined.

"The federal courts have historically recognized that admiralty law is designed to 'encourage ... salvors to undertake risks to rescue imperiled maritime property,'" appeals court justices wrote. "As GLEG has pointed out, requiring a salvor to disclose the precise location of a shipwreck before federal jurisdiction has been secured creates a risk that the state may take actual possession of the vessel in an attempt to divest the federal courts of jurisdiction over the salvor's claim."

The lower court doubted Michigan's desire to claim jurisdiction and the vessel for their own, but the appeals court justices disagreed stating, "A review of the record ... suggests that GLEG's concern that Michigan might attempt to divest the district court of jurisdiction is not unfounded. GLEG reasonably sought assurances from the district court that disclosure of the precise location of the vessel would not lead to divestment of federal jurisdiction over its claim."

For nearly 30 years Libert has been searching for the ship built by Rene-Robert Sicur de La Salle, a man instrumental in securing the territory which would later become part of the Louisiana Purchase. Called the Holy Grail of the Great Lakes, the Griffon is thought to be the first European ship on said waters.

Libert is sure he found the wreck while diving in Lake Michigan in 2001, but his quarrel with the state did not begin until 2004 and has included disruptions like an apparent attempt to sabotage a Le Griffon expedition fundraising event, for which the state later apologized.

Libert's main concerns include the state's expenditure of public funds during bad financial times and their "lack of expertise" on the matter.

"Excavating a ship is almost like brain surgery: you can't have everybody putting their hands in there, they've got to be qualified professionals," he said. "I'm willing to work with the state, but some people just don't want us to have it," he said. "This would be no cost to the state, and they don't have the money to do this."

According to historical records, the Griffon, crew of 35, was last seen in September 1679 while sailing from Niagara River to Wisconsin.

While the state may assert that the wreck in question was abandoned and embedded, two requirements for automatic state ownership under the Abandon Shipwreck Act of 1987, Libert said he has documentation which proves the ship was sailing under the flag of France and therefore belongs to the French government.

"Remanding the case back down to the court in Grand Rapids basically protects a lot of our rights as finders of the possible Griffon ship, though I understand the State of Michigan claims they were vindicated," Libert said, referring to a recent Associated Press story. "The state does not own everything on the bottomlands despite what they say."

He added, "I want to be clear there are only two or three bureaucrats causing this problem."

Libert now awaits a decision by the lower court on what, if anything, with which his group may proceed.

As in the past, Libert was adamant in his desire to work toward getting a museum to house the ship in Charlevoix if it turns out to be Le Griffon.

The attorney general's office did not return phone calls by press time.

For more information about the La Salle - Griffon Project, visit www.lasalle-griffon.org.

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Take time after graduation

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

As the school year draws to a close and high school seniors plan their parties, I was reminded of a very popular movie when I finished high school: "The Graduate."

I want to make it crystal clear I am referring to the situation of Dustin Hoffman's character trying to decide what to do with his life after graduation. My life was not as exciting or even remotely as sexual as 'Benjamin's.

Having a high school student at home who will soon graduate can be a difficult period in your life as well as your child's. Decisions are dauntless as you wonder what direction your child and your pocketbook will take. For us it was the empty nest experience of having two daughters fly the coop at the same time. The summer after the girls' high school graduation, they experienced their last sense of freedom and with both of them working two to three part time jobs for future expenses, freedom came at a price.

I have to admit that dedication to work helped them to be organized for what lie ahead. When summer had ended and the celebrating ceased, I wondered how prepared our girls were for the classes and choices they needed to make that first year.

Twelve years have passed and in looking back, I don't feel I could have talked them into taking a year off after high school to have another type of solid experience. Though, signing on to do something other than attend classes may have helped them determine which major they should finally settle upon. In 2007, the College Board reported that three out of five students who entered a public four year college don't finish within five years. Many do not return after their freshman year. Since this is an expensive venture and the economy is what it is, sending your child who's not ready for college is like a cell phone without minutes, a car without gas, or gym class without tennis shoes. Not all kids are ready psychologically and academically for the jump into university life.

Taking a year off after graduation and before beginning college is commonly referred to as the "gap year". It has been popular in Australia for a decade and is currently getting the attention of parents here in the United States. This time frame is spent volunteering, interning, or working in another country or state. It is not meant to work on your tan or perfecting the art of channel surfing. Princeton and Harvard are two of the major universities encouraging the "gap year". They feel students who take this time to venture into another realm of world life experience enter the university better prepared and there is a higher completion rate with those that do. This should be a family decision and not thought of as procrastination. Your child should still plan on taking their SAT and ACT on time and fill out their college application's.

Once admission is gained you can request deferment. Your child could also apply to an academic program abroad. If there is a situation which prevents your senior from getting accepted into the school of their choice, attending a summer program elsewhere can also show dedication and improved grades. It may improve their chance of getting into their first choice school.

While some students think taking a year off sounds like a great vacation, you as their parent still need to set guidelines. If they work, this money needs to be saved for school. This should not be a year using up your funds saved for college expenses. Still plan everything as if they were going to college but with the idea of one year off. This could be a lifetime opportunity and a chance to figure out where their place is in this world. College right after high school should not be considered because that what's expected, anymore than your child getting married right out of college because that may be expected too.

Some of the better known programs out there include: the National Civilian Community Corp (the former CCC), Youth for Understanding, Rotary, and the Ameri –Corp. Programs here and abroad are endless and usually are designed for a one year commitment. Some are offering room and board with a stipend as well.

The National Park Service offers internships that provide health insurance as well as a stipend and housing.

This gap year does not have to become a gasp year. It is as creative as you want it to be, but to help you in your decision check out this site: education.com.

As a footnote, both our daughters did complete their university experience in four years. If I fail to mention that I may be in some trouble.

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The last White Hope: America's drug war

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Before you get all wound up over the title, take a deep breath and ask yourself: Why are the American taxpayers spending $40-plus billion a year to fight a drug problem the U.S. government helped create?

I just finished watching "American Drug War: The Last White Hope" which chronicles the so-called war on drugs intensified, if not started, by Richard M. Nixon.

From the more than one million nonviolent drug law offenders in jails and prisons, many of whom provide slave labor, to the thousands of drug cops, courts, public defenders and friendly foreign governments people are getting paid.

Maybe you've heard how the CIA flew cocaine into the U.S. by the C-130-load in an effort to help the Contra rebels fight the Sandinistas in Nicaragua back in the early 1980s; Talk about free trade, one official source said at least one ton of South American blow was dumped into our streets.

The movie also focuses on the new scourge of recreational drugs: methamphetamine. It's cheap, it's constituents can be found in any city and it can be made just about anywhere.

So, w[illegible] on telling our kids that marijuana is just as bad as cocaine, heroin and meth, and when they discover we've been lying to them they may give the hard stuff a try. Then the high school track star's heart explodes and the government has no problem getting us to cough up more money to fight, as Nixon called it, "Public enemy number one."

Did I mention the booze and cig' corporations fund the Partnership for a Drug Free America? Oh, you will see spots paid for by Miller beer in which pot use is likened to frying your brain as the egg commercials, but you'll never see a PSA wherein someone holding a High Life is smacking the spit out of his wife.

Junkies of booze, food, cigarettes and prescription medication go to rehab; junkies of meth and crack cocaine go in a cage. Our drug problem is as much one of contradiction as it is of usage; Just say no to coke and dope, but here are some Viagra, Wild Turkey, energy pills and Tareytons.

After all, more people die from legal drugs than illegal drugs each year.

The movie did alter my perception on PCP and meth: perhaps something which can truly make one psychotic shouldn't be available at the local coffee shop, but according to good government propaganda weed will make you just as violent and sex-crazed, so what do I know?

I propose a war on contradictions—just say "whoa!" to locking up drug use—just say "whoa!" to lying to our kids and just say "whoa!" to militant enablers of drug cartels —like our own government.

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LETTERS to the editor

LET 'EM GOLF

Editor:

Let me begin by saying I've always enjoyed playing the Charlevoix Golf Club. Prior to having children, I played there on a daily basis. Walking golf courses is something I've done since I was a child with my father. That's why I was so saddened when I took my young son to the golf course this past Sunday afternoon.

My daughter, 6, and I had purchased a family membership the previous day and played our first round of the year. On Sunday, I went to sign in and was informed that my season pass was revoked because my children were too "young": Course rules stated that all players must be at least age 8.

I asked the man at the desk if that meant no one under eight ever played the course. His response was, "Of course they do, they just lie about their age. Your problem is you told the truth."

We left the course. My son asked why we were leaving. I tried to explain, but he didn't understand. When we returned home, my wife encouraged me to try to do something about it as a way to teach my children a positive lesson, hence, this letter.

While I don't expect children of any age to be on the course without a parent, what harm comes from playing with a parent? We followed the rules and purchased a family membership. We didn't sneak on after hours. My son had a bag and clubs, that we had just purchased, to carry. He planned on playing from near the green. My wife was later informed that it is a "pace of play" issue. I've played hundreds of rounds at the municipal course and never been held up by a child, but I have been held up by bad adult golfers and those who walk much slower than my children.

Maybe there should be an ability or speed test or an upper age restriction: anyone over 70 can't play.Obviously there shouldn't be any such restrictions. Golf is a game of etiquette. You let faster players through. If you're going to be slow, you don't play during busy times.

My hope is that the city council will change its rule or perhaps block off a time during the week for parents to bring their club-carrying, paying children to the course with them. Where I grew up, there were many public courses to choose from. That's not the case in this area. If you can't afford an $80 round of golf, the (municipal course) is the only local choice. Golf is a game for all ages. That means for families, the elderly, men, women and also kids.

Aaron Gaffney
Charlevoix, Michigan

VOLUNTEERS ARE SPECIAL

Editor:

Volunteers Week April 27 through May 3 is very important to us. It enables us to thank all our 172 dedicated volunteers who give us their time and cheerfulness while serving our patrons at the Rainbow Shoppe. Like the loyal mailman, neither snow, sleet or storms will keep these dear people from showing up at their designated day and time.

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Our most sincere thanks to all our volunteers.

Rita Orlowski
Charlevoix

VOTE FOR THE KIDS

Editor:

I am asking all voters in the Charlevoix Public School District to come out and help pass the bond election on May 6th. Currently the State of Michigan is doing a very poor job of funding public schools. Charlevoix Schools are looking at more than a $750,000 deficit for the upcoming school year. We were told by the State that a recent increase in per pupil funding would significantly help all school districts balance their budgets. The truth is that the increase in funding is less than the current cost of living. The school board is working very hard to save money wherever possible. The goal is to balance the budget without major layoffs or any loss of our current programs. The following are some of the issues the board has been working with to generate additional funding.

Energy audits were done on all the school buildings and as suspected a lot of energy is being wasted. If the passing of the bond is successful we will be able to replace single pane windows, add motion sensors to control lighting, retrofit old boilers and controls, and modernize old leaking entry doors. The kitchens will also be upgraded to use more energy efficient equipment. The audits confirm a guaranteed saving of over $100,000 per year to the district.

We recently sold our share of the former public library. The former central office building is currently on the market and is showing promising interest. Approximately six long time employees have retired, and several have not been replaced. Fuel for transportation has recently increased by about $50,000 per year. Health care is continuing to rise and keeps dipping further into a general fund. The general fund is drained and that is why we are asking the voters to fund this bond issue. We are entering into a near crisis funding situation. Charlevoix schools need additional funds to purchase buses and replace aging technology equipment. New technology upgrades are a must to maintain our edge and challenge our students. If you vote for the bond, your taxes will actually decrease from what you have been paying since 1999. If the bond is successful in passing, the last year of the sinking fund now on the rolls, will be eliminated. For the cost of a cup of coffee per week in each household, Charlevoix schools will be able to continue to give our kids the same quality education that we all received. Let's vote yes for the kids.

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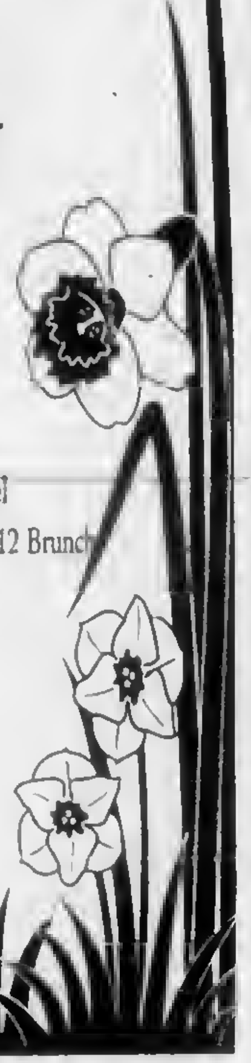

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Faith and fun in youth ministry

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Justin Thomas is the new director of youth ministry services at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

Mission work, bible school, outreach and activities from shooting pool and watching movies in a safe environment to heading down state to see Christian rock concerts are just a few of the new offerings provided by the church and facilitated through Thomas.

"Things are off to a good start," said Pastor Neil Wilson. "We hope to see an increase in the youth participation, not only in the youth programming, but in the overall activities of the church."

He added, "We hope to see the development of an elementary-aged youth ministry as well for us to reach down into the elementary ages and offer kids a safe place for devotional time and activities."

The church's youth group, open to all Charlevoix kids, is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. most Sundays.

Call 547-9122 ahead of time to ensure activities are planned for that week.

Originally from the Lansing area, Thomas now lives in Petoskey and works for Northern Michigan Hospital.

"He has been working with youth in various Methodist churches down state for the past several years," Wilson said. "He was chosen for his experience and his enthusiasm for the youth."

Thomas has been working with the First Congregational Church since early April.

Wilson hopes the program will eventually serve children from early elementary through high school.

"There are weekly programs and they've got a trip planned down at Michigan Adventure," he said. "So there are lots of those sorts of weekly programs and outings going on."

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United Methodist supper

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 9, the United Methodist Church of Charlavoix will host its annual Spring Buffet Supper, Bazaar and Bake Sala. There will be a variety of salads, vagetable and meat dishes, desserts and beverages. Proceeds will benefit numerous projects that support local, national and international mission work.

Charlevoix Elks to receive charter

It's official, the Charlevoix Elks Club is to receive its charter.

The local group continues to seek civic-minded members wishing to improve their community.

What started as the brainchild of a handful of Charlevoix residents only a few months ago has snowballed into a community-wide effort quickly reaching fever pitch. The local chapter of the Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks will be known as Charlevoix Lodge #2856.

"We were thrilled to receive notification of dispensation as a chapter on March 31," said Chris Jones, recently elected chapter Exalted Ruler. "Our club now numbers nearly 125 paid members, all committed to making this community an even better place to live and raise a family."

While Jones is pleased with the overwhelming interest in the club, he continues to encourage those wishing to give something back to their community to consider becoming a member.

"Our group is made up of people from every walk of life from young professionals to retirees, from husbands and wives to singles we welcome everyone," Jones said.

Interested individuals are asked to attend the group's next meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14 in the Charlevoix American Legion Post, 106 East Garfield Ave.

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My "Dollie," Tea & Me Party
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All 2nd - 5th graders are invited to bring your favorite doll & a special adult for a tea party and craft. Please pre-register with Youth Services 237-7350.

Youth Movie: Akeelah & the Bee
Monday, May 5, 3:30 p.m.
A young girl from South Los Angeles tries to make it to the National Spelling Bee. Starring Keke Palmer, Laurence Fishburne, and Angela Bassett.

Book Talkers: The Last Kingdom, by Bernard Cornwell.
Monday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.
The first of his Saxon Stories series, this book is about Uhtred, a ninth century nobleman. Captured and raised by Danes, Uhtred witnesses the unexpected defeat of his adoptive Viking clan by Alfred of Wessex, and longs to recover his father's land. Join us for a lively discussion.

Sleepy Time Stories
Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.
PJ's and teddy bears are welcome for this bed time story event.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Writer's Group
Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

Story-Time
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays @ noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome.

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Free family guide to safe teen parties

Courtesy photo

Emmet County Sheriff Pater A. Wallin (front from left), Charlevoix Police Chiaf Garard Doan, (back row) Harbor Springs Polica Chief Dan Branson, Emmet County Prosaculing Attornay James R. Linderman, East Jordan Polica Chief Daniel A. Reeca and (not pictured) Charlevoix County Sheriff Georga A. Lasater

Every year there are tragic stories of teens that are killed in accidents that involve alcohol. Local law enforcement agencies and their county prosecutors want to share some information with parents that hopefully make their teen's prom and graduation parties safe.

Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wallin is pleased to announce that for the second year he will be sending a letter to parents of juniors and seniors in Emmet County as the prom and graduation seasons approach.

This year Charlevoix County will be included in this effort with support from the Charlevoix Community Foundation. Charlevoix County Sheriff George G. Lasater is pleased that his county will be involved in this effort to keep area teens safe.

Also included with the letter is a Family Guide for Teen Parties. This campaign is made possible with the support of the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation and the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

This campaign has earned the cooperation of all the region's local law enforcement teams and governments.

"It's always reassuring to know that organizations like the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation and the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation are concerned about the safety of our children in Emmet County," Wallin stated. "This partnership last year resulted in a safe prom and graduation season in Emmet County."

For more information, call Julie Jarema at: (231) 487-4811.

Courtesy photo

Pinewood Derby: Winning Wolves

The winners of the 2008 annual Pinewood Derby in the Wolves class are (from lelt) Colin Davis in first place, Tucker Hilligan in second place, and (not pictured are) Colin Smith in third place and Kyla Balch in fourth placa.

Got news?
Call us:
(231) 547-6558

Official Notice

**CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
LEAF AND BRUSH
CLEAN UP**

Charlevoix Township employees have begun leaf vacuuming and wood chipping. They will come around as often as they can. No set dates or times. Put leaves and wood out et the curb separately. Leaf vacuuming and wood chipping WILL STOP Friday, May 9th.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

Mother's Day Brunch May 11, 2008
from 10am 'til 4pm

$16.95 Adult • $8.95 Children • Children under 4 FREE

FEATURING:
- Omelet Station
- Belgian Waffle Station
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon & Sausage
- Roast Beef Hash
- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Fresh Vegetable Medley
- Island Cajun Rice
- Carved Beef & Ham
- Fried Chicken
- Chicken Jersulam
- Beer Battered Whitefish
- Pasta Primavera Alfredo Sauce
- Assortment of Cold Salads
- Breakfast Pastries/ Dessert Table

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Official Notice

**CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY
North Side – Monday, May 19th
South Side – Tuesday, May 20th**

Charlevoix Township will hold the ennual clean up days on May 19th and 20th. Items brought in from outside the township **WILL NOT** be picked up.

Trash must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Trash must be in containers.

If trash is not properly contained in bags, boxes or bundles it will not be picked up.

Wood must be cut shorter than 4 ft lengths.

Will not pick up liquid or hazardous waste, yard waste, (brush or leaves), or appliances without tags stating that the freon has been removed, cans of paint, rocks, chunks of concrete, asphalt, herbicides and insecticides, tires and batteries.

Will not pick up weekly garbage.

Will not pick up from commercial operations.

Will not pick up electronics, computers, old phones and related equipment.

The Charlevoix County Recycle Program conducts two Household Hazardous Waste (HHHW) Drop Off Days per year.

Please call 583-6193 or 547-6169 for more information on the dates and time.

Cerol Mertin
Charlevoix
Township Clerk

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OBITUARIES

Ella L. Ingalls: Died April 23, 2008

Ella L. Ingalls, 91, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, April 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Ella was born in Mancelona to Edward and Julianna

(Denzel) Lakies. She moved to Charlevoix in her teens and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1934. On Jan. 26, 1935, she married Henry Ingalls in Wayne. Ella ran a rooming house in Charlevoix named Baker Cottage for 25 years and was employed at Central Drug Store for 25 years as a clerk. She volunteered at the Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Rainbow Shoppe in Charlevoix. Ella loved playing cards—especially bridge—traveling, reading and visiting with her friends and relatives. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Ella is survived by her daughter, Judy J. (John R.) Lucas of Charlevoix; grandchildren: John Jeffrey, Jennifer and Jacqueline Lucas; great-grandchildren: Phoebe and Antares.

Ella's husband Hank preceded her in death in 1961 and her son Larry in 2004. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Evart, Art and Gerald and sisters Nora, Marguerite and Pearl.

Memorial service was on Friday, April 25, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix with the Reverend Neil Wilson officiating.

Interment took place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled the arrangements.

COA yard clean-up for seniors

Notice to All Charlevoix County Seniors who have used the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Commission on Aging Community Service Work program for spring and fall cleanup in the past or need assistance with lawn cleanup: The Sheriff is no longer able to provide this service.

The Commission on Aging is now offering a spring and fall cleanup program to assist senior households by reimbursing them for the expense of this program. This reimbursement program has a sliding scale based on income. This program works the same as the lawn mowing and snow plowing program.

How to access this program

- Call the Commission on Aging office first and give the following information: Name, Address, age
- Ask for a lawn cleanup contract and we will mail you a contract to sign. The information in your completed contract determines the amount of reimbursement for which you are eligible.
- Once signed up for this program, you may hire who you want to rake your leaves and cleanup your lawn: this does not include other services such as tree trimming, hedge trimming, rototilling gardens or flower beds, planting tree's or shruhs, cost of lawn bags or removal of the debris.
- You will need to first pay whoever you hire and submit a copy of the paid receipt to us, along with your contract for reimbursement

We have included in the newsletter and the local paper, some providers of this service you may wish to contact. If you need assistance finding someone, we can read the list to you.

However, these providers are simply suggested possibilities and should not be construed as a recommendation since the COA cannot recommend one company over another.

Library announces book clubs

So many books, so little time. For all those busy people, the Charlevoix Public Library has a new service: an online book club that delivers books electronically.

Each day, Monday through Friday, the library e-mails subscribers a portion of a hook that takes about five-minutes to read. They're able to read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If they like a book, they can check it out of the library.

Each week the library features new books.

With 11 book clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone. Patrons can read Fiction, Nunfiction, Romance, Business, Good News, Teen or Mystery. They can also listen to Audio Books in their e-mail and there's even a Prepuhlication Club You can start reading books in your e-mail before they're even published.

Now you can discover great books, even if you're too busy to visit the library.

"This new service makes it easy for people to get back into the habit of reading," said library director Valerie Meyerson. "It only takes 5-minutes a day and its fun."

A few examples of some of the titles coming out the week of April 28 include: Business Club, The Self-destructive Hahits of Good Companies, by Jagdish N. Sheth; Fiction Club, A Monk Jumped Over a Wall, by Jay Nussbaum; Good News Club, Where Willows Grow, by Kim Begel Sawyer; Mystery Club, Cactus heart, by Jon Talton; Nonfiction Club, American Shaolin, by Matthew Polly; Teen Club, Hero, hy S.L. Rottman.

There are also a variety of genre newsletters you can either read or subscribe to and see the latest in publishing.

Not only will you see excerpts from the books, you can also read several reviews.

You can sign up for these new services through the library's web site: www.charlevoixlibrary.org. Look to the left side navigation bar on the home page and click on either "Online Book Clubs" or "Book News." Call the library for further information, 237-7340.

What's new?

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Host families needed in area

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams.

The students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

Families who host are also eligible to claim a $50.00 per month charitable contrihution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

Charlevoix County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call toll-free, at (866) 546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools

There are students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. There are also two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4100

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m
Youth Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m
Pastor:
Todd Thompson........ 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m
Sunday School & Child Care Provided
Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m
Sunday School 11:00 a.m
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m
Reading Room - Wednesday 2:10-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66
Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women 7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins........ 588-2112
or Missionaries........ 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m
Evening Service 6:00 p.m
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
Hwy. 31 & Meech • Charlevoix
Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m
Church Office 547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth
Sunday School 11:30 a.m
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Aiman 588-7005

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp........ 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:10 a.m
Worship 10:30 a.m
Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)
Worship 10:00 a.m
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m
Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen........ 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m
Fellowship 10:30 a.m
Pastor: Timothy Wright........ 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m
June, July & August 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Krue 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood
Sunday School 10:30 a.m
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer........ 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street
Sabbath School 9:20 a.m
Worship Service 11:00 a.m
Adventist Community Services Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill........ 231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m
Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street
Saturday Night Mass 5:00 p.m
Faith Formation Wednesdays 6:30 p.m
Evening before Holy Days 7:00 p.m
Sunday Masses 9:00 a.m and 11:00 a.m
Father Jerry Hunko 547-6652

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
Corner Michigan & Waukazoo
Petoskey
Friday - Torah studies 7:00 p.m
Friday Service (through August 10) 8:00 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
President Tom Johnson 487-1661

Charlevoix Church Services Directory sponsored by these civic minded businesses:

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College for kids open this summer

Interested in fishing? Have you ever wanted to learn how to hip hop dance? Are you a nature lover? Or, perhaps you'd like to learn a foreign language.

Students in grades two through seven who are interested in any number of subjects will want to check out the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's College for Kids offerings. College for Kids, a summer enrichment program sponsored by Char-Em ISD, will be held Thursday and Friday, June 12-13, and Monday through Friday, June 16-20, at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. This year's class offerings for students to choose from include: Acting Up!; Adventures in the Outdoors; Archaeology; Art Alive; Beads and Baubles; Behind the Scenes of area businesses; Chess with Jess; Chivalry and Sword Play; Colonial Life; Counting+Creating+Ice Cream = Fun; Enraptured with Raptors; Fun with Nature; Gone Fishin'; Hip Hop Dance; Hola Amigos; Imagine This; Junk Box Wars; Just the News; Now Scrap This!; Oozy, Sticky, Slimy, Goopy YOU!; Puppet Power; Wild and Wacky Watercolor; and Wilderness Survival. Registration booklets detailing the class offerings have been distributed to students in area schools and are available by calling Mary Gaudard at Char-Em ISD at (231) 582-8070. The booklet is also available online at www.charamisd.org. Registration must be received by Friday, May 9. The fee for each class is $70 for students from within Char-Em ISD and $80 for residents outside the service area.

Vandalism plagues library, police looking for information

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Recent incidents of vandalism prompted the Charlevoix City Police Department to step up patrols around the Charlevoix Public Library.

"It seems like someone is targeting the library," city police chief Gerard Doan said.

He said both incidents involved hroken windows at the newly renovated library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The first was reported March 30 and is expected to have happened the evening of March 29.

Two beer bottles were thrown through a window in the children's section of the library off Grant Street.

The second incident occurred April 24 when a rock was thrown through a window on the Mason Street side of the building.

The windows are double paned and the vandal succeeded in breaking through the first pane of glass.

Doan said at this time the police department has no leads.

"We've canvassed the neighborhood and talked to neighbors in that area," he said. "No one saw anything. We'll keep asking questions and keep our ears open."

According to library director Valerie Meyerson, the cost to replace both windows is $600.

There is a $100 reward for information leading to closure of this case.

Those with information about the property damage incidents are asked to call city police chief Gerard Doan at (231) 547-3258.

What can I do?

Those with information about two recent incidents of vandalism are asked to call city police chief Gerard Doan at 547-3258.

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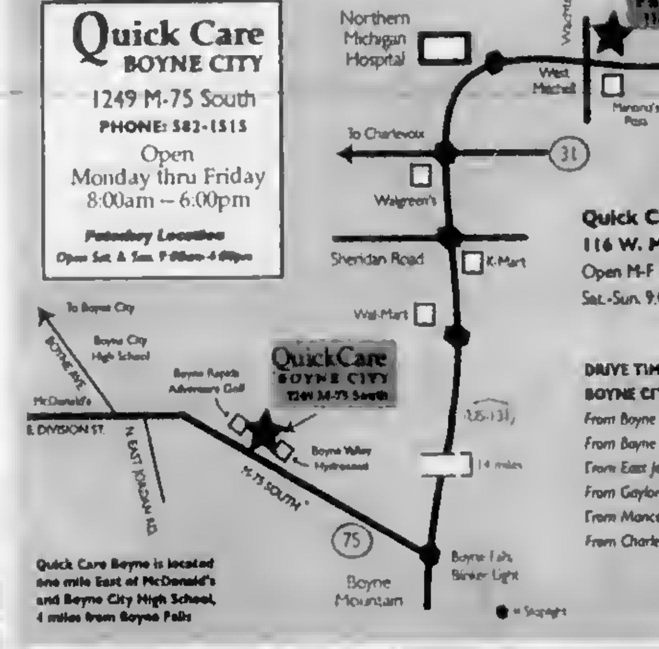

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Skatepark to open

The City of Charlevoix Community Skatepark will open for the season on May 3 with a new day rate of $5.00. Patsy Ramsey Memorial Scholarship forms are available at the park. Hours of operation for May will be weekends only, from noon to dusk, with full summer hours beginning June 9, noon to 9 p.m. daily. The park is closed during inclement weather. Helmets are required. No drugs or alcohol allowed in park and skaters under 10 must be supervised by a parent or guardian. All equipment used at the park must be in good working order to prevent damage to the skating surface.

Celebrate 10 years with the garden club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, organized in February 1998 and federated in May 1998, will host a 10th Anniversary Celebration from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 at the Charlevoix Public Library meeting room. There will be presentations on spring pruning, constructing rain gardens and flower arranging. The public is invited for refreshments, to offer congratulations and to inquire about membership. Since 1998 the Evening Club has designed, planted and maintained the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix" signs on M-66 and US-31 North and South. In the fall of 2006, the club also built and donated, together with a sculpture and pond business, the pondless waterfall at the Charlevoix Public Library Childrens' Garden. The members continue to maintain the pondless waterfall garden, a section in the Heritage Depot Garden and have supported Holly Daze, Habitat for Humanity, Petunia Planting, the Junior Master Gardener Programs and other community activities and events. The Evening Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs Inc. and the Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. District V. The program and business meeting is at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at 547-5199

Dr. John Richter, Environmentalist of the Year

Courtesy photo

Dr. John Richter, President of Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, received the Volunteer Environmentalist of the Year eward.

At the 20th Northern Michigan Environmental Council's Environmentalist of the Year Awards, Dr. John Richter, President of Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, received the Volunteer Environmentalist of the Year award for his leadership role in protecting the Jordan River and Lake Charlevoix Watershed through grassroots education and community action.

Led by Dr. Richter, Friends of the Jordan have allied with Star Township and Antrim County to challenge construction of an injection well at Alba, headwaters of the Lake Charlevoix and other major river watersheds.

CMS Energy plans to transport 135,000 gallons of toxic leachate a day emanating from kiln dust (CKD) under the Bay Harbor Golf Course, to Alba.

Mother's Day
A special treat for Mom on her day!
Brunch at Mahogany's
Sunday, May 11 10am-1pm
Our incredible buffet will include many Breakfast and Luncheon Entrées featuring roasted turkey and carved glazed ham. We will also be serving a variety of fresh vegetables and salads and a wide selection of side dishes to accommodate everyone's favorites. Save room for scrumptious sweets and treats including the Chocolate Fountain
Mahogany's
at the Charlevoix Country Club
9600 Clubhouse Drive, Charlevoix
547-3555 or kenroy@chxcountryclub.com
Everyone Welcome • Reservations Please
Price per person $21.95 ~ Children under ten $10.95

Mother's Day Brunch
BUFFET

Sunday, May 11
3 Seatings:
11:30am • 1:00pm • 2:30pm
Featuring:
Stuffed Flank Steak
(Spinach, Tomatoes, Basil & Swiss)
Roasted Pork Loin
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Crepe Station
French Toast
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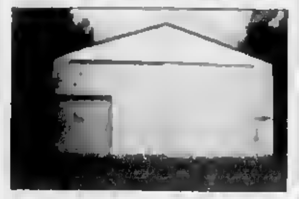

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Merriman murder trial continues

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Just days before he disappeared, Bill Merriman told his aunt that he was afraid of his brother, Charles Jr., who is now on trial for Bill's murder

That's according to testimony a Charlevoix County Circuit Court jury heard Monday from Atlanta, Mich., resident Joyce Smith during day five of Charles Merriman Jr.'s murder trial.

Smith, a sister in law to Bill and Charles' mother, Patricia, told the jury that as she talked with Bill on June 11, 2006, in Patricia's room at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Bill said Charles Jr. had been acting "weird" and that he couldn't talk to his brother "without him going berserk."

Smith said later in the same day she asked Bill if he was afraid of Charles Jr. and if he thought Charles would physically harm him. She said Bill answered "Yes" to both questions.

"I could see the fear in his (Bill's) eyes," Smith testified

Police say the last time anyone has seen or heard from Bill was June 15, 2006.

On cross examination defense attorney Dan Hartman tried to cast doubt on Smith's credibility, highlighting the fact that she had not been in close contact with the East Jordan Merriman family in many years prior to mid-2006, challenging her memory of various phone calls, and asking her if Bill's fear of Charles was something he actually expressed or something she perceived

Smith went on to say that she had maintained occasional contact with Bill and his mother, her sister-in-law, Patricia. She said Patricia had told her during phone conversations that Charles Jr., would sometimes get angry and break things in the home.

"She told me he gets mad and destroys things," Smith said.

Charles Jr. had lived with his parents, Charles Sr. and Patricia, in the home on Phelps Road near East Jordan for many years and, according to his own statements to police, has not had a job in 25 years.

The prosecution's theory in the case is that sometime on or about June 15, Charles Jr. killed Bill in their parents' home. Police believe the brothers were feuding over Bill's insistence that Charles Jr. get a job and help care for their ailing father.

Although Bill's body has never been found, police say they found several large stains containing Bill's blood in several locations in the house

The defense has offered the theories that Bill was despondent over his father's poor health, his mother's recent death and his financial situation, and may have gone to a remote location to commit suicide; that he may have voluntarily disappeared, or that someone else may have killed him.

Some of Hartman's most aggressive cross-examination Monday came during testimony from a former bank employee who testified about the efforts of Charles Jr. and Bill to have their names added to their parents' bank account shortly before Bill disappeared.

Patricia Hale testified that she was contacted by Charles Jr. on June 15 about placing his and Bill's name on the account so that they could pay bills. Hale said she told Charles Jr. that he could not be on the account because he did not have a photo identification. She said later in the day she met with Bill and Charles Sr. in Charles Sr.'s nursing home room where the documents were signed. She said Bill planned to come to the bank the following day to sign a signature card, but never showed up.

Hale said a short time later Charles Jr. came to the bank seeking starter checks for the bank account. After she initially denied the request, someone else gave him the checks while she was away on vacation, Hale said.

In July several checks came through on the account apparently signed by Charles Sr. Two of the checks were made out to Sears for a combined total of $13,000, Hale testified.

On cross examination, Hartman vigorously questioned Hale about her memory of the dates that she saw Bill at the nursing home. In statements to police early-on in the investigation, Hale said she had seen Bill at the nursing home on June 16 — the day after police contend Charles Jr. killed Bill.

Hale explained the discrepancy saying that she had met with the Merrimans at the nursing home after she had left the office for the day and did not make the entry into her computer until the following day, June 16. She said when she first spoke with investigators and checked her records, she had forgotten about the overnight delay in entering the information into the computer

A trash hauling company employee who collected six yards of discarded items from the Merriman home on July 7 also testified that, although Charles Jr. always seemed to want to watch the garbage truck do its compacting cycle, nothing about the pickup seemed suspicious to him.

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Northwest Academy strategic planning

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Staff, students and administration recently participated in strategic planning at Northwest Academy.

The Board of Directors of Northwest Academy in Charlevoix adopted a new strategic plan for meeting the challenges of the future at last week's regular Board meeting.

"It's a blueprint, a plan on which to build our future," said Northwest board president Joe Seidel. "We're pretty excited about it."

Dale Hull, a local consultant to non-profit organizations, facilitated the process.

"We began with focus groups," he said. "I talked to practically every student in the building from sixth-grade students to seniors. Because I know that older students can sometimes be intimidating to younger folks, especially in school, I deliberately grouped students by grade level. What I learned was refreshing, that I was mistaken."

Hull added, "At every grade level, students identified the fact that 'there are no bullies at Northwest Academy; we're more like a family' as a major institutional strength."

Hull also met separately with groups of faculty, staff, parents and board members.

"The feeling of security and equality was identified as a major strength by every focus group within the organization," Hull said.

Northwest is a public school academy originally chartered by Saginaw Valley State University in 1993.

School officials have no plan to move from their building at the top of the hill overlooking the heart of downtown Charlevoix.

"According to our students and parents, one of our greatest strengths is the fact that we are a part of the downtown Charlevoix," Seidel said. "Great things are happening at our waterfront and great things are happening here for our kids. We're going to be here for a long time."

The board of directors adopted the plan that includes a mission statement identifying the fundamental purpose of Northwest Academy.

"The mission of NWA is to offer the opportunity for a personal education that exceeds state standards and helps students realize their potential," said Northwest's Chief Administrative Officer Gary Stutzman, who hopes to clear up misconceptions about charter schools.

"We are held accountable in the same way that traditional public schools in Michigan are held accountable," Stutzman said. "Our kids take the MEAP and our curriculum meets the State mandates. But we, of course, expect more from ourselves."

The new strategic plan identified five major goals: The first had to do with improved short-term as well as long-term maintenance plans for the current facility; The second referred to plans for expanding the facility and/or acquiring a second facility to accommodate future growth, both in numbers of students and curriculum offerings; The third identified NWA's response to marketing issues.

"One of the weaknesses identified in the study that led to the creation of the plan is that the general public misunderstands who we are and what we do," Stutzman said. "We are known in the community as the 'alternative school' and that's exactly what we are. But, most people think 'alternative' refers to something negative about our kids and that could not be further from the truth. We have a marketing plan to more accurately brand ourselves as the 'academic alternative' in Charlevoix county."

The fourth major goal is to improve upon the already individualized curriculum with the twin objectives of continuing evaluation and development; And, the fifth major goal has to do with a strategic plan for managing growth in enrollment at each grade level to ensure financial stability well into the future.

The new Strategic Plan document outlines the values embraced by every segment of the school community and articulates a clear vision of the future for Northwest Academy.

One of the values embraced by the institution is transparency in its reporting to the community at large, therefore, the new strategic plan for Northwest Academy is available to any member of the public.

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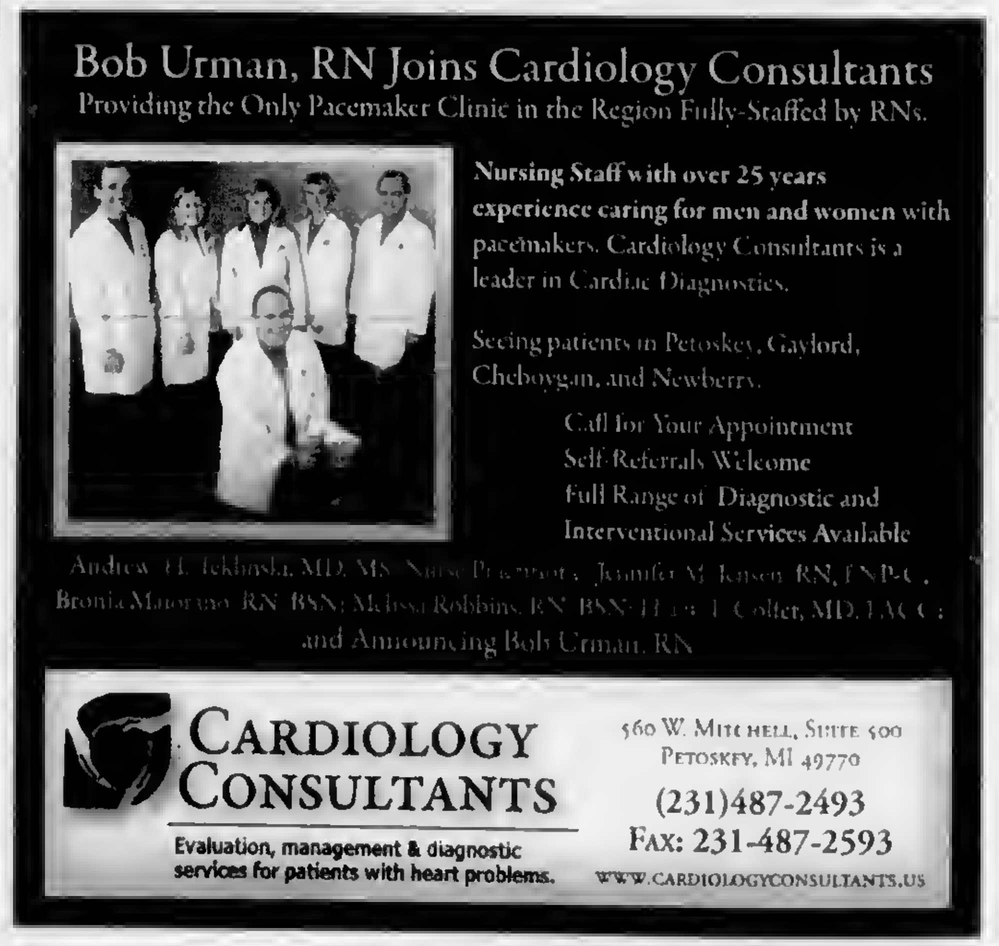

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 727 OF 2008
RENUMBERING OF TITLE 11 AND VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RENUMBER TITLE 11 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN, AND TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER, WHICH CHAPTER SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 11 OF THE CITY CODE, TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE AND EXERCISE REASONABLE CONTROL OVER THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BY REGULATING THE USE AND OCCUPATION OF SUCH RIGHT-OF-WAY BY VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE A STANDARDIZED, UNIFORM VIDEO FRANCHISE BUT WHO LACK A METRO ACT PERMIT

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title XI shall hereby be renamed Title 11 Franchises/Cable/Telecommunication.

SECTION 2. Title XI, Chapter 161: FRANCHISE REGULATIONS is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Title XI, Chapters 162 and 163 shall be renumbered as Title 11, Chapters 1 and 2. All section numbers shall be renumbered incorporating the new numbering system as follows. All text and section headings shall remain the same.

In Chapter 1: GAS FRANCHISE:

A. Section 11.61. becomes 11.1.1.
B. Section 11.62. becomes 11.1.2.
C. Section 11.63. becomes 11.1.3.
D. Subsection 11.63.(a) becomes 11.1.3.1.
E. Subsection 11.63(b) bocomes 11.1.3.2.
F. Section 11.64. becomes 11.1.4.
G. Section 11.65. becomes 11.1.5.
H. Section 11.66. becomes 11.1.6.
I. Section 11.67. becomes 11.1.7.

In Chapter 2: METRO ACT:

A. Section 11.81. becomes 11.2.1.
B. Section 11.82. becomes 11.2.2.
C. Section 11.83. becomes 11.2.3.
D. Subsection 11.83.(a) becomes 11.2.3.1.
E. Subsection 11.83.(b) becomes 11.2.3.2.
F. Subsection 11.83.(c) becomes 11.2.3.3.
G. Subsection 11.83.(d) becomes 11.2.3.4.
H. Subsection 11.83.(e) becomes 11.2.3.5.
I. Subsection 11.83.(f) becomes 11.2.3.6.
J. Subsection 11.83.(g) becomes 11.2.3.7.
K. Subsection 11.83.(h) becomes 11.2.3.8.
L. Subsection 11.83.(i) becomes 11.2.3.9.
M. Subsection 11.83.(j) becomes 11.2.3.10.
N. Subsection 11.83.(k) becomes 11.2.3.11.
O. Sub-subsection 11.83.(k)(1) becomes 11.2.3.11.1.
P. Sub-subsection 11.83.(k)(2) becomes 11.2.3.11.2.
O. Sub-subsection 11.83.(k)(3) becomes 11.2.3.11.3.
R. Section 11.84. becomes 11.2.4.
S. Subsection 11.84.(a) becomes 11.2.4.1.
T. Subsection 11.84.(b) becomes 11.2.4.2.
U. Subsection 11.84.(c) becomes 11.2.4.3.
V. Subsection 11.84.(d) becomes 11.2.4.4.
W. Subsection 11.84.(e) becomes 11.2.4.5.
X. Subsection 11.84.(f) becomes 11.2.4.6.
Y. Subsection 11.84. (g) becomes 11.2.4.7.
Z. Section 11.85. becomes 11.2.5.
AA. Subsection 11.85.(a) becomes 11.2.5.1.
BB. Subsection 11.85.(b) becomes 11.2.5.2.
CC. Subsection 11.85.(c) becomes 11.2.5.3.
DD. Subsection 11.85.(d)-becomes 11.2.5.4.
EE. Section 11.86. becomes 11.2.6.
FF. Section 11.87. becomes 11.2.7.
GG. Section 11.88. becomes 11.2.8.
HH. Section 11.89. becomes 11.2.9.
II. Section 11.90. becomes 11.2.10.
JJ. Section 11.91. becomes 11.2.11.
KK. Section 11.92. becomes 11.2.12.
LL. Section 11.93. becomes 11.2.13.
MM. Section 11.94. becomes 11.2.14.
NN. Section 11.95. becomes 11.2.15.
OO. Section 11.96. becomes 11.2.16.
PP. Section 11.97. becomes 11.2.17.
OQ. Section 11.98. becomes 11.2.18.
RR. Section 11.100. becomes 11.2.19.
SS. Section 11.101. become 11.2.20.

SECTION 4. Title XI, Chapter 163, Sections 11.99 and 11.102 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. The following is added as a new chapter, which chapter shall be designated as Chapter 3: VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT of Title 11 of the Charlevoix City Code.

11.3.1. Purpose:

11.3.1.1 Under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, Video Service Providers may obtain a franchise to provide Video Services in Municipality using a standardized, uniform form of franchise agreement established by the MPSC. This form includes the right to use the Public Right-of-Way to provide such service but does not contain right-of-way management and related provisions.

11.3.1.2. Telecommunications providers who obtain such a standardized, uniform form of franchise agreement generally will have previously obtained from Municipality a permit under the Metro Act to construct and maintain their telecommunications facilities in the Public Right-of-Way. Such Metro Act Permits set forth the terms and conditions for such right-of-way usage, standard forms of such permits were agreed to in e collaborative process between municipalities and providers that was initiated by the MPSC, and such standard forms have since been approved by the legislature end the MPSC.

11.3.1.3. Because telecommunications providers typically provide Video Services over combined video end telecommunications facilities, such Metro Act Permits generally provide adequate Public Right-of-Way related protections for Municipality and the public when such providers are providing Video Services.

11.3.1.4. Other Video Service Providers, in particular new providers or existing cable companies, may not have a Metro Act Permit issued by Municipality.

11.3.1.5. The Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act and the standardized, uniform franchise agreement require Video Service Providers to comply with all valid and enforceable local regulations regarding the use and occupation of the Public Right-of-Way in the delivery of Video Services, including the police powers of the franchising entity, and makes such right-of-way usage subject to the laws of the State of Michigan and the police powers of the franchising entity.

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11.3.1.6. The Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act and the standardized, uniform franchise agreement state that franchising entities shall provide Video Service Providers with open, comparable, nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral access to the Public Right-of-Way, and may not discriminate against a Video Service Provider for the authorization or placement of a Video Service or communications network in the Public Right-of-Way.

11.3.1.7. The Michigan Constitution reserves reasonable control of their highways, streets, alleys and public places to local units of government.

11.3.1.8. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare and exercise reasonable control over the Public Right-of-Way by regulating the use and occupation of such rights-of-way by Video Service Providers who have a standardized, uniform franchise but who lack a Metro Act Permit from Municipality. This ordinance does so by setting forth terms and conditions for such usage and occupation from the terms of Metro Act permit approved by the MPSC and approved by the legislature in Section 6(1) of the Metro Act, thus providing open, comparable, nondiscriminatory, and competitively neutral access to the Public Right-of-Way and not discriminating against a Video Service Provider for the authorization or placement of a Video Service or communications network in Public Right-of-Way.

11.3.2. Consistent Interpretation:
This ordinance shall be interpreted and applied so as to be consistent with the Metro Act and corresponding provisions of the forms of Metro Act permit approved by the MPSC, including applicable MPSC, Metro Authority and court decisions and determinations relating to same.

11.3.3. Definitions:
The following definitions apply to this ordinance, including Sections 11.3.1. and 11.3.2. above.

11.3.3.1. Act means the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, being Act 480 of the Public Acts of 2006, MCL 484.3301 and following, as amended from time to time.

11.3.3.2. Claims shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.3.6.1.

11.3.3.3. Facilities means the lines, equipment and other facilities of a Permittee which use or occupy the Public Right-of-Way in the delivery of Video Services in Municipality.

11.3.3.4. Franchise Agreement means the franchise agreement entered into or possessed by a Video Service Provider with Municipality as required by Section 3(1) of the Act, if it is the standardized, uniform form of franchise agreement established by the MPSC.

11.3.3.5. Manager means Municipality's City Manager or his or her designee.

11.3.3.6. Metro Act means the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act, being Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002, MCL 484.3101 and following.

11.3.3.7. Metro Act Permit means a permit to use the Public Right-of-Way issued by Municipality under its ordinance implementing the Metro Act after a provider's application for same to Municipality as set forth in such ordinance.

11.3.3.8. Metro Authority shall have the same meaning as "Authority" in the Metro Act.

11.3.3.9. MPSC means the Michigan Public Service Commission, and shall have the same meaning as the term "Commission" in the Act and the Metro Act.

11.3.3.10. Municipality means the City of Charlevoix.

11.3.3.11. Permittee means a Video Service Provider with a currently valid Franchise Agreement but without a currently valid Metro Act Permit.

11.3.3.11.1 Upon applying to Municipality for and then obtaining a Metro Act Permit from Municipality, a Video Service Provider is not a Permittee and is no longer required to comply with this ordinance. A Video Service Provider is also not a Permittee and is not required to comply with this ordinance if it and Municipality enter into a voluntary franchise agreement as described in Section 11.3.10.2.

11.3.3.12. Person means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, governmental entity, or any other legal entity.

11.3.3.13. Public Right-of-Way shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

11.3.3.14. Street Construction and Street Resurfacing shall have the meanings set forth in Section 11.3.5.9.

11.3.3.15. Video Service shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

11.3.3.16. Video Service Provider shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

11.3.4. Contacts, Maps and Plans:

11.3.4.1. Permittee Contacts. Permittee shall provide the Manager with the names, addresses and the like for engineering and construction related information for Permittee and its Facilities as follows:

11.3.4.1.1. The address, e-mail address, phone number and contact person (title or name) at Permittee's local office (in or near Municipality).

11.3.4.1.2. If Permittee's engineering drawings, as-built plans and related records for the Facilities will not be located at the preceding local office, the location address, phone number and contact person (title or department) for them.

11.3.4.1.3. The name, title, address, e-mail address and telephone numbers of Permittee's engineering contact person(s) with responsibility for the design, plans and construction of the Facilities.

11.3.4.1.4. The address, phone number and contact person (title or department) at Permittee's home office/regional office with responsibility for engineering and construction related aspects of the Facilities.

11.3.4.1.5. Permittee shall at all times provide Manager with the phone number at which a live representative of Permittee (not voice mail) can be reached 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, in the event of a public emergency.

11.3.4.1.6. Permittee shall notify Municipality in writing pursuant to the notice provisions of the Franchise Agreement of any changes in the preceding information.

11.3.4.2. Route Maps. Within ninety (90) days after the substantial completion of construction of new Facilities in Municipality, Permittee shall submit route maps showing the location of the Facilities to Municipality, in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as apply to telecommunications providers under Section 6(7) and 6(8) of the Metro Act, MCL 484.3106(7) and (8).

11.3.4.3. As-Built Records. Permittee, without expense to Municipality, shall, upon forty-eight (48) hours notice, give Municipality access to all "as-built" maps, records, plans and specifications showing the Facilities or portions thereof in the Public Right-of-Way. Upon request by the Municipality, Permittee shall furnish all "as-built" maps, records, plans and specifications in an electronic format acceptable to the Municipality. Upon request by Municipality, Permittee shall inform Municipality as soon as reasonably possible of any changes from previously supplied maps, records, or plans and shall mark up maps provided by Municipality so as to show the location of the Facilities.

11.3.5. Use of Public Right-of-Way:

11.3.5.1. [Reserved]

11.3.5.2. Overlashing. Permittee shall not allow the wires or any other facilities of a third party to be overlashed to Permittee's Facilities without Municipality's prior written consent. Municipality's right to withhold written consent is subject to the authority of the MPSC under Section 361 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2361.

11.3.5.3. No Burden on Public Right-of-Way. Permittee, its contractors, subcontractors, and the Facilities shall not unduly burden or interfere with the present or future use of any of the Public Right-of-Way. Permittee's aerial cables and wires shall be suspended so as to not endanger or injure persons or property in or about the Public Right-of-Way. If Municipality reasonably determines that any portion of the Facilities constitutes an undue burden or interference, due to changed circumstances, Permittee, at its sole expense, shall modify the Facilities or take such other actions as Municipality may determine is in the public interest to remove or alleviate the burden, and Permittee shall do so within a reasonable time period. Municipality shall attempt to require all occupants of a pole or conduit whose facilities are a burden to remove or alleviate the burden concurrently.

11.3.5.4. No Priority. This ordinance does not establish any priority of use of the Public Right-of-Way by Permittee over any present or future permittees or parties having agreements with Municipality or franchises for such use. In the event of any dispute as to the priority of use of the Public Right-of-Way, the first priority shall be to the public's general use of the Public Right-of-Way, the second priority to Municipality, the third priority to the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions in the performance of their various functions, and thereafter as between other permit, agreement or franchise holders, as determined (except as otherwise provided by law) by Municipality in the exercise of its powers, including the police power and other powers reserved to and conferred on it by the State of Michigan.

11.3.5.5. Restoration of Property. Permittee, its contractors and subcontractors shall immediately (subject to seasonal work restrictions) restore, at Permittee's sole expense, in a manner approved by Municipality, any portion of the Public Right-of-Way that is in any way disturbed, damaged, or injured by the construction, installation, operation, maintenance or removal of the Facilities to a reasonably equivalent (or, at Permittee's option, better) condition as that which existed prior to the disturbance. In the event that Permittee, its contractors or subcontractors fail to make such repair within a reasonable time, Municipality may make the repair and Permittee shall pay the costs Municipality incurred for such repair.

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11.3.5.6. Marking. Permittee shall mark its Facilities installed after the effective date of this ordinance as follows: Aerial portions of the Facilities shall be marked with a marker on Permittee's lines on alternate poles which shall state Permittee's name and provide a toll-free number to call for assistance. Direct buried underground portions of the Facilities shall have (1) a conducting wire placed in the ground at least several inches above Permittee's cable (if such cable is nonconductive); (2) at least several inches above that, a continuous colored tape with a statement to the effect that there is buried cable beneath; and (3) upon request by the Municipality stakes or other appropriate above ground markers with Permittee's name and a toll-free number indicating that there is buried cable below. Bored underground portions of the Facilities shall have a conducting wire at the same depth as the cable and shall not be required to provide the continuous colored tape. Portions of the Facilities located in conduit, including conduit of others used by Permittee, shall be marked at its entrance into and exit from each manhole and handhole with Permittee's name and a toll-free telephone number.

11.3.5.7. Tree Trimming. Permittee may trim trees upon and overhanging the Public Right-of-Way so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming into contact with the Facilities, consistent with any standards adopted by Municipality. Permittee shall dispose of all trimmed materials. Permittee shall minimize the trimming of trees to that essential to maintain the integrity of the Facilities. Except in emergencies, all trimming of trees in the Public Right-of-Way shall have the advance approval of Manager.

11.3.5.8. Installation and Maintenance. The construction and installation of the Facilities shall be performed pursuant to plans approved by Municipality. The open cut of any Public Right-of-Way shall be coordinated with the Manager or Manager's designee. Permittee shall install and maintain the Facilities in a reasonably safe condition. If the existing poles in the Public Right-of-Way are overburdened or unavailable for Permittee's use, or the facilities of all users of the poles are required to go underground then Permittee shall, at its expense, place such portion of its Facilities underground, unless Municipality approves an alternate location. Permittee may perform maintenance on the Facilities without prior approval of Municipality, provided that Permittee shall obtain any and all permits required by Municipality in the event that any maintenance will disturb or block vehicular traffic or are otherwise required by Municipality.

11.3.5.9. Pavement Cut Coordination. Permittee shall coordinate its construction and all other work in the Public Right-of-Way with Municipality's program for street construction and rebuilding (collectively "Street Construction") and its program for street repaving and resurfacing (except seal coating and patching) (collectively, "Street Resurfacing").

11.3.5.9.1. The goals of such coordination shall be to encourage Permittee to conduct all work in the Public Right-of-Way in conjunction with or immediately prior to any Street Construction or Street Resurfacing planned by Municipality.

11.3.5.10. Compliance with Laws. Permittee shall comply with all valid and enforceable federal and state statutes and regulations; and all valid and enforceable local regulations regarding the use and occupation of the Public Right-of-Way, including the police powers of Municipality; regarding the construction, installation, and maintenance of its Facilities, now in force or which hereafter may be promulgated. Before any installation is commenced, Permittee shall secure all necessary permits, licenses and approvals from Municipality or other governmental entity as may be required by law, including, without limitation, all utility line permits and highway permits. Municipality shall not unreasonably delay or deny issuance of any such permits, licenses or approvals. Permittee shall comply in all respects with applicable codes and industry standards, including but not limited to the National Electrical Safety Code (latest edition adopted by Michigan Public Service Commission) and the National Electric Code (latest edition). Permittee shall comply with all zoning and land use ordinances and historic preservation ordinances as may exist or may hereafter be amended. This section does not constitute a waiver of Permittee's right to challenge laws, statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations now in force or established in the future.

11.3.5.11. Street Vacation. If Municipality vacates or consents to the vacation of Public Right-of-Way within its jurisdiction, and such vacation necessitates the removal and relocation of Permittee's Facilities in the vacated Public Right-of-Way, Permittee shall consent to the vacation and remove its Facilities at its sole cost and expense when ordered to do so by Municipality or a court of competent jurisdiction. Permittee shall relocate its Facilities to such alternate route as Municipality and Permittee mutually agree, applying reasonable engineering standards.

11.3.5.12. Relocation. If Municipality requests Permittee to relocate, protect, support, disconnect, or remove its Facilities because of street or utility work, or other public projects, Permittee shall relocate, protect, support, disconnect, or remove its Facilities, at its sole cost and expense, including where necessary to such alternate route as Municipality and Permittee mutually agree, applying reasonable engineering standards. The work shall be completed within a reasonable time period.

11.3.5.13. Public Emergency. Municipality shall have the right to sever, disrupt, dig-up or otherwise destroy Facilities of Permittee if such action is necessary because of a public emergency. If reasonable to do so under the circumstances, Municipality shall attempt to provide notice to Permittee. Public emergency shall be any condition which poses an immediate threat to life, health, or property caused by any natural or man-made disaster, including, but not limited to, storms, floods, fire, accidents, explosions, water main breaks, hazardous material spills, etc. Permittee shall be responsible for repair at its sole cost and expense of any of its Facilities damaged pursuant to any such action taken by Municipality.

11.3.5.14. Miss Dig. If eligible to join, Permittee shall subscribe to and be a member of "MISS DIG," the association of utilities formed pursuant to Act 53 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, MCL 460.701 et seq., and shall conduct its business in conformance with the statutory provisions and regulations promulgated thereunder.

11.3.5.15. Underground Relocation. If Permittee has its Facilities on poles of Consumers Energy, Detroit Edison or another electric or telecommunications provider and Consumers Energy, Detroit Edison or such other electric or telecommunications provider relocates its system underground, then Permittee shall relocate its Facilities underground in the same location at Permittee's sole cost and expense.

11.3.5.16. Identification. All personnel of Permittee and its contractors or subcontractors who have as part of their normal duties contact with the general public shall wear on their clothing a clearly visible identification card bearing Permittee's name, their name and photograph. Permittee shall account for all identification cards at all times. Every service vehicle of Permittee and its contractors or subcontractors shall be clearly identified as such to the public, such as by a magnetic sign with Permittee's name and telephone number.

11.3.6. Indemnification:

11.3.6.1. Indemnity. Permittee shall defend, indemnify, protect, and hold harmless Municipality, its officers, agents, employees, elected and appointed officials, departments, boards, and commissions from any and all claims, losses, liabilities, causes of action, demands, judgments, decrees, proceedings, and expenses of any nature (collectively "Claims") (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of Permittee, its officers, agents, employees, contractors, successors, or assigns, but only to the extent such acts or omissions are related to Permittee's use of or installation of Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way and only to the extent of the fault or responsibility of Permittee, its officers, agents, employees, contractors, successors and assigns.

11.3.6.2. Notice, Cooperation. Municipality shall notify Permittee promptly in writing of any such Claims and the method and means proposed by Municipality for defending or satisfying any such Claims. Municipality shall cooperate with Permittee in every reasonable way to facilitate the defense of any such Claims. Municipality shall consult with Permittee respecting the defense and satisfaction of such Claims, including the selection and direction of legal counsel.

11.3.6.3. Settlement. Municipality shall not settle any Claim subject to indemnification under the preceding two sections without the advance written consent of Permittee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Permittee shall have the right to defend or settle, at its own expense, any Claim against Municipality for which Permittee is responsible hereunder.

11.3.7. Insurance:

11.3.7.1. Coverage Required. Prior to beginning any construction in or installation of Permittee's Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way, Permittee shall obtain insurance as set forth below and file certificates evidencing same with Municipality. Such insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect until the end of the term of the Franchise Agreement. In the alternative, Permittee may satisfy this requirement through a program of self-insurance, acceptable to Municipality, by providing reasonable evidence of its financial resources to Municipality Municipality's acceptance of such self-insurance shall not be unreasonably withheld.

11.3.7.1.1. Commercial general liability insurance, including Completed Operations Liability, Independent Contractors Liability, Contractual Liability coverage, railroad protective coverage and coverage for property damage from perils of explosion, collapse or damage to underground utilities, commonly known as XCU coverage, in an amount not less than Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000).

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11.3.7.1.2. liability insurance tor sudden and accidental onvironmental contamination with minimum limits ot Fivo Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) and providing coverage tor claims discovered within three (3) years affer the term ot the policy. Pursuant to the 2006 MPSC decision in Case U-14720, Permittee need not comply with the preceding sentence until such time affer the effectivo date of this ordinance that it decides to place any new or existing Facilities underground within the Public Right-of-Way in Municipality.

11.3.7.1.3. Automobile liability insurance in an emount not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000).

11.3.7.1.4. Workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance with statutory limits, and any applicablo Federal insurance of a similar nature.

11.3.7.1.5. The coverage amounts set forth above may be met by a combination ot underlying (primary) and umbrella policies so long as in combination the limits equal or exceed those stated. It more than one insurance policy is purchased to provide the coverage amounts set lorth above, then all policies providing coverage limits excess to the primary policy shall provide drop down coverage to the tirst dollar ot coverage and other contractual obligations of the primary policy, should the primary policy carrier not be able to perform any ot its contractual obligations or not be collectible for any ot its coverages tor any reason during the term of the Franchise Agreement, or (when longer) for as long as coverage could have been available pursuant to the terms and conditions of the primary policy.

11.3.7.2. Additional Insured. Municipality shall be named as en additional insured on all policies (other than worker's compensation and employer's liability). All insurance policies shall provide that they shall not be canceled, moditied or not renewed unless the Insurance carrier provides thirty (30) days prior written notice to Municipality. Permittee shall annually provide Municipality with a certificate ot insurance evidencing such coverage. All insurance policies (other than environmental contamination, workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance) shall be written on an occurrence basis and not on a claims made basis.

11.3.7.3. Qualified Insurers. All insurance shall be issued by insurance carriers licensed to do business by the State of Michigan or by surplus line carriers on the Michigan Insurance Commission approved list ot companies qualified to do business in Michigan. All insurance and surplus line carriers shall be rated A+ or better by A.M. Best Company.

11.3.7.4. Deductibles. If the insurance policies required by this ordinance are written with retainages or deductibles in excess of $50,000, they shall be approved by Manager in advance in writing. Permitteo shall indemnify and save harmless Municipality from and against the payment of any deductible and trom the payment of eny premium on any insurance policy required to be furnished hereunder.

11.3.7.5. Contractors. Permittee's contractors and subcontractors working in the Public Right-ot-Way shall carry in full force and effect commercial general liability, environmental contamination liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation and employer liability insurance which complies with all terms of section 11.3.8 and all of its subsections. In the alternative, Permittee, et its expense, may provide such coverages tor eny or all its contractors or subcontractors (such as by adding them to Permittee's policies).

11.3.7.6. Insurance Primary. Permittee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to Municipality, its officers, agents, employees, elected end appointed officials, departments, boards, and commissions (collectively "them"). Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by any of them shall be in excess ot Permittee's insurance and shall not contribute to it (where "insurance or selt-insurance maintained by any of them" Includes any contract or agreement providing any type of indemnification or detense obligation provided to, or tor the benetit ot them, lrom any source, and includes any selt-insurance program or policy, or selt-insured retention or deductible by, for or on behalt of them).

11.3.8. Performance Bond or Letter of Credit:

11.3.8.1. Municipal Requirement. Municipality may require Permittee to post a bond (or letter ot credit), in the amount provided in Section 15(3) ot the Metro Act, as amended, MCL 484.3115(3).

11.3.9. Removal:

11.3.9.1. Removal: Underground. As soon as practicable affer the term ot the Franchise Agreement expires, Permittee or its successors end assigns shall remove any underground cable or other portions ot Permittee's Facilities from the Public Right-of-Way which has been installed in such a manner that it can be removed without trenching or other opening ot the Public Right-ot-Way. Permittee shall not romove any underground cable or other portions ot the Facilities which requires trenching or other opening of the Public Right-ot-Way except with the prior written approval ot Manager. All removals shall be at Permittee's solo cost and expense.

11.3.9.1.1. For purposes of Section 11.3.9.1., "cable" means any wire, coaxi cable, tiber optic cable, feed wire or pull wiro.

11.3.9.2. Removal: Above Ground. As soon as practicable after the expiration of the ter of a Franchise Agreement, Permittee, or its successor or assigns at its sole cos and expense, shall, unless waived in writing by Manager, remove from the Publi Right-of-Way all above ground elements of its Facilities, including but not limite to poles, pedestal-mounted terminal boxes, and lines attached to or suspende trom poles.

11.3.9.3. Schedule. The schedule and timing ot removal shall be subject to epproval b Manager. Unless extended by Manager, romoval shall be completod not late than twelve (12) months tollowing the expiration of the term of the Franchis Agreement. Portions of Permittee's Facilifios in the Public Right-of-Way tha are not removed within such time period shall be deemed abandoned and, a the option of Municipality exercised by written notice to Permittee at the addres provided tor in the Franchise Agreement, title to the portions described in suc notice shall vest in Municipality.

11.3.10. Other Items:

11.3.10.1. Duties. Permittees shall faithfully perform all duties required by this ordinance

11.3.10.2. Different Terms. The Act allows local units of government and Video Servic Providers to enter into voluntary franchise agreements that include terms an conditions which are different trom those required under the Act or which ar different from those in the standardized, unitorm form ot franchise agreeme established by the MPSC. The Metro Act allows municipalifies and provider to mutually agree to Metro Act Permit terms differing from those in the standar torms of Metro Act permit approved by the MPSC. Current or prospectiv Permittees who desire terms different from those in this ordinance, as applie to them, should request such a voluntary franchise agreement or a mutuall agreed to Metro Act Permit trom Municipality.

11.3.10.3. Authorized Otticials. The Manager, which includes his or her designee, i hereby designated as the authorized otticial of Municipality to issue municipa civil infraction citations (directing alleged violators to appear in court) o municipal civil intraction violation notices (directing alleged violators to appea at the municipal chapter violations bureau) for violations of this ordinance, a provided by Municipality's ordinances or Municipal codo.

SECTION 6. Repealer: All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions o rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Interpretation and Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be liberall construed to protect and preserve the peace, health, satety and welfar ot the public, and should any provision or section ot this ordinance b held unconstitutional, invalid, overbroad or otherwise unenforceable, suc determination/holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity ot any c tho remaining conditions of this ordinance. If any provision in this ordinanc is tound to be partially overbroad, unenlorceable, or invalid, Permittee an Municipality may nevertheless entorce such provision to the extent permitte under epplicable law.

SECTION 8. Violations. A Permittee who violates eny provision of this ordinance is responsibl for a municipal civil intraction, and shall be subject to such civil intraction tine and costs as provided in Municipality's ordinances or Municipal code. Nothing i this Section shall bo construed to limit the remedies available lo Municipality i the event of a violation by a Permittee of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Ettective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days effer its enactment.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2008.

Ordinance No. 727-2008 was adopted on the 21st day of April 2008, by the Charlevoix Cit Council as tollows:

Motion by: Councilmember Lyle Gennett
Seconded by: Councilmember Gabe Campbell

Yeas: Picha, Stevens, Campboll, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusine
Nays: None
Absent: None

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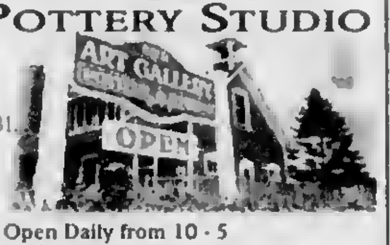

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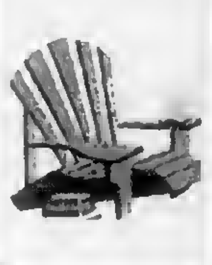

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Woody Nitchmann medaled in the top 10 of 95 players, shooting a super 76.

J.D. Speigl also was in the top 10 with a solid 82. He was followed by Wyatt Drost with 84, Ty Jones with 86 and Tylor Monroe with 91

"We have a solid team that is off to a good start," said coach Jim Glynn. "We have depth in our scoring and kids still to look at. We'll take one day at a time and improve each day. I'm very optimistic of the season."

He added, "This is a very tough conference. Traverse City St. Francis took second place in state last year. Harbor Springs was fourth."

The Charlevoix Golf Team opened its season with a victory. The red Rayders played the Torch course at A-ga-ming Resort on April 17 against three teams.

Charlevoix won the Lake Michigan Conference match shooting a 338. Kalkaska had a 381, East Jordan shot a 510 and host Elk Rapids scored 555.

Charlevoix scores are as follows: Freshman ,medalist Drost, 77; sophomore Jones, 85; Speigl, 91; Woody Nitchmann, 88; Munroe, 89, Nick Brandi, 100.

"A super start," Glynn said. "We have four seniors, the rest (are) sophomores and freshmen."

He added, "Eleven deep and they can all play. So time will tell how well they all play."

Courtesy photo

Here the Lady Rayder soccer team works to preserve their 5-1 record.

Varsity soccer goes 6-1 in Lake Michigan Conference

With a record of 6-1, the lady Rayder soccer team moves forward.

The Team bested Boyne City 7-0 to bring their record up after facing a close loss to Traverse City St. Francis/Liberty 4-3.

Charlevoix struck early when Meridith Rich sent an assist to Madison Way who scored the opener. Playing against a strong wind on a small field, the Rayders took a 2-0 half-time lead when senior all stater Becca Madison scored unassisted.

With the wind in the second, Rich converted on an assist from KC McCary and then followed up with a penalty kick conversion for the 4-0 lead. Olivia Catt got into the action with a hat trick, scoring three consecutive goals on assists from Caroline DuPuis, Madison Way and Abbey Barnes.

"We've had some good practices this week and they paid off as the defense started playing better together and our outside midfielders did an excellent job of recovering," said assistant varsity coach Tom Conlan. "Middie Danni Bergmann earned the Rayder Player of the Game award for her strong effort. Tammy Potter earned her fifth shutout of the year in the net."

Their only loss of the season was also the Rayders' first conference game loss since 2005 in an exciting overtime match at Traverse City. Perhaps coming in a little over confident, the Rayders allowed Liberty to score twice in the first half before Madison connected on a long shot off an assist by McCary.

The Liberty played with enthusiasm and ended the half up 2-1.

In the second stanza, Liberty's Helene Dryden scored again to give Traverse City a 3-1 lead before the Rayders finally woke up.

Charlevoix dominated play over the last 20 minutes of regulation.

McCary made the score 3-2 off an assist by Way.

Applying constant pressure, the Rayders senior standout forward, Ariel Ramsey was taken out in the box and had to leave the field. She caught her breath, came back on and made the Liberty pay with a hard shot from McCary's second assist with nearly 10 minutes remaining.

Charlevoix continued the pressure through regulation but couldn't find the net. The conference game went to the first extra period where Liberty was able to squeeze through the Rayder defense 32 seconds in for the win.

"We weren't expecting the pressure that Liberty applied," Conlan said. "We didn't rotate well defensively.

All four Traverse City goals were one on one with Keeper, Potter.

Stingray awards

On Wednesday, April 16, the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team recognized all their swimmers at their first ever Swim Team Banquet. All swimmers received participation certificates and individual awards from their coaches Betsy Granstra and Jim Rosemurgy. The team alao recognized swimmers who qualified for the 2008 state awim meet in March. They were Chrystal Schemanski, 16; Alex Gooch, 13; and Brad Klinger, 9. Receiving special recognition for most improved were: Brad Klinger and McKenna Ebert, 9. All Schwein and Ivy Wells, both 10 yeara old, received the Stingray Award. Cora Taylor received the Coachea Award. Chrystal Schemanski was presented Most Outstanding. Pictured are (back row), Chrystal Schemanski, Cora Taylor, All Schwein, Ivy Wella and McKenna Ebert and (front row), Alex Gooch and Brad Klinger.

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CHS Performing arts students to compete at state competition in May at Eastern Michigan

The Charlevoix High School Performing Arts team, which competed in the Individual Events Regional Competition on Saturday, April 19, will next move on to the State Competition on May 2 and 3 to be held et Eastern Michigan University. Qualifying for the competition are Kaitlin Lamoreaux, Michael Lamoreaux, April Whitley, Brian Whitley, Jordan McCerthy, Stephanie Milazzo, Autumn Atkins, Jennie Withers, Morgan McCarthy, Melissa Shepard, Laura Larsen, Joel Curiel, Jonathon Boyko, Front: Mac Ernst and Katie Young.

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Locks of Love

Elisabeth Petrosky, a kindergartener at Charlevoix Elementary School recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love in memory of her friend Kate Hrischuk, who lost her battle with cancer last year.

Top honors to CHS, CMS bands

Charlevoix High School and Middle School Bands received an overall second division rating at the State Band Festival on Saturday, April 26.

Both bands received a I, II and II respectively from the three concert judges.

The high school band also received a I in sight reading and the middle school band a II.

The bands stayed overnight in Saginaw after attending a performance of the Saginaw Symphony.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

Nominating petitions for the following offices are available in the City Clerk's Office at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan:

Mayor
- 1st Ward Councilmember – 1 seat
- 2nd Ward Councilmember – 1 seat
- 3rd Ward Councilmember – 1 saet

All offices are non-partisan for two (2) year terms.

Petitions must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, May 13, 2008.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk 04/17/08

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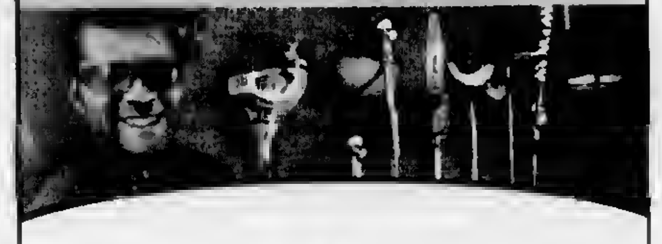

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(B-4/30)

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, BERNIE WARD, JR., who lived at 06478 Barnard Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died on March 5, 2008. There is no personal representative of BERNIE WARD, JR.'S estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The Bernie Ward, Jr. trust dated February 14, 2001 will be forever barred unless presented to Frances J. Ward, c/o John D. Fershee, Esquire, 331 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to them.

Dated: April 17, 2008.

John D. Fershee (P13393)
331 Bay Street
Petoskey, Michigan 49770
(231)347-1410

Frances J. Ward, Trustee
06478 Barnard Road
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(L-04/30)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson,husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of May, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Commonly known as 4990 Sequanola Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank
Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 9, 2004, by Wellman Properties 10, LLC, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on June 21, 2004, at Liber 621, Page 238, Charlevoix County Records. This mortgage has been amended by Loan Modification Agreements dated January 20, 2006, recorded January 23, 2006 at Liber 727, Page 591; dated November 22, 2006, recorded December 4, 2006 at Liber 776, Page 094, and dated June 11, 2007, recorded June 14, 2007, at Liber 807, Page 092, all Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby: and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $128,830.84; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

In the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

PARCEL 1
(15-002-021-022-20)
Beginning at an iron stake at the South eighth corner on the East line of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, thence North on the East line of said section 342.28 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of Highway U.S. 131; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly line of said highway 220 feet; thence South 69°44'37" West 375 feet; thence West, parallel with said South eighth line, to the Westerly side of Boyne River; thence Southerly along said river to said South eighth line; thence East on said eighth line to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the **Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the "West Parcel" as described in** the Warranty Deed to the Little Traverse Conservancy, Inc., recorded in Liber 508, Page 773, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3:
(15-002-022-009-00)
That part of North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, lying westerly of Highway U.S. 131

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
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Joel D Wurster, PLC
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(L-04/16, 04/23, 04/30, 05/07, 05/14)

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 30, 2007, by Jeffrey A. Wellman, Julie A. Wellman, and The Jeffrey A. Wellman Trust u/a/d March 11, 1994, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on August 3, 2007, at Liber 813, Page 885, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $104,996.90; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become **operative by reason of the default.**

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Evangeline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

In the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County Michigan;

Parcel 1, Timber Ridge: Commencing at a 2 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North 00°10'29" East 693.14 feet along the West line of said section to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°10'29" East 625.00 feet along said section line to a 1 1/2 inch pipe on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence North 86°13'00" East 320.00 feet along said South 1/8 line to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 19°05'53" West 676.76 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, thence South 86°13'00" West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22 Town 33 North, Range 6 West.

TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot private roadway easement for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, described as. In the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as:

The West 66 feet of all that part of the West 330.0 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 33 North, Range 6 West lying Northerly of the Northeasterly line of the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO private roadway easements for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, as fully set forth in Liber 333, Page 785, as amended in Liber 339, Page 961, Charlevoix County Records

TOGETHER WITH Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (North Parcel), Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (South Parcel) and Recreational Easement, as fully set forth in Conservation Easement, recorded in Liber 333, Page 792, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to **protect its interests in the premises.**

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
PO Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988
(L-04/16, 04/23, 04/30, 05/07, 05/14)

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of May, 2006, by Steve W. Johnecheck, Jr., a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on June 8, 2006, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 751, page 058, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE AND 37100 DOLLARS ($30,129.37) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 16, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Bay, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.
Lot 18 - WALLOON VIEW BRAE according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, page(s) 242 of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute

Dated: March 27, 2008

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

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Trout stream to go back out for bids this autumn

TROUT

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sure the park does not have a gaping hole where the stream should be. "I'm sure many of the folks will notice that the trout stream is not there and we are sincerely disappointed that it's not done, but we want to communicate to the community that it is a high priority to get this completed in fall of 2008."

East Park, said First Ward Councilman Dennis Kusina, is still on schedule to open in mid to late June.

"The harbor master building is going to be open sometime in May, so it (marina) will be open for boaters to be able to use definitely by Memorial weekend," he said.

According to Straebel, no dollar amount was ever given by Hallmark as to what the trout stream would cost, but Chamberlain said the city will save money by appointing Charlevoix Street Superintendent Pat Elliott, a former employee of Site Planning Development, to supervise whichever company wins the bid.

"Companies that do this (build trout streams) being all booked up for the season, Pat felt that he could get a more competitive bid for it in the fall rather than the spring time," Chamberlain said. "Pat will supervise the contractors rather than us paying for our architect to do it."

He added, "It's a balance between efficiency versus time; And, is 30 days worth the efficiency?: Yes, it's definitely, because we would like to bring this sucker in as close to budget as is humanly possible."

When completed, the proposed stream will offer trout a lush haven containing the proper vegetation in a natural ecosystem that is free of predators.

"It is strictly for viewing purposes and also for education," Straebel said. "No fishing."

He added, "The park is coming along very well. As the public can see, there is a lot of progress going on on the outside. The harbor master building is close to completion, the performance pavilion is moving along nicely and we are still on project to complete it on schedule—that's what we're hoping for, but it is certainly weather dependent."

Library bought by local business owner

LIBRARY

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Meyerson

brary.

It was later discovered that, through an apparent filing error, the quit claim deed was never executed and the reverter clause was left out.

Without a reverter clause on file, the library and Saltonstall heiresses believed they owned the property.

School officials had wanted to use the property for their central offices, but the Saltonstalls wished it to be used for private business.

All three parties eventually agreed to disagree on who owned the property and vowed to sell it and split the proceeds before the real-estate was placed on the market last spring.

"I'm pleased with the sale," Saltonstall said. "I think the buyer got a very good deal, and the sale met my criteria: I wanted it to be a business that would go back on the tax rolls."

Grove, owner of J.P. Investment, could not be reached for comment by press time, but as far as Meyerson knew, Grove may lease the building for mixed uses including retail and office space.

"Hopefully this will generate activity and business in downtown Charlevoix," Saltonstall said. "From the beginning we had an idea of what we wanted to happen, though I would have been more pleased if the library had gotten all of the money because I still believe it was a library asset."

She added, "But, we made a compromise and now both the school and the library are going to split the money and ... my sister and I are not getting anything from the sale. We've signed off on our deed restriction."

Saltonstall commended the new school administration and board members for working together to bring the issue to a close.

"This is huge for us," Meyerson said. "Our energies are in the new facility, and just having this other building was costing us around $20,000 a year in taxes and maintenance."

File photo

20th annual D.A.R.E. Golf benefit fundraiser

The Boyne City and East Jordan Police Departmants, along with the Charlevoix County Sheriff Office announce the annual D.A.R.E. Golf Benefit and Dinner fundraiser to be held at 5 p.m. on May 22 at Boyne Mountain. Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course, and Dinner is at 5 p.m. at Eriksen's Rastaurant. This year's special guest speaker is Retro Bill. There will be prizes awarded on the Par-3 holes, longest drives, most putts and closest to the pin, with a "hole-in-one" worth $5,000 cash on two selected par-3 holes. The golf tournament is a four-person shotgun start scramble. Prime rib dinner and golf is included in entry fee of $80 per person, and will also include a group photo for each member of your team. If you don't care to golf, dinner tickets can be purchasad for $14.00 in advance at the Boyne City Police Department. Pictured (above) Deputy-Chief of Charlevoix City Police Scott Hankins doles D.A.R.E. awards at 2007's ceremony. Local drug awareness progams are supported through events like the annual golf banefit fundraiser and dinner. Call (231) 582-6611 for more information.

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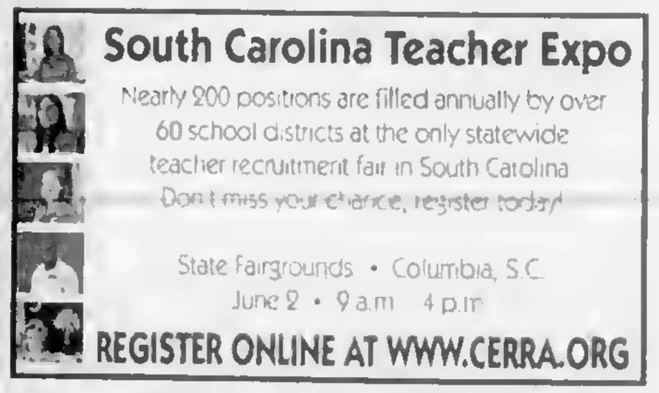

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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

MAY 1

State Friends of the Library Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Join Library Friends groups from all over the State of Michigan for a day of workshops on learning about fund raising for your Friends of the Library organization.

Managing Your Computer

From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., this session is for the beginning computer user and will include a description of the Windows XP desktop, taskbar, start menu and will describe how to create new files, new folders, and how to organize your computer.

MAY 3

Charlevoix Skatepark

The park opens this spring on May 3 with hours from noon until dusk on Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday through Friday until June 9 when it will be open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday. The park will be open on Memorial Day

My "Dollie," Tea & Me Party is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All second- through fifth-graders are invited to bring your favorite doll and a special adult for a tea party and craft.

Please pre-register with Youth Services by calling 237-7350

MAY 5

Youth Movie: Akeelah & the Bee at 3:30 p.m.

A young girl from South Los Angeles tries to make it to the National Spelling Bee. Staring Keke Palmer, Laurence Fishburne, and Angela Bassett.

Book Talkers: The Last Kingdom, by Bernard Cornwell is at 6 p.m.

The first of his Saxon Stories series, this book is about Uhtred, a ninth century nobleman. Captured and raised by Danes, Uhtred witnesses the unexpected defeat of his adoptive Viking clan by Alfred of Wessex, and longs to recover his father's land. Join us for a lively discussion.

MAY 6

Sleepy Time Stories start at 6:30 p.m.

PJ's and teddy bears are welcome for this bed time story event.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on May 6 at the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs office in the County Building in Charlevoix, a Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will assist any veteran or veteran's survivor with filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

AUTHOR SPEAKS

Michael Lindley, author of the bestselling The Seasons of the EmmaLee, will be speaking to the Charlevoix Historical Society about his new sequel, On Past Horton Creek, at 7 p.m. on May 6 at the Depot building at Depot Beach. Both novels are set in Charlevoix, the latest one in the 1940s and '50s and into the present. Horton Creek continues the story of the McKendrys, the Comptons and George Hansen as well as the love affair of Alex Clark and Sally Thomason. It also features the return of the palatial yacht EmmaLee based on the magnificent Sylvia which called Charlevoix her summer home from 1930 to 1941 when she was called to war duty in 1942 and never seen here again. Lindley will present a short slide show, give a brief talk about his adventures in the business of writing and publishing and touch upon his family's roots and ties to northern Michigan. The floor will be open for questions and discussion. There is no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served. Call 547-0373 for more information.

MAY 9

Buffet Supper

The Charlevoix United Methodist women are hosting a Spring Buffet Supper, Bazaar and Bake Sale from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 9 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. There will be a variety of salads, vegetable and meat dishes, desserts and beverages. Proceeds benefit projects that support local, national and international missions.

MAY 10

Registration for the 2008 Sue DeYoung/Jody Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park on May 10 in downtown Charlevoix.

The walk route is three miles. Immediately following the walk, free refreshments will be served in the park, the winner of the Mary Moore memorial quilt raffle will be announced and prizes will be awarded to the walker and team that raised the most money.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the local cancer support group Circle of Strength and Charlevoix Area Hospital for the purchase of a digital mammography machine. Pledge forms are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. Pledge forms can be downloaded by clicking on walk resources at http://suedeyoungjudyedgerwalk.nexo.com. For more information, contact Nicole Kurtz at (231) 330-6060.

MAY 12

Adult softball

A men's, women's and co-ed softball meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 12 in the lower level conference room in Charlevoix City Hall. All people interested should plan to attend.

MAY 15

The Charlevoix Children's House will host a Creation Celebration with an Art Show and Open House at 7:30 p.m. on May 15. This program is open to children ages 2 to 6.

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Visit our web site, www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org, or call 547-5599 for more information. The Children's House is located at 8700 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix.

MAY 17

Artist Reception

"Reflections of Northern Michigan," Watercolors by Betty Bea Washburn, 4 to 6 p.m.

MAY 22

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar for this next American Red Cross Drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on May 22 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner

Mother's Day Specials

Mother's Day Brunch ~ $14.95
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, April 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place

- Motion passed approving the minor development plan amendment for Irish Boat Shop, 405 W. Carpenter.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of a trim mower from Spartan Distributors in the amount of $19,684.00 for the golf course
- Motion passed authorizing execution of a contract with RW Armstrong for professional engineering services for demolition of buildings in the airport runway protection zone
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for Monday May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code to allow dogs on leashes in East Park except during special events
- Motion passed directing staff to introduce a proposed ordinance to allow dogs in East Park except during events at the April 21, 2008 meeting. The introduction would allow Council to set a public hearing on the proposed ordinance for May 5, 2008
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on a proposed ordinance to amend the 2008-09 City Budget to increase airport and skatepark fees
- Ordinance 727 of 2008 adopted: an ordinance to amend and renumber Title 11 of the City Cod and to Chapter 3 to Title 11 of the City Code. Video Service Provider Right-of-Way Management

Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed amendment the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will amend section 9.125 to allow dogs on leashes in a portion of East Park except during City-approved events.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
04/23/08

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon one week's notice to the City of Charlevoix. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office in writing or by calling the following: City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-3250

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MAY 31

Heaven Sent Adoption Services Inc. will be presenting a domestic adoption informational meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Charlevoix Public Library's meeting room "A." This meeting will allow families considering building their family through adoption to understand the adoption process and ask questions. Call 237-9880 to reserve your seat.

JUNE 28

Artist Reception
Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m.

JULY 19

Artist Reception
"My World" · Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m.

AUGUST 9

Art Demonstration Day is from noon to 3:30 p.m.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution In third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

Get your events in

Due to the time constraints, the Charlevoix Courier does not routinely cover sporting events. However, the editor will consider photos and game highlights submitted Fridays by noon.

- E-mail photographs and game information to news@charlevoixcourier.com
- Drop photographs and game information off at the Charlevoix Courier office: 112 Mason St. in Charlevoix
- Mail photographs and game information to: P. O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Be sure to include name of subjects in photos along with time, date and place the pictures were taken, name of opposing team and any other pertinent information regarding the sporting event.

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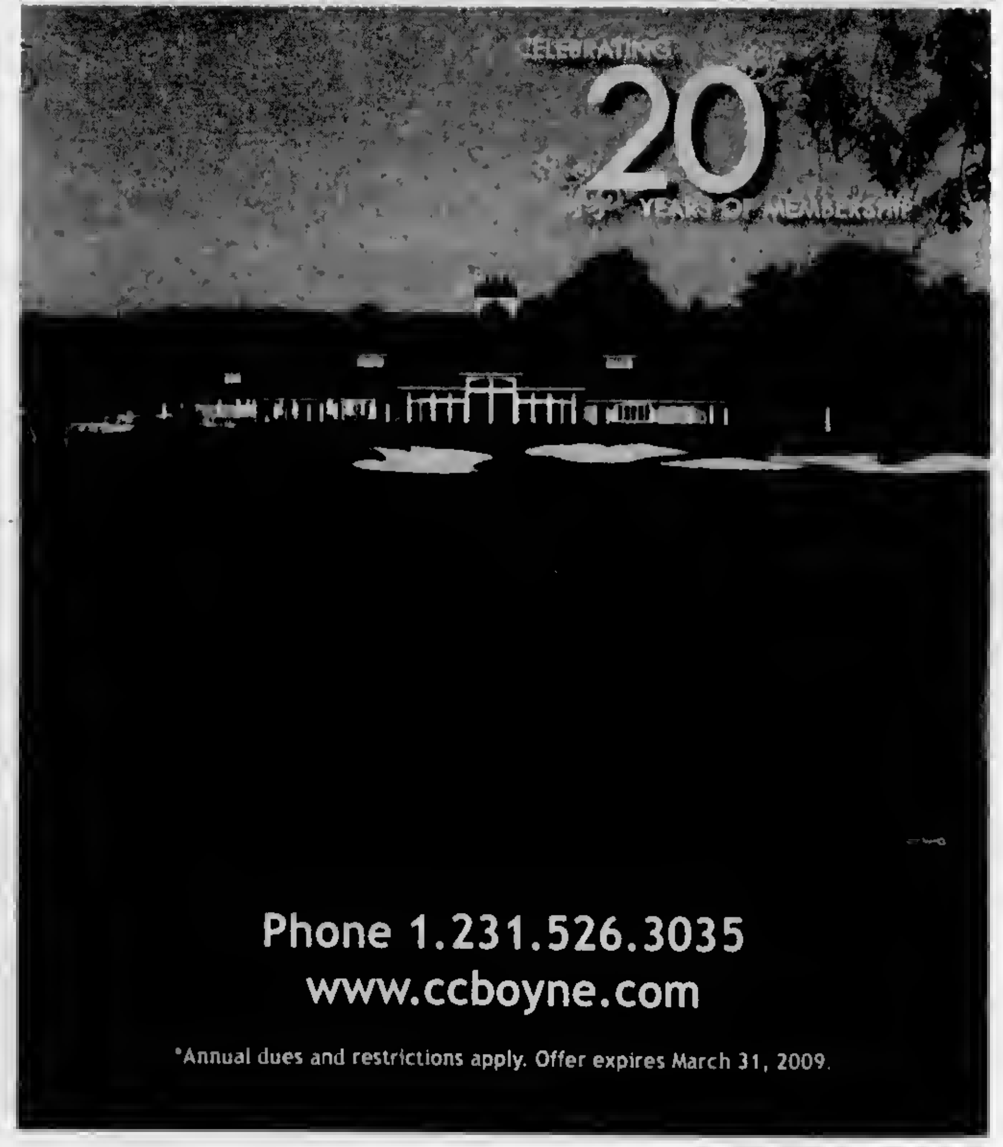

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Q: Did the construction of Bay Harbor and East Park create the environmental problem?

A: No. Before the development the site was home to an abandoned cement plant and limestone quarry that operated from 1904 – 1980. About 2.5 million cubic yards of cement kiln dust was left in piles – totally open to the environment - around the site by the former owner. The redevelopment of the site substantially improved environmental conditions and turned the abandoned brownfield into two public parks and a resort that draws tourists from around the world.

Q: Were "corners cut" when redeveloping the property?

A: No. An environmental study and reclamation plan was developed by project partners and then reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and former Attorney General Frank Kelley. The work was conducted under a brownfield redevelopment agreement that recognized the long-standing environmental blight on the site. Such agreements are common and without them redevelopment of brownfield sites would be rare. Under that agreement, a site once described as a "moonscape" was transformed into two public parks and an award-winning community. Bay Harbor added more than 700 jobs and more than $8.5 million in wages to the Michigan economy and contributes about $13 million per year to the local tax base.

Q: Is it safe for people to swim in the water?

A: Yes. Completed and on-going actions taken at East Park and Bay Harbor have effectively eliminated public health and safety concerns. Today, only a small part of the five-mile-long shoreline still shows any elevated pH levels from what was left at the old cement plant. Periodic evidence of elevated pH in these areas generally shows levels similar to those found in pools of algae naturally occurring on the beach or baking soda. CMS Land is taking steps to reduce even further the pH in those areas.

Substantial and dramatic environmental progress has been achieved. CMS Land continues to work closely with officials to put a final cleanup plan in place that will protect our bay for future generations.

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County bails out building department

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Ken Doty

Charlevoix Building and Safety Department's budget has been folded into county coffers to curb the office's fiscal fraying.

In a move not seen locally since laws in the late 1990s changed allowing building departments to cinch their own purses, the county's building and grounds committee agreed to supplement them until department head Ken Doty proves his office is again self-sustaining

"The last time I saw it this had was the end of the '70s, early '80s," Doty said. "There's very little residential building going on We're looking at a 30 percent drop."

He added, "It's the economy. It's Michigan. There's work in other places and many of our contractors are leaving the state for work."

County records show the building department began last fiscal year with a fund balance of roughly $82,000 to which the office took in $110,000 in revenue. Expenditures were nearly $213,000 as of April 20.

The resolution to move the building department's budget into the county's general fund was passed unanimously by the board of commissioners on April 21. District Five commissioner Bob Drebenstedt was absent.

Doty said he would have liked to raise fees, which

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VOTE
POLL MASTER II

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School millage, election coverage

For Charlevoix Public Schools board election and school bond information, see Wednesday's Petoskey News-Review or visit www.charlevoixcourier.com and www.petoskeynews.com.

One more candidate files for county board

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

For the first time in years Shirley Roloff will have a proverbial run for her money.

Beaver Island native and resident Richard Gillespie has filed for Roloff's seat as District One Charlevoix County Commissioner

- Age: 52
- Party affiliation: Republican
- Previous political experience: Held the first district commissioner seat from 1992 to 1996
- Work experience: Fourteen-year member and eventual chairman of the Beaver Island Transportation Authority. Real-estate sales, excavation, licensed builder and a licensed pilot
- Platform: Gillespie considers himself an "avid supporter" of community infrastructure improvement and maintenance.

"Fiscal responsibility is my single biggest issue," he said "We need to make sure we are spending the public's money in a diligent way."

Gillespie said he would like to see an increase in the amount of public information released and ease its dis-

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Charlevoix schoolwide art show

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on May 8, then 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 9 and May 12, at Charlevoix Elementary School, hundreds of pieces of art from painting and jewelry to glasswork and sculptures will be on display. There will also be stations where visitors may create their own artworks.

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Sean Mathew Crean, 26, Harrisville. Innkeeper-defrauding. Credit for one day in jail; to serve six days in jail; $328.87 in fines and costs.

Cassey Dale Sirmons, 27, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Pay $1,200 in fines and costs or serve 32 days in jail.

Michael Robert Karlskin Jr., 28, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Credit for one day in jail; 89 days held in abeyance; serve six months on probation; $400 in fines and costs.

Richard Orland Winslow, 50, Bellaire. Insufficient funds to cover checks written, less than $100. Totaling $300 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Matt Speltz Repair Service, 04370 Alpine Valley Road, Boyne City, by Matthew R. Speltz and Peg A. Vondra

Jason D. Warsko, 00027 Dietz Road, Boyne City, by Jason D. Warsko

North Country Builders, 11056 Townpump Road, Boyne Falls, by Brent Matelski

AGL Photography, 1100 Boyne Ave. Suite C, Boyne City, by Angela Lawson

RAM Painting, 3435 M32, East Jordan, by Robert A. Andress

Boyne All Seasons Maintenance, 2436 Healey Road, Boyne City, by Pierre Raveau

Skop's Maintenance, 4130 Adams Road, East Jordan, by Scott and Terrie Skop

MARRIAGES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Jeremy David Schlueter, 30 and Morrigan Oran, 22, hoth of East Jordan

DIVORCES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:

Darcie Buell vs. Gregory Buell

Gregory Niewendorf vs. Marleen Niewendorf

Gretchen Schaller Arnold vs. Jeffrey Dean Arnold

Car seat safety

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater is offering the services of three certified technicians from the Sheriff's Office who will assist parents or guardians with the installation and use of their child safety seats. Those interested should call the Sheriff's Office at 547-4461 for an appointment.

Grass fire

At about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 20, the City of Charlevoix Fire Department was dispatched to a grass fire near the intersection of Marion Center Road and Mascho Road in Marion Township.

The fire was caused hy hot metal that had been welded.

The fire damage was contained to only grass and brush.

Firefighters were on the scene less than an hour.

CORRECTION

In the April 30 edition of Charlevoix Courier, the story on LeGriffon claimed it was a 15th century ship.

It should have read "Hunters of 17th century shipwreck one step closer to victory."

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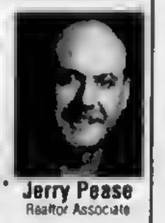

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Merriman murder trial could end this week

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

The jury in the case of an East Jordan-area man accused of killing his brother will have to decide which side of the case is best supported hy blood evidence found at the family home.

For much of the day, April 30, jurors heard a state police crime lab technician's interpretation of blood stains found in the murder case against Charles Merriman.

Police helieve Charles Merriman killed his 54-year-old brother Bill Merriman in the family home near East Jordan sometime around June 15, 2006. Police have no evidence Bill was seen alive since that date, hut neither have they found his body.

Police contend Charles killed Bill because he insisted Charles get a job and start helping around the house.

Charles had lived with his parents and not held a job for approximately 25 years.

Crime lab technician Fran D'Angela confirmed small amounts of blood were found on the head of an ax police recovered from the Merriman house, supporting the prosecution's contention that Charles may have used the ax to kill Bill and/or dismember his body.

But D'Angela also agreed that no blood was found anywhere else on the ax and that small bits of what appeared to be carpet padding were found on the ax. That supports the defense position that much more blood spatter would have been found on the ax and other locations in the house if it had been used in the alleged murder.

The bits of carpet pad support Merriman's statement to police that the hlood got on the ax because he was using the ax to scrape hlood-soaked carpet padding from the cement floor to which it was glued.

Merriman explained the presence of his brother's blood in various locations in the house, and on a cushion that was later found in a downstate landfill, saying Bill hled profusely after cutting himself in the palm of the hand with a utility knife.

As an orthopedic surgeon did earlier in the trial, forensic pathologist Dr. Stephen Cohle told jurors the cut Charles described Bill as sustaining would not have caused enough bleeding to create stains the size of those police said they found in the house.

Answering questions from defense attorney Dan Hartman about the possibility the cut could have involved an artery that runs along the side of the finger, Cohle said the cut would have had to be nearly to the bone.

Hartman used Dr. Cohle's expertise about what happens to human bodies after death to bolster his position that it is unlikely Charles could have stored and/or transported parts of Bill's body several weeks after allegedly killing him without anyone noticing foul odors, leaking fluids or insect activity.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema wrapped up his case late last week with testimony from additional DNA experts, another doctor and Bill and Charles Merriman's sister-in-law Colleen Merriman, who first reported Bill missing.

Day 10 of the trial focused on which side's story was supported by the blood evidence.

Presenting testimony from two of three Michigan State Police Crime Lab technicians who collected evidence from the Merriman home on Phelps Road, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema tried to holster the prosecution's theory that Charles Merriman Jr. killed his brother Bill.

Testimony from the technicians centered around eight bloodstains they found in the home using the naked eye and a chemical called "Luminol" which glows when it comes in contact with blood.

According to the testimony, investigators found stains containing blood on the wall in five locations and the floor in three. Two of the floor locations were large stains on the cement floor in an 8-foot by 12-foot room known as the "TV room." One stain in the middle of the room is approximately two feet in diameter. The second is a slightly smaller oval-shaped stain near a sliding glass door in the room.

Testimony also showed that the much smaller blood stains found on paneling and door trim in and around the TV room and the hallway most likely got there by "transfer," that is an object with blood on it came in contact with that location.

Of particular interest was testimony from technician Jennifer Patchin, an expert in blood stain pattern interpretation, who said one particular wall stain that contained several droplets was not consistent with the injury the defendant said his brother sustained to his hand.

In recorded statements, Charles explained that his brother's blood would be found in the house because he cut himself in the palm of the hand with a utility knife while cutting carpet out of the TV room. In his descriptions of Bill's cut to police, Charles at one point described the injury as "pumping" or "squirting" blood everywhere as Bill moved around the house. Patchin said the stains she saw were not consistent with that kind of bleeding.

Merriman told police that his brother hled on carpet, carpet pad and furniture in the house. But the house was stripped of nearly all of its carpet and emptied of most of its contents hefore police hegan their investigation about three months after Bill was last seen or heard from.

Earlier in the trial, jurors heard an audio recording of Merriman telling police that he had poured motor oil in the area of one of the larger floor stains because he thought it might make removing the carpet pad easier. Several experts have testified that action or efforts to clean up a quantity of blood could make the stain spread over a larger area than it originally covered.

The jury also heard testimony from Charlevoix County Sheriff's office Det. Chuck Vondra which further called Charles' description of his brother's injury into question.

Vondra said when Charles described how the injury occurred, he demonstrated his hrother holding the knife in one hand and the carpet in the other hand.

In an audio recording of the interview, jurors heard Vondra question him on how his brother could have cut the palm of his hand while he was grasping carpet with the same hand. Charles responded saying his brother had an open hand at the time he cut himself.

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Just take Charlevoix newcomer Don Ebrahimi, who escaped Iran nearly 10 years ago and made his way to the United States as a religious refugee.

The Orthodox Christian said it was very difficult to practice his religion in his Islamic majority homeland and he wanted to avoid forced service in the brutal Iranian military.

Following a harrowing 10-day journey being smuggled from Iran to Pakistan, Ebrahimi eventually made his way to America where he ended up as a dishwasher in a Louisiana restaurant.

Ebrahimi then spent the next decade working his way up from dishwasher to top chef graduating from the Center for Culinary Arts in Connecticut with a degree in culinary arts.

He married a Michigan native and is expecting his second child any day now.

Earlier this April, Ebrahimi, who prides himself on his authentic Asian, French and fusion cuisine, was named the executive chef at Stafford's Weathervane in Charlevoix.

"I believe good food takes time and I'm always willing to go beyond if people have special requests. I don't like to say no to customers," he said. "I'm willing to wait a little bit and learn the people here and what they like and what they don't like. Patrons can count on good homemade comfort foods and then, after summer, we'll probably do some new things and introduce some new ideas in the daily features."

He added, "This is what I like to do. It being a passion to me, it's not a job; I feel good at the end of the day just doing it."

Ebrahimi said his main goals are to please his customers with taste sensations, mentor his staff and enjoy the northern Michigan lifestyle.

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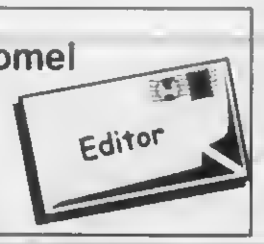

Lettuce remember

EAR TO THE GROUND
Roger Knutson

The early lettuce is now above ground in the garden, and the fastest plants are getting a third set of leaves. I always think of Neff Brothers Grocery store whenever I plant, observe or harvest lettuce from my garden. The reasons are complicated.

But first, for those of you who arrived late in Charlevoix; a little history. Neff Brothers was on the harbor side of the Clinton Street, Bridge Street intersection. The Parkside Restaurant was directly across Clinton from Neff's. Both buildings are gone, but I do have a brick from Neff's mortared into a small wall in my backyard. Why?

I worked at Neff Brothers Grocery during the summer of 1956. It was my first extended exposure to Charlevoix. I was hired, more or less sight unseen while at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. When I arrived, the Neffs, Gordon and Bob, decided that since I was studying botany (plants) in college, I would be perfect for the produce section. And that is where I spent the summer. I rented a sleeping room for eight dollars a week, from Floy Edson, at the back of her Park Avenue bookstore.

The grocery store, while small by today's standards, was an extremely busy place during the summer months. Gordon's wife Katherine, and occasionally his daughter Marilyn, helped out at the cash register. There were two full-time butchers. One was Jim Krulik, and I cannot recall the name of the other. Joe Etienne drove the delivery truck (yes, we did deliver). Each morning Dale Boss, who was young at the time, delivered the day's supply of milk to us from Maxbauer's Dairy.

Produce not on display was mostly stored in a basement cooler, and I spent a great deal of the summer running up and down an old flight of wooden stairs, vegetables and fruit in hand. I can still clearly hear Gordon's commanding voice urging me to "Get up here with the" – whatever it was needed at the moment. Gordon was not an especially patient man.

What does all this have to do with lettuce in my garden? I am sure you are asking. I grew up in poverty at the end of the Great Depression in western Minnesota, where iceberg lettuce was a bit exotic. We had a head of lettuce occasionally, but it had been harvested in a California field a long time before we saw it. It wasn't wilted exactly, but it was far from fresh. One of my daily duties at Neff Brothers was to trim the outer wilted or browned leaves from a number of cases of California lettuce. I did, once in a while, nibble on the better part of a leaf on its way to the discard pile. It tasted much like the lettuce remembered from that Western Minnesota youth. Then, one day later in the summer, a truck farmer from down state somewhere came by with a truckload of iceberg lettuce he had harvested from his farm that morning. Gordon bought a few cases, and I attempted to trim it. It needed no trimming. Every leaf was fresh, crisp and beautiful. I tried a nibble from it. I can still recall the taste. It was totally unlike what I had been handling and tasting all summer. If the California lettuce was like a harmonica, this was like a symphony orchestra. If the California lettuce was like a greeting card message, this was like Shakespeare.

And that's why I recall that first summer in Charlevoix and Neff Brothers Grocery store every time I plant lettuce in my garden. The lettuce from my garden tastes like the symphony or like Shakespeare. It's not anything I do, or the ground does, it is just extremely fresh and extraordinarily flavorful.

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LETTERS to the editor

FIREFIGHTERS ROCK

Editor:

In the early morning of April 16 we discovered a fire in the crawl space above the main floor of our home. We called 9-1-1 and by the time I opened the front door a policeman was there. Three fire trucks arrived within a few minutes. While wearing their heavy protective gear, Charlevoix Fire Chief Paul Ivan and about a dozen volunteer firefighters worked tediously from 2:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at which time they were certain that the fire was extinguished. They were courteous, kept us informed regarding their progress, went out of their way to protect our possessions, had good equipment and knew how to use it. After an exhausting night's work, they went to their day jobs without any rest. They were heroes. Amazingly, we sustained no structural or water damage. Without these men, any one of whom could just as easily have been home in bed, our house would have burned to the ground. In the past few days, numerous cleaning repair and trades people have been surprised that we had so little damage.

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Editor:

I am writing to tell you about a great program at Charlevoix Public Schools and the success some students have had in this program. Future Problem Solvers is a gifted and talented program at the middle and high school level that allows students to work through futuristic problems in a rigorous six-step process. The students compete in teams of four or individually and write three practice booklets throughout the school year.

After receiving feedback on their practice booklets, they write a state bowl qualifying booklet.

This year we had three teams write a qualifying booklet for the state competition and all three teams made it to the state level. That means their booklets were in the top third of all of the booklets submitted.

We went down to Michigan State University from April 18 to April 20 to compete against all of the top teams in the state. All three teams did an awesome job and two awards were brought home.

The team of Hallie Bills, Katie Mays, Abbie Wilhelm and Abby Barnes took first place in the Action Plan Skit Division. They all earned a medal for their accomplishment.

Another incredible accomplishment was by Karinne Smolenyak who wrote not only in the team booklet category, but also in the individual booklet category. Karinne took first place in the individual booklet writing at the state level.

This first place award earned her an invitation to the international conference being held at Michigan State University this year. She will move on to compete against students from all over the world. This is a four-day event that allows Karinne to compete not only at the top level, but it also allows Karinne to make new friends. Future Problem Solvers raises funds all year through various fundraisers to keep this program running, unfortunately we used all of the raised funds to send our three teams to the state competition.

The international competition is quite costly and Charlevoix Public Schools will pay for Karinne's entrance fee, but she needs funds for accommodations for those four days.

If you would like to help financially support Karinne and the future problem solvers, please send monetary donations to Charlevoix Middle School, attention F.P.S./Amy Pott. Again any financial support you donate to help send Karinne to nationals would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Charlevoix Middle School at 547-3206. Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Amy R. Pott, seventh-grade teacher and Future Problem Solvers coach
Charlevoix

BUCKET LIST

Editor:

I made up a bucket list of things I wanted to do when I retired. That day finally came In January of this year.

At the top of my list, believe it or not, was to attend a basketball game In my home town of Charlevoix Michigan. I checked the schedule and found a couple of home games In the same week so I made reservations at the lodge. I think Linda and I might have been the only ones staying there. It was an eventful trip home: we drove from Aberdeen, N.C.; we ran into some Ice storms In West Virginia and much snow In Michigan.

But, as things turned out, it was well worth the trip. We were treated to two excellently played basketball games by the Rayders, although the competition wasn't all that good. They play a different brand of ball than we did, but very effective nonetheless.

It was pretty easy to slip into town unnoticed because of my gray, almost white, hair and about 70 additional pounds to my high school playing weight. I did get to play a trick on Bill Supernaw and I had him going for awhile until something gave me away.

I ran into my cousin Bob Bergmann at the Friday night game and I think he put a bug in Ken Boss' ear, so Ken announced over the pa system that I was in town and welcomed me home. That meant a great deal to me, and I want to thank Ken and Bob for that.

I had several people come up to me after that; some classmates, John Martin and Marilyn Novak, both of whom I hadn't seen in years and others just to welcome me home.

I got a chance to talk to Dean Davenport, one of my heroes growing up and several others just came up to me and spoke.

Even though the new school is the second school built since I graduated in 1960, and the gym I played in is now a library, It was still a very nostalgic time. The last time I was at a home game in Charlevoix was the last game I played in 1960. Our Rayder team went 20-1 that year and lost in the regional finals. It wasn't called Rayder Nation back then, but I still wonder how we were able to pack so many people into that little gym downtown for the Rayder home games.

I once heard one of the older folks saying that, on a Tuesday and Friday night during basketball season, someone could have come and stolen Charlevoix and no one would have known it until the final buzzer sounded.

I also had the opportunity to meet some of the gang for coffee at the town house: John Haggard, Bill Supernaw, Quinton Walker, Guy Swanson, Pete Phillips, and others who I can't name. Again, they didn't have a clue who I was until I told them and we had a good time talking about the old days.

About the only thing we all agreed on was what I have been saying since I watched my first basketball game in the early 1950's: the best to suit up for Charlevoix, and that includes then and now, was number four, William E. "Bobo" Bennett.

My plan Is to come home for our 50th class reunion in a couple of years and I look forward to seeing those of you I didn't get a chance to see in January.

Dave Schuchard, class of 1960,
North Carolina

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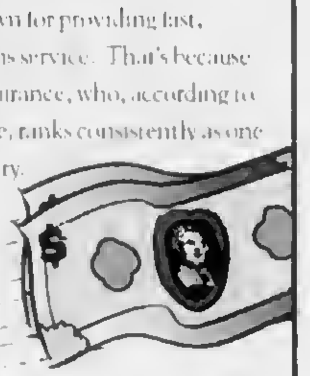

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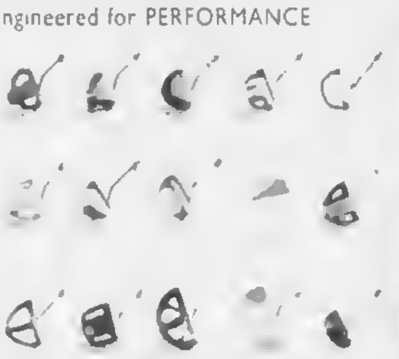

MAY

Painter takes first in national competition

Courtesy photo

Local artist, Trish Morgan, of Charlevoix recently won a first place award in the Georgia Watercolor Society's 2008 National Exhibition for her figure painting "Awash in Blue."

Her painting was one of 72 chosen out of a field of approximately 500 entries.

The National Exhibition will be on display through May 25 at the Quinlan Arts Center in Gainesville, Ga. or can be viewed online at www.georgiawatercolorsociety.com.

Trish has also been accepted into the Transparent Watercolor Society of America's national show with her painting "Grape Valley" which was one of only 85 paintings chosen from over 900 submissions. Awards have yet to be determined.

For more information and to view other works, the artist's website is www.paachbloomhill.com or locally you can visit Esperance, Shop of the Gulls and Gallery on Main in Bay Harbor.

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Story-Time *Thursday, May 8, 10:30 am*
All children [illegible] and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Normal People Scare Me:
Documentary & panel discussion on Autism
May 8 @ 6pm
This awardwinning documentary was co-directed by 17-year-old filmmaker, Taylor Cross, a high school student with autism. The film shows first person accounts of life and living with autism. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion with clinicians and individuals with diagnoses on the autism spectrum. Sponsored by North Country Community Mental Health at the Charlevoix Public Library.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesday, May 13, noon
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Join the Friends of the Library in honoring Charlevoix soldiers who have passed away by marching in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 26th @ 10:00 am.

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Brownies pitch in

Courtesy photo

The Brownies of Troop 253 recently donated 10 baskets they filled with various baby items such as blankets, powder, washcloths, shampoo and bibs to the Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth. Community service projects are just one aspect of the scouting program in which the girls participate throughout the year. Pictured here (front, from left): Olivia Jeakle, Madison Olach, Julia Sape, Courtney Streeter and Rachel Nesburg and (back, from left) are Sophie Jacobs, Alexandria Snabes, Natalie Nesburg, Sarah Martin and Lauren House.

Evening of arts at CHS

Charlevoix High School arts program students present "An Evening of the Arts" at 6 p.m. on May 16 in both the high school's common area and auditorium. The night will include a delicious picnic meal, musical entertainment provided by the school band and jazz band, amazing artwork on display courtesy of the art department and the performing arts program's spring show.

Dinner and enjoyment of the art and music will run from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the performing arts troupe will present their spring performance which is a series of "Fractured Fairy Tales."

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door: Students 10 and younger, $7; ages 11 to adult, $12.

Overall proceeds will be shared amongst the departments.

NWA band excels

Courtesy photo

Northwest Academy Intermediate Band students received first and second ratings at the Jr. High Solo & Ensemble Festival on April 19. Pictured are (front, from left) Dalton Cooper, Beth Gohs, Madalyne May, Elizabeth Hodgson and Abigail Kroon and (back, from left) band director Gary Stutzman, Dustin Prevo, Evan Kroon, Nick Courier, Jessica Silva, Christiana Jepson-Grams and Micaela Watros.

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LETTERS to the editor

JOHN BIRCH TO THE RESCUE

Editor:

Thank God somebody in this country is taking action in view of the complete circus that is unfolding in the national election arena where none of the major candidates seem to even care about our U.S. Constitution.

I've never seen it this bad. However, I just read in The New American magazine at www.thenewamerican.com that the John Birch Society (JBS), a non-profit educational organization, has organized what they call their growing "mass collaboration" nationwide effort online and through meetings with like-minded people and groups to preserve our families and freedoms through creating an online community of education and action in accordance with constitutional and moral principles.

Their stated strategy is to provide the opportunity for people to support our national constitution by organizing a JBS.org Freedom Campaign Meetup group.

Go to www.JBS.org or call (800) JBS-USA1 for more information.

Without a doubt, I feel, we as Americans have the abilities and resources to preserve our families and freedoms by forcing congress to adhere to the constitution, but we must get organized to be successful. Let's do it.

Ginger Axton
Landers California

OLYMPICS A-POLITICAL

Editor:

After listening to the news both from the U.S. and CCTV in China, which I receive on my network, I am more than discouraged about the recent comments by our candidates from both parties. Having been in Beijing within the last year, it is hard for me to believe what these people have done to forward their country and impress the rest of the world. People, this is a sporting event, and by no means should politics be involved in any way.

After all, it is the youth from all countries which will one day run this planet of ours. My tour guide was once involved in the Tiananmen Square massacre. Fortunately he was not injured, but this only goes to show how much the 20- and 30-somethings want better relationships. As far as the Tibet problem, we need to look in our own back yard before we criticize others for what they are trying to combat, and fix. As I approach my 7th decade, I have learned that hindsight is always 20/20. Too bad we cannot use that sight now and in the future. I am proud of the fact that our president plans to attend. His policies have been criticized to the nth degree, but this time he is right, and with God's help will be successful in his endeavors.

Sandy Fowler
Charlevoix

LONG LOST DOCTRINE

Editor:

In 1823, President Monroe declared the Monroe Doctrine that the Americas were for the Americans and European nations should not interfere in American affairs, and the United States would not interfere with European affairs. European nations continued to colonize the rest of the world. United State's military power became the enforcer of that policy until the end of the 19th century when the United States military forced Spain from Cuba in the Spanish-American war and then acquired the Philippine Islands from Spain for $20,000,000, and after a six-year conflict with Philippine natives, the United States gained control and established a military base there. The United States also annexed the Hawaiian Islands and established a Pacific naval base there.

The next break with the Monroe Doctrine came during the first World War when President Wilson gained a second term in office with the slogan, "He kept us out of the war." After he retained office the new slogan became, "This is the war to end wars" and "make the world safe for democracy"; Two more empty slogans. The first World War eliminated the most European monarchies, but replaced them with dictatorships, not democracies. When the second World War started, the attitude of most American people was "they are at it again" and the Monroe Doctrine was right. President Roosevelt realized that attitude and pledged neutrality, but his actions were biased. All of that changed when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. That is another story.

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

THINK SPRING, THINK RECYCLING

Editor:

Spring is here, and it is time for everyone to start cleaning out their basements and garages and getting rid of their recyclable material in the bin at the Sheriff's department.

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee would like to encourage you to recycle. We are trying to make recycling a success in our County and we certainly need your help.

I would like to thank those that recycle correctly. Thank-you.

Those of you that are putting your household garbage and junk into the bins: Shame on you.

I realize it can get a little confusing and hard to decide just what does go into the bins. Here is a simple list that will help you.

- Newspapers, catalogs, phone books and magazines — you can use brown paper bags to bundle your papers.
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- Clear glass jars or bottles — rinse them before recycling them.
- Cans and metal lids — aluminum cans, foil and foil trays. Be sure to clean them first.
- Office paper — this includes junk mail, envelopes and file folders.
- Items we do not want: plastic bags or yogurt or margarine tubs as these are incompatible with the number two recyclable items; no light bulbs; no window glass; no glass dishes; no colored glass will be accepted until after May and only in a specially marked bin; credit cards, CDs, Kraft envelopes, padded envelopes; boxes used in coolers or freezers such as six-pack cartons, frozen food boxes and Styrofoam.
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Elsenheimer drops judicial bid for 105th

NOAH FOWLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Following a decision to drop out of his race for a seat on the court of appeals, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, (R-Kewadin), will run for re-election in the 105th district.

Elsenheimer said his decision was influenced by Michigan's GOP, which saw too many conservatives vying for Bill Schuete's seat on the Fourth District Court of Appeals. Among the crowded set of candidates for the non-partisan judicial position was Eric Doster, the head attorney for the Michigan Republican Party, and Jim Howell, a three-term representative from Saginaw and former judiciary committee chair.

"With big guns shooting at each other everyone dies. So I decided to take one for the party," said Elsenheimer, who withdrew from court of appeals race on Friday before the deadline at 4 p.m. He has until May 13 to officially file for re-election.

"It's a tough decision to make. That was a job I wanted for me personally," he said. "But it was the right thing to do."

Elsenheimer's eleventh-hour decision took the air out of the heated Republican primary as most of the nine candidates began throwing their support behind him.

"I've spoken with them and they're disappointed," he said. "But politics is not tiddlywinks. These things happen."

Tim Boyko said the real winners of the surprise decision are the residents of Northern Michigan.

"Kevin is everywhere for this district, he's like Elvis," said Boyko. "His decision gives us a better chance at holding a conservative seat. He's an all around team player helping the party."

Along with Boyko, Ed Boetcher, Jeff Garfield, Dennis Lennox, Ken Gallser and Mark Postma all confirmed they would be pulling out of the race. Bonnie Nothoff and John Ramsey are expected to follow suit later this week.

Only Tony Cutler was holding out until he sees Elsenheimer's official paperwork posted.

"I support Kevin, but with all of the surprises in this race I'm going to wait," said Cutler

"I feel bad for Kevin because inconsistency is now what he's about," said Postma.

Although Garfield had aspirations of his own, he saw Elsenheimer's decision as chance to bring more prestige and sway to the area's Lansing representation.

"Now he's got an opportunity to be the speaker," he said. "Downstate gets the bulk of the money. So a less populated area like Northern Michigan's only chance at having more influence when it comes to appropriations is to get the speaker position."

Elsenheimer has risen quickly through the Republican Party's ranks since taking office in 2004.

Currently the assistant House Minority leader, Elsenheimer would not rule out a speaker position, but said his first priority is winning his seat for a third and final time.

"I looked like I was to be the leader of the Republicans, but that's the last thing on my mind," he said. "My job is to get re-elected and assist other Republicans winning statewide. I can look later at whether or not I should lead the party."

On the Democratic side of the race, Mike Webster announced he would withdraw his candidacy early Monday morning, leaving Connie Saltonstall the lone candidate.

But Saltonstall said that little has changed for her campaign.

"I expected Kevin to be in the race. I'm completely prepared and confident," she said. "The voters will have to decide on how they feel about his indecision."

Noah Fowle can be reached by calling 439-9374 or e-mailing nfowle@petoskeynews.com.

Charlevoix Evening Garden Club
10th Year Celebration & Membership Gathering
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The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, organized in February 1998 and Federated in May 1998, will host a 10th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the Charlevoix Public Library meeting room. There will be presentations on spring pruning, constructing rain gardens and flower arranging. The public is invited for refreshments, to offer congratulations and to inquire about membership.

Since 1998 the Evening Club has designed, planted and maintained the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix" signs on M-66 and US-31 North and South. In the fall of 2006 the Club also built and donated, together with Muddypaw Sculptures and Ponds, the pondless water fall at the Charlevoix Public Library Childrens' Garden. The members continue to maintain the pondless water fall garden, a section in the Heritage Depot Garden, and have supported Holly Daze, Habitat for Humanity, Petunia Planting, the Junior Master Gardener Programs and other community activities and events.

The Evening Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. District V. The program and business meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at 547-5199.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Brendan LaBlance: Dec. 5, 1945 - April 28, 2008

Charles Brendan LaBlance, 62, passed away after a short illness on April 28 in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., where he has resided for the last several years. No funeral services will be held. A memorial get-together of friends and family will take place later this summer. Brendan was born Dec. 5, 1945 in Charlevoix, the son of George and Edna Brooks LaBlance, both deceased. Bren is survived by his daughter Maro LaBlance, Denver, Colo., and his son, George LaBlance, Montevideo, Minn; brother Steve (Becky) LaBlance, Petoskey and sister, Georgia (Tom) Boyer, East Jordan; sister-in laws Maureen (Tom) LaBlance and Glenda (John) LaBlance. He was also preceded in death by brothers John and Tom LaBlance.

His loud, infectious laugh and good humor will be surely missed by friends and family. Memorials may be sent to your local hospice.

Max E. Hosmer: Died on April 29, 2008

Max E. Hosmer, 84, of Charlevoix and Spring Hill, Fla., died Tuesday, April 29, at his home in Spring Hill. Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

John W. Curtis: Nov. 12, 1939 - May 1, 2008

John W. "Jack" Curtis, 68, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, May 1 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Rite of Christian Burial was Monday, May 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Honko officiated. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix. Jack was born Nov. 12, 1939, in Detroit to Eugene and Ruby (Gregory) Curtis. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1958, then served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. On Sept. 12, 1964, he married Katie Foster in Petoskey and they made their home in Charlevoix. Jack was a boilermaker and worked for Boilermaker's Union 169 in Detroit. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post 226 in Charlevoix. Jack enjoyed gardening and woodworking, hunting and fishing and loved to golf. He is survived by his wife Katie of Charlevoix; daughter Kim (Jim) Atkinson of Bloomfield Hills; son Denny Curtis of Charlevoix; grandchildren Katelyn, Trey, Courtney Atkinson and Stephanie Fels; mother Roby Curtis; sisters Linda Ostling and Jean (Rick) Davis all of Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary School or to Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Memorial service

A Memorial Service in remembrance of Norman Brumm will be held 11a.m. on Saturday, May 31 in Norwood Cemetary.

Donations may be made to The Christian Science Society, 205 Clinton St., Charlevoix.

Bryan Roloff memorial jam

courtesy photo

The 14th Annual Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit will be from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. on May 18 at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth.

The afternoon event will feature the following bands: Miss Conduct, Peril, Namus, Church Hill Drive, Stunt Coyote, Charlie's Root Fusion and The Boogieman and Soul Shine.

There will be lots of great music, food and fun with door prizes and raffles throughout the day.

Bryan was a talented guitarist and won "The Hot Licks Contest in 1993."

Bryan had the honor of opening for Foghat/Nazareth in Traverse City on May 2, 1993.

Two weeks later he was diagnosed with a brain tumor and died May 6, 1994.

Fellow musicians, friends and family have gathered each year in his memory to help raise funds for someone with medical needs.

This memorial concert is just the type of event Bryan would have enjoyed and it is a way for the Roloff family to keep his music and his spirit alive while helping others.

Cover Charge is $10.00 and you must be 21.

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05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship including the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05055 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4100

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson 547-2674 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided
Church Office 547-6122
Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66
Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School [illegible]
Priesthood & Relief Society [illegible]
[illegible]
President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6139

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2075

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
Hwy. 31 & Meech • Charlevoix
Sunday Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9321 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Coyle Allen 547-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
June, July & August 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold L. Kruse 599-2121

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship [illegible]
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street
Sabbath School 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill 231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services [illegible]
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6783

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street
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Faith Formation Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
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Sign up now for bone marrow registry

courtesy photo

There are just a couple pieces of information Kurt Jensen knows about the man who received his stem cells: He's 46 and fighting leukemia.

And there's one important thing the man knows about Jensen: He likely saved his life.

Ten years ago, Jensen, of East Jordan, joined the National Bone Marrow Registry, and in March this year, he was notified he was a match for a man needing life-saving bone marrow.

"It's so easy, and it's such an honor to be able to have the possibility of helping save someone's life," said Jensen, 34, pastor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan.

When Jensen joined the registry a decade ago, it involved a blood draw during one of his regular donations.

Today, the process is even easier – a simple cheek swab to collect cells. Locals will have the opportunity on May 13, which is also LIVESTRONG Day, to join the national registry, as northern Michigan health care providers launch a massive drive to get residents registered on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program.

This drive is a regional effort and will be offered free of charge at several sites throughout Northern Michigan from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13:

– Charlevoix: Charlevoix Area Hospital front entrance large waiting room

The process is simple: Participants will be asked to complete some simple paperwork and have the inside of their cheek swabbed - that's it. The results of the cheek swabs will be input into the national registry, and if a person in need of bone marrow comes up as a match for the participant, he or she will be contacted with directions on how to proceed.

Those eligible to donate include anyone who is 18 to 60 years of age, in general good health and willing to donate to any patient in need.

It truly can be the gift of life.

"The more people we have on the registry, the greater chance a patient has of being able to find a suitable donor when needed," said Dr. Edward Smith, an oncologist with Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. "Unfortunately, there are people right now who have no match and will probably die from their disease."

When attending the upcoming bone marrow registry effort, participants should also note that it is a strictly volunteer program; organizers ask only that participants be reasonably sure they will follow through with providing bone marrow if they ever come up as a match for a patient nationally or even globally.

The local effort will indeed have a far-reaching impact. More than 3,000 people in the United States cannot find a marrow donor in their family or on the current national registry. Bone marrow donation is the only thing that will save their lives.

Often, people think family members are a better match for those suffering from diseases such as leukemia, lymphomas, other blood cancers, and immune system disorders, but in reality, just 30 percent of patients in need of a marrow transplant will find a matched donor in their family.

The other 70 percent turns to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry to search for an unrelated donor to save their life.

"In some cases, a person's only chance for beating their disease is a bone marrow transplant," Dr. Smith said. "The more people who are on the bone marrow registry, the greater the chances for someone who needs a bone marrow transplant."

For more information about the bone marrow drive near you on May 13, call HealthAccess at (800) 248-6777. For further information about the National Bone Marrow Registry, visit www.marrow.org.

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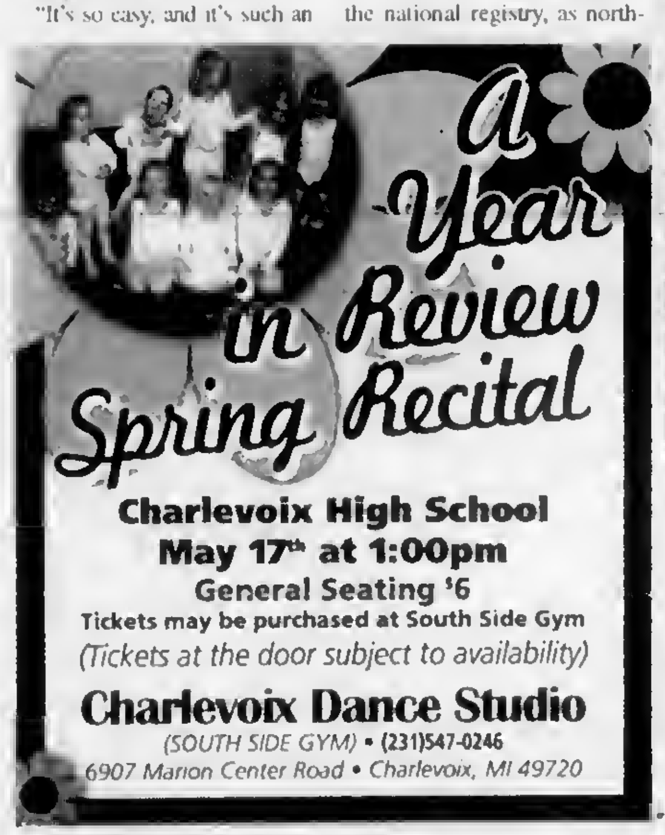

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Charlevoix High School
May 17th at 1:00pm
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Early Deadline
The Charlevoix Courier offices will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008.
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Charlevoix Township employees have begun leaf vacuuming and wood chipping. They will come around as often as they can. No set dates or times. Put leaves and wood out at the curb separately. Leaf vacuuming and wood chipping WILL STOP Friday, May 9th.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

MAY

That's my photo

Photo by Terry Salmonson

Alano building demolished

Terry Salmonson of Charlevoix was out doing work for his Aartvark Studio when he noticed the former Alano building next door to tha Charlevoix Courier was in the process of being demolished. Alano officials intend to have a brand new facility constructed for their various self-help meetings.

Photo by Richie Gillespie

East Park from a plane

Beavar Island resident Richia Gillespie recently snapped this picture of Charlevoix's East Park construction from his plane.

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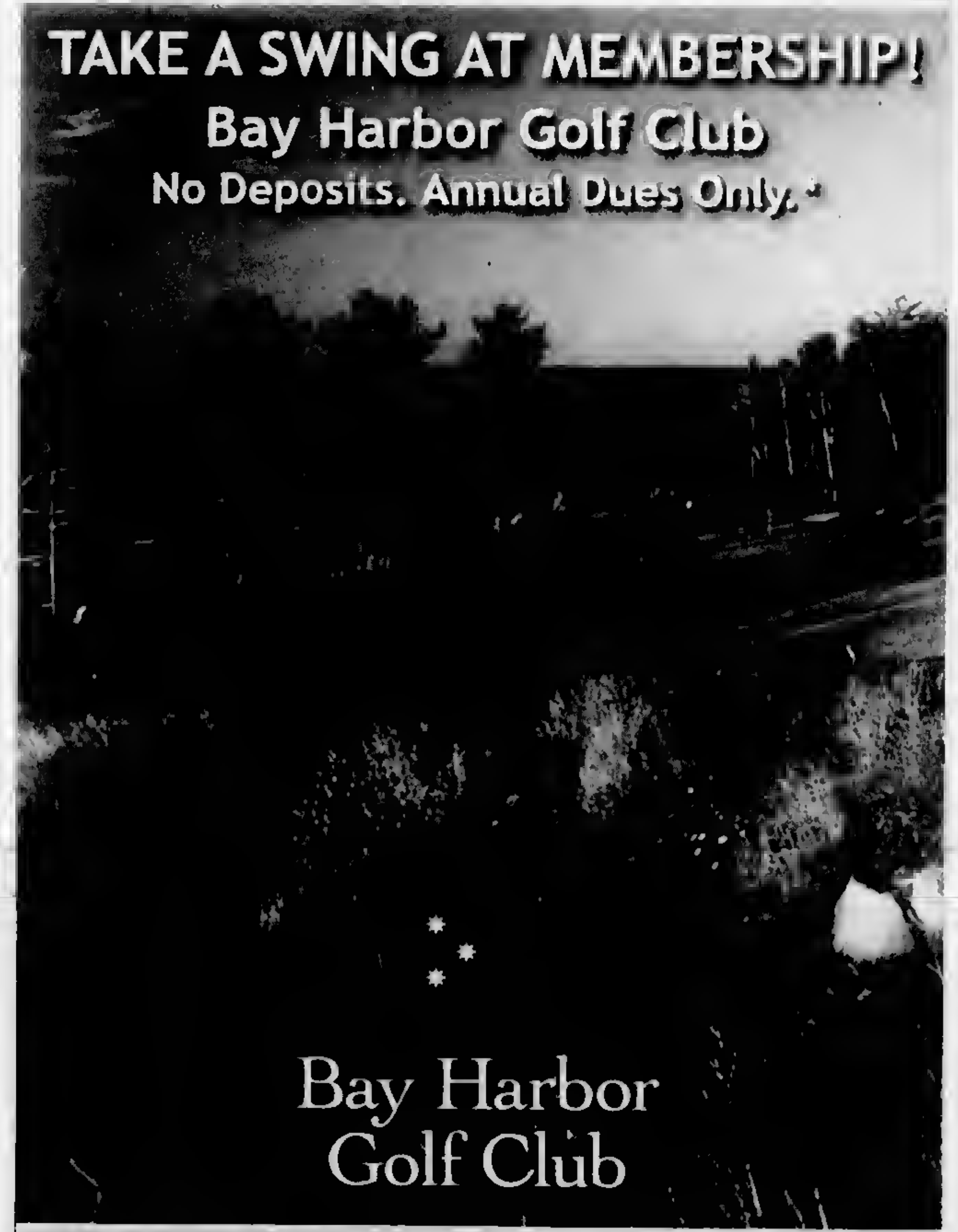

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24th Billy BOB Century Cup
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Tennis champs

Charlevoix resident Bruce MacArthur recently won the 24th Annual Billy BOB Century Cup Tennis Tournamant at the South Beach Racquet Club In Hilton Head Island, S.C. Here MacArthur (left) poses with his certificata of achievment and Dwight Hunting, MacArthur's partner. MacArthur, 87 years old and still going, also won this tournament last year.

Photo by Ron Abfalter

Surf's up

Ron Abfalter took this photos of a spring surfer on April 26 in North Point.

Photo by Pam (Boss) Beatty

Former Rayder winning in Florida

Chase Beatty placed first in the high jump, clearing 6'2" at the Barron Collier Congar Challenge in Naples, Fla. He took second place at the class 1A Regional Finals, clearing 6'4" and went on to the state track finals where he placed ninth under the stress of injury. Chase plans to attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando in the fall where he will study Business Administration and Finance.

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Annual Blossom Festival
Saturday, May 17th
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MAY

Boater safety

Boating safety classes scheduled for the following dates:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 31 at Charlevoix Yacht Club
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 28 at Walloon Lake Country Club, Grandma's
- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 7 at Boyne City Middle School
- 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 14 at East Jordan District Library
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 2 at Walloon Lake Country Club

The proctored exam times follow:

- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 7 at Boyne City Middle School
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 14 at East Jordan District Library

This is only for those who have an on-line boating safety certificate. The class is free of charge and pre-registration is not required.

Minimum age for class attendance is 12 years of age. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time.

Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course. If you currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, you must take a proctored test and receive a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors online course completed certificates that have been verified by a proctored Michigan exam.

Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals: born after Dec. 31, 1978 to operate a personal watercraft (PWC) or jet ski; for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat; and for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a PWC. A Parent must be riding with the child during operation.

For further questions, call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at 547-4461, extension 320.

Charlevoix fishery station open house

The staff of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station invites the public to visit the Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 12 at 96 Grant St. at the south side of Pine River channel, near Michigan Beach.

The program will include an overview of Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station Lake Michigan research programs and status of Lake Michigan fish populations, results from Charlevoix area creel/charter boat surveys, an overview of Central Lake Michigan Management Unit activities and management plans in addition to a question and answer session and tour of fisheries station.

All persons interested in attending are requested to RSVP by May 9 to Cathy Sullivan, 547-2914. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should indicate as such when contacting the station. All requests will be accommodated. If you have additional questions concerning this meeting, or suggestions for topics you would like to see addressed, please contact Dave Clapp at 547-2914, ext. 237.

Mother's Day Brunch
May 11, 2008
from 10am 'til 4pm
$16.95 Adult • $8.95 Children • Children under 4 FREE
FEATURING:
- Omelet Station
- Belgian Waffle Station
- [illegible]
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- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Fresh Vegetable Medley
- Island Cajun Rice
- Carved Beef & Ham
- Fried Chicken
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Mail carriers help food banks

Letter carriers will tote heavier loads on May 10 when they gather food donations for the needy from Michigan families.

"Stamp Out Hunger," a program of the National Association of Letter Carriers, is the nation's largest single-day food drive, collecting more than 765 million pounds of food since its inception in 1993.

To help, families can leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable food such as canned soup, vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal next to the mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery. Food items should be in non-breakable containers such as boxes and cans. Local letter carriers will deliver them to regional food banks which distribute food to local pantries, shelters and soup kitchens throughout the state.

"With increasing food and fuel prices, fewer families have the resources to feed themselves," said Food Bank Council of Michigan Interim Executive Director Bill Long. "The same costs have increased for every food bank and food pantry in the state, making it more difficult to collect and transport food in the face of rising demand and decreasing donations."

The 2007 drive delivered 70.7 million pounds of non-perishable food items to families across the country.

The Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM) is a statewide organization committed to the alleviation of hunger. FBCM gathers food and funds to help stock Michigan's member food banks, which serve people in all 83 counties. It provides a central, single voice to the issue of hunger, statewide leadership and education about the need for food and food security.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

Special Joint City Council/Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting - Synopsis

April 28, 2008
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority met on the above date

City Council Members Present: Lyle Gennett, Dennis Kusina, Greg Stevens, Gabe Campbell, Sherm Chamberlain and Jill Picha

City Council Members Absent: None

DDA Board Members Present: Dan Barron, Kirby Dipert, John Yaroch, Hugh Mason, Jeannine Wallace, and Mayor Carlson

DDA Board Members Absent: John Taylor, Patricia Blanchard and Fred Di Marino

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr. and DDA Chairman Hugh Mason.

Charlevoix Public School Superintendent [illegible] gave Council/DDA information on the upcoming bond election.

The City Council passed a resolution designating policy guidelines for temporary stands and temporary businesses on public property.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council/DDA minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

Linda Weller, Recording Secretary

Blood banks need your help

A blood drive is from noon to 5:45 p.m. on May 22 at the Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St., in Charlevoix.

Your blood is needed more than you think. Please make or keep an appointment to give blood this spring to help maintain a strong and stable blood supply.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org.

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Breast Cancer Walk

What? The 14th Annual
2008 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk.
suedeyoungjudyedgerwalk.nexo.com/

When?
Saturday, May 10. Registration at 9:30am and the walk begins at 10am

Where?
Walkers depart from Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix. The walk route is three miles

Why?
Proceeds from the event will benefit the local group Circle of Strength and Charlevoix Area Hospital for the purchase of a digital mammography machine

How do I help?
Get a team of walkers, volunteer and/or you can support financially. Pledge forms are available at **suedeyoungjudyedgerwalk.nexo.com**, and these Chamber offices:
- Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
- Boyne City Chamber of Commerce
- East Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- Petoskey Chamber of Commerce

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Refreshments and snacks will be served after the walk. There will also be a short ceremony to announce individual and team prizes, as well as complete the quilt raffle drawing.

Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk

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ohBOIX!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

- Former Charlevoix High School student Taylor Fisher graduated on April 19 from Alma College with a B.S. in biology.

- Madison McKenzie, a junior from Charlevoix, received the Laura Berghorst Verplank Scholarship at Olivet College.

- Two former Charlevoix students are on the full-time Dean's list at Baker College of Cadillac. They are Bruce O'Connor and Manuel Travers.

- Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, is pleased to announce that Anne Lindley Strawbridge has been invited and inducted into its membership at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

- Lake Superior State University is proud to announce that Meighen Havens, a senior at Charlevoix High School, has been awarded the Board of Trustees Academic Honors Scholarship commencing for the Fall 2008 semester.

Meighen is the daughter of Cris and Dominique Havens. Meighen will major in Human Services.

- Spring Arbor University is pleased to announce students from the Charlevoix area who were granted bachelor's or master's degrees during commencement exercises on Feb. 2.

The student from Charlevoix is Scott Parrish. He is majoring in Social Studies-Elementary.

Share the news!

The Courier welcomes submissions for the Community Calendar for non-profit groups or events. Items are run at no charge on a space-available basis. Deadline is noon Friday for the following Wednesday's paper.

Grey Gables Inn
15th Annual Mother's Day Brunch
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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$8.95 Children under 12
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547-9261
www.greygablesinn.com

Charlevoix High School's College Night

Charlevoix High School is hosting an informal college night from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 20.

The presentation will take place in the high school's auditorium where helpful tips on the college preparation process such as financial aid, the college application process and more will be shared.

Representatives from The University of Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan University and North Central Michigan College will provide a panel discussion for the evening.

For more information, you may contact the Student Service Office at Charlevoix High School at 547-3226 or contact Samantha at 547-3226.

Mother's Day event

Mothers, Fathers, sons and daughters are invited to a Mother's Day Celebration from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. beginning at East Park and ending at the Charlevoix Public Library where refreshments will be served and paper crane folding will commence. The celebration is in honor of Mother's Day founders Julia Ward Howe and Ann Jarvis. Julia Ward Howe was the author of the Mother's Day Proclamation and worked to bring women from nations around the world to work for peace and justice. During the civil war, Ann Jarvis organized "Mothers' Work Days" to improve sanitation and worked to reconcile Union and Confederate neighbors. Participants will meet at 1:00 in East Park, downtown Charlevoix to vigil for peace and justice. We will proceed with bouquets of spring flowers to Hoffmann Park where the Mother's Day Proclamation will be read and meditations will be shared. Activities will continue at the Charlevoix Library Children's Room.

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Slow housing market prompts cuts

BUDGET

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he feels should be $96 per square foot, years ago, but the commissioners would not let him so long as he maintained a fund balance.

Measures taken to balance the building department's books include laying off two employees and raising valuation permit fees from $75 per square foot to $88 per square foot, and the Soil Erosion Office budget has also been taken from the building department and placed under the county's purview.

According to Doty, another major change people will see is the frequency inspections are performed.

"Same-day inspections may not happen as often depending on the amount of inspections called in," he said. "We can't possibly be there the same day like we used to be."

Doty added that more pre-planning among inspectors and contractors will be required to get together for an inspection.

"We just jumped on it now because there's no building going on and it's that bad," said District Three Charlevoix County Commissioner Ron Reinhardt.

The department's financial records will now be reviewed monthly by the building and grounds committee which will report their findings to the county board.

"If their balance gets back up and making money again they will automatically come back out of the general fund," Reinhardt said. "The economy has gone down and, in my opinion, they have too many people working."

He added, "Nobody wants to lay anybody off, but you can't just have people sitting around."

District Two commissioner and chairman of the board Chris Christensen said this move was made to preempt any real trouble for the building department.

"I hope that by implementing some cost cutting measures, the department will learn to run lean and that we'll be able to provide the services people expect," he said.

Beaver Island native hopes to unseat incumbent commissioner

GILLESPIE

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semination.

"I'd like to see more detailed county meeting minutes and happenings published. I don't care if they're published to a Web site or a newspaper," he said and added, "I offer the best ideas for conserving the public's money and making sure it is adequately spent."

As a county commissioner, Gillespie said he was integral in working to get the new addition finished and bring county building improvements to fruition.

"If I say I'm going to do (something), I will do it," he said. "And, I will be responsible for it."

In a recent press release, Gillespie also commented on the nearly $1.5 million Charlevoix County has doled to settle lawsuits in recent years.

"This is an unacceptable situation particularly for taxpayers who elect commissioners to oversee the various departments of the county," he stated. "If the proper oversight were applied, none of this might have happened."

Gillespie added that proper oversight by the county's various committees should have caught the issues before they became costly problems.

"What has happened?" he wrote. "There is no excuse to frittering away public money when standing committees should be exercising diligent oversight on departments and personnel."

Gillespie further stated, "It is time for a fresh start. With the public's support I promise to do so."

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CES donates to MANNA project

First-grade and second-classes at Charlevoix Elementary School boxed food for the MANNA project after the school collected 682 food items.

Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

Charlevoix County Republicans are holding their annual Lincoln Day Dinner at 7 p.m. on May 9 at Mountain Grand Lodge, Boyne Mountain.

The 6 p.m. reception precedes the dinner, which costs $30 and includes choice of prime rib, chicken or grilled Atlantic salmon.

This year's guest speakers include, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, Sen. Jason Allen, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and a supreme court judge.

Contact Susan Flanders at 547-4887 or Linda Wertz at 547-8980 with your entree choice.

For more information on this year's event, call John Haggard at 547-4046 (daytime) and 547-6600 (nights).

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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The debate begins at 7 p.m. and will be web cast live over the internet at www.FirstGOPdebates.com.

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Chair steps down to campaign

Saltonstall

Democratic candidate for the 105th District Michigan House Seat Connie Saltonstall resigned as Chair of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party to devote full-time to her campaign.

Saltonstall made the announcement at the general meeting of the Charlevoix Democratic Party last week.

Bill Lovett, current Vice-Chair will fill out the remainder of her term.

Legislator of the year

The American Institute of Architects Michigan (AIA) announced the selection of Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) as its 2008 Legislator of the Year.

Allen's selection by the organization's Board of Directors is based on several criteria, including dedication to public service, devotion to enhancing the public's health and safety, and for understanding the contribution that design professionals make toward a better quality of life in the state.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder varsity baseball continues to improve

The Charlevoix Rayders had another successful week on the baseball diamond, splitting with the Soo Black Sox club team and finishing second in the Big Cat Classic tournament in Birch Run.

"We need to be more consistent, but we have seen flashes of great baseball," Rayder Varsity baseball coach Allen Telgenhof said. "Our pitching has been tremendous and when we catch and throw the ball like we're capable, we're a tough team to beat."

The highlight of the Rayders' week was their performance at the Birch Run tourney.

Charlevoix won its pool with wins over New Lothrop, 11-6 and Birch Run, 4-0. In the championship game, the Rayders fell to Class A Gibraltar Carlson by an 11-5 margin.

"We had two bad innings all day long," Telgenhof said. "We got ourselves in too big of a hole against Carlson and couldn't dig out. That game against Birch Run though was the best pitching and fielding I've seen this year."

The Rayders took advantage of 10 team stolen bases and five New Lothrop errors in the tourney opener.

Jon Putman threw a seven inning complete game, giving up seven hits and striking out 10.

At the plate, Cliff Jones had two hits, scored four runs and stole three bases to key the Charlevoix attack.

Michael Heckendorn also had two hits, stole two bases and had two RBI.

R.J. Moore and Kyle Jones both scored two runs with Jones stealing three bases.

Ty Telgenhof threw a complete game shutout against Birch Run, yielding just four hits and one walk in seven innings of work. Ty is now 4-0 on the season with a perfect 0.00 ERA in 34 innings pitched this season.

The defensive highlight of the game was Ty starting a 1-6-3 double play that was the Rayders' fifth twin-killing of the season.

Charlevoix managed only two hits, a key two-run single by Moore and a single by Kyle Jones.

The Rayders scored two runs on a walk to Putman and back-to-back errors by Birch Run on bunts by Clayton Mitchell and Sam Balasz.

In the tournament championship, Carlson hit three triples in a five-run first inning and coasted to the win.

Putman provided a bright spot on the mound with three innings of one-hit shutout pitching.

Cliff Jones had three hits and scored two runs in the loss.

Putman tripled, scored a run and drove in two.

Moore, Heckendorn, Balasz, Nic Williams and Drew Largent all had hits. Mitchell had two RBI.

In the game one, 2-1 win over the Black Sox, Largent was the winning pitcher, limiting the Soo to only six hits. He didn't walk a batter and struck out five.

"Drew does a great job of throwing strikes and keeping hitters off balance," Telgenhof said. "He's been a real pleasant surprise for us on the mound."

With the game tied 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Heckendorn singled, moved up to second on a bounce out and scored the winning run when the Soo catcher threw the ball into left field trying to prevent Heckendorn's steal of third.

Cliff Jones, R.J. Moore, Heckendorn and Sam Balasz had hits for the Rayders.

In the nightcap, the tables were turned as the Black Sox came from behind, scoring two runs in the sixth to pull out a 4-3 win.

The Rayders managed only two hits, by Cliff Jones and Jon Putman.

Putman took the pitching loss in relief of starter Cliff Jones.

"Those were two well-played baseball games," Telgenhof said. "They are a travel team out of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. They don't have high school baseball up there so they have their pick of the top players in the area. That was a quality win we had in game one."

The Rayders are now 10-6 on the season and 4-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Cvx Little League results

Charlevoix's Little League, Junior Division, played their season opener against Boyne City on May 1 in Boyne City.

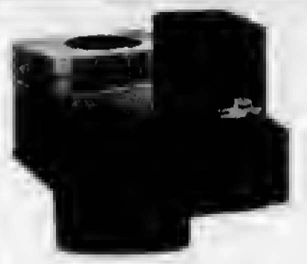
The final score was 13-7 with Boyne City besting Charlevoix.

Charlevoix had single hits by Isaac Klooster, Nolan Ager, Jordan Farmer, Morgan Stewart, River Gauthier and Jesse Drost, while Ager and Will Jeakle hit doubles. Coby Herrimann pitched two-and-one-half innings with Andrew Potter completing the game. Charlevoix's next game will be at 5:30 on May 21 in East Jordan.

Courtesy photo

Faster than the average bears

The winners of the 2008 annual Pinawood Darby in iha Bears class ere (from left) Danny Nesburg in first place, Tyler Fuchs in aecond placa, Kaegen Belfy in third placa and Dylan Frey in fourth place.



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Please patronize these businesses that give back not only to our event but also to many school and community programs. Without their support, many of these programs would not be possible.

We look forward to next year's event. If you would like any information on Rayder Baseball, go to www.rayderbaseball.com

GO RAYDERS!

Earth Day

Photos from area schools and businesses from their observance of Earth Day

These youngsters from the Care-A-Lot Preschool are seen here studying a robin's nest. Pictured are (from left) Ian Clapp, Drew Lovell and Jaxson Kehrer, all 4 years old.

Charlevoix Elementary School second-grade students in Nicole Sierrett's room were excited to celebrate Earth Day. They came to school in self-designed Earth Day t-shirts, wrote a book on Earth Day and even made their own paper. Here Shandelyn Pines and Taya Wilks make their own paper from scratch.

Students of Northwest Academy (left) take a break from picking up trash on Earth Day, April 22. Michelle Utley's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders gathered debris from along Lake Michigan Beach. Hannah Davis (from left) Harley Ward, Jeremiah Utley, Sarah Robarge and Darrius Madahbee were among dozens of Northwest students to participate in various Earth Day projects.

Photos courtesy of their respective organizations.

Harbor Industries of Charlevoix commemorated Earth Day by raising employee awareness about the importance and necessity of energy conservation. Harbor handed out compact flourescent light bulbs to all its employees. These bulbs significantly reduce energy consumption and have an estimated life expectancy eight times longer than a standard 1 000-hour bulb. Harbor's Green Team is constantly looking for ways the company can reduce its carbon footprint.

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The City of Charlevoix is seeking proposals for concessions contractors to provide food and beverage service at the Lake Michigan Beach concession stand located at 95 Grant Street.

The City will receive sealed proposals in the City Clerk's office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Proposals must be received by 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 12, 2008.

The complete RFP may be obtained at the City Manager's office or viewed on the City's website at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. This Request for Proposal may be canceled at the discretion of the City Manager. Small businesses and minority-owned businesses are specifically invited to submit proposals.

In the award of proposals, consideration shall be given to such matters as supplier integrity, record of past performance, financial and technical resources, and accessibility to other necessary resources. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to make the award to the supplier providing the proposal that, as determined by the City, best meets the City's needs.

Robert J. Straebel, City Manager
(L-05/07)

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Melanie Ann Spencley, to Novelle Financial Services, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2002 and recorded June 13, 2002 in Liber 474 Page 52 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2002-HE2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Twelve Cents ($181,971.12) including interest 11.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11.00AM on June 6, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 98, 99, 154, and 155, Plat of Susan Shores Number 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 111, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 10398 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix MI 49720.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated. APRIL 25, 2008

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2002-HE2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE2, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No 08-91813
ASAP# 2747947
(L-05/07/2008, 05/14/2008, 05/21/2008, 05/28/2008)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson,husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of May, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Commonly known as 4990 Sequanota Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 9, 2004, by Wellman Properties 10, LLC, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on June 21, 2004, at Liber 621, Page 238, Charlevoix County Records. This mortgage has been amended by Loan Modification Agreements dated January 20, 2006, recorded January 23, 2006 at Liber 727, Page 591; dated November 22, 2006, recorded December 4, 2006 at Liber 776, Page 094; and dated June 11, 2007, recorded June 14, 2007, at Liber 807, Page 092, all Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $128,830.84; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows

In the Township of Boyne Valley Charlevoix County, Michigan:

PARCEL 1
(15-002-021-022-20)
Beginning at an iron stake at the South eighth corner on the East line of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence North on the East line of said section 342.28 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of Highway U.S. 131; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly line of said highway 220 feet; thence South 69°44'37" West 375 feet; thence West, parallel with said South eighth line, to the Westerly side of Boyne River; thence Southerly along said river to said South eighth line; thence East on said eighth line to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the "West Parcel" as described in the Warranty Deed to the Little Traverse Conservancy, Inc., recorded in Liber 508, Page 773, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3
(15-002-022-009-00)
That part of North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, lying westerly of Highway U S 131

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together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D Wurster (P48708)
Joel D Wurster, PLC
P.O. Box 2450
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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 30, 2007, by Jeffrey A. Wellman, Julie A. Wellman, and The Jeffrey A. Wellman Trust u/a/d March 11, 1994, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on August 3, 2007, at Liber 813, Page 885, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $104,996.90; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

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In the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County Michigan;

Parcel 1, Timber Ridge: Commencing at a 2 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North 00°10'29" East 693.14 feet along the West line of said section to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°10'29" East 625.00 feet along said section line to a 1 1/2 inch pipe on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence North 86°13'00" East 320.00 feet along said South 1/8 line to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 19°05'53" West 676.76 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, thence South 86°13'00" West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West.

TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot private roadway easement for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, described as: In the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as:

The West 66 feet of all that part of the West 330.0 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 33 North, Range 6 West lying Northerly of the Northeasterly line of the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO private roadway easements for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, as fully set forth in Liber 333, Page 785, as amended in Liber 339, Page 961, Charlevoix County Records

TOGETHER WITH Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (North Parcel) Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (South Parcel) and Recreational Easement as fully set forth in Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 333, Page 792, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
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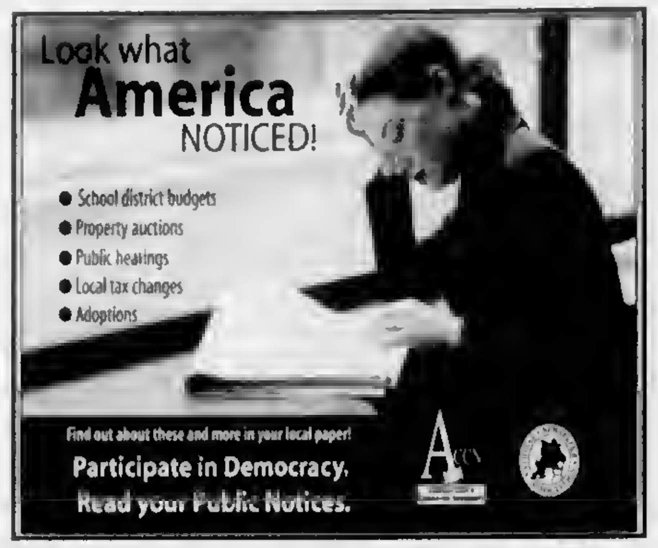

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 13th day of June, 2003, by Michaeline A. Lukas, a single woman, and Robert Williams, a single men, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 8, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 553, page 053, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT AND 76/100 DOLLARS ($72,468.76) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 13, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit.

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 32 North, Range 4 West described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 26, thence North 89°00'48" West along said Section line 2303.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continuing North 89°00'48" West along Section line 159.58 feet; thence North 0°30'32" West 1297.42 feet, thence South 89°29'59" East 160.39 feet, thence South 0°28'20" East 1298.76 feet to the Point of Beginning
Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale, provided however that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: April 25, 2008

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

TONIGHT, MAY 6

Author speaks

Michael Lindley, author of the best-selling The Seasons of the EmmaLee, will be speaking to the Charlevoix Historical Society about his new sequel, On Past Horton Creek, at 7 p.m. on May 6 at the Depot building at Depot Beach. Both novels are set in Charlevoix, the latest one in the 1940s and 50s and into the present. Horton Creek continues the story of the McKendrys, the Comptons and George Hansen as well as the love affair of Alex Clark and Sally Thomason. It also features the return of the palatial yacht EmmaLee based on the magnificent Sylvia which called Charlevoix her summer home from 1930 to 1941 when she was called to war duty in 1942 and never seen here again. Lindley will present a short slide show, give a brief talk about his adventures in the business of writing and publishing and touch upon his family's roots and ties to northern Michigan. The floor will be open for questions and discussion. There is no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served. Call 547-0373 for more information.

MAY 9

Buffet Supper

The Charlevoix United Methodist women are hosting a Spring Buffet Supper, Bazaar and Bake Sale from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 9 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. There will be a variety of salads, vegetable and meat dishes, desserts and beverages. Proceeds benefit projects that support local, national and international missions.

MAY 10

Registration for the 2008 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park on May 10 in downtown Charlevoix.

The walk route is three miles. Immediately following the walk, free refreshments will be served in the park, the winner of the Mary Moore memorial quilt raffle will be announced and prizes will be awarded to the walker and team that raised the most money. Proceeds from the event will benefit the local cancer support group Circle of Strength and Charlevoix Area Hospital for the purchase of a digital mammography machine. Pledge forms are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. Pledge forms can be downloaded by clicking on walk resources at http://suedeyoungjudyedgerwalk.nexo.com. For more information, contact Nicole Kurtz at (231) 330-6060.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. beginning at East Park and ending at the Charlevoix Public Library where refreshments will be served and paper crane folding will commence.

MAY 12

Adult softball

A men's, women's and co-ed softball meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 12 in the lower level conference room in Charlevoix City Hall. All people interested should plan to attend.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's 10:30 a.m., May 12 meeting will have a program on arthritis. Jean McDonough, Diane LaBeau and Evelyn Howell will discuss nursing and physical/occupational therapies as they relate to the disease. Held in the large classroom near the cafeteria, prospective Hospital volunteers and/or Guild members are always welcome. For more information, please call 547-8651.

MAY 13, 15

Charlevoix 4H Fall Soccer sign-up is open from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 13 and 15 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym. Players must be 5 years old by Jan. 1, 2009.

CHARLEVOIX CHILDREN'S HOUSE ART SHOW OPEN HOUSE

The Charlevoix Children's House will host a Creation Celebration with an Art Show and Open House at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. This program is open to children ages 2 to 6. Guided by a professionally trained Montessori guide, each child experiences the satisfaction of skill mastering in many arenas. The mulit-age primary classroom provides the opportunity for the development and refinement of social and behavioral skills.

Children are exposed to a rich prepared environment and educational field trips. French and Spanish are also part of the curriculum

Visit our web site, www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org or call 547-5599 for more information.

The Children's House is located at 8700 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix

MAY 17

Artist Reception

"Reflections of Northern Michigan". Watercolors by Betty Bea Washburn, 4 to 6 p.m.

Mother's Day Specials

Mother's Day Brunch ~ $14.95
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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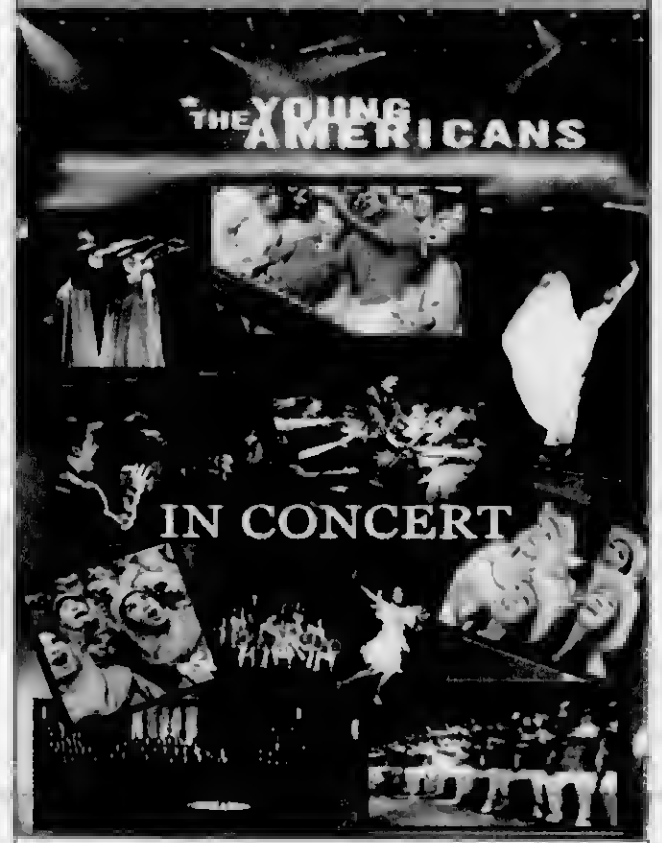

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MAY 22

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar for this next American Red Cross Drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on May 22 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US 31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Please bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

MAY 31

Heaven Sent Adoption Services Inc. will be presenting a domestic adoption informational meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Charlevoix Public Library's meeting room "A." This meeting will allow families considering building their family through adoption to understand the adoption process and ask questions. Call 237-9880 to reserve your seat.

JUNE 4-7

Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix celebrates 25 years of service providing low-cost furnishings, clothing and kitchenware to area residents.

Stop in for deals and special events.

JUNE 28

Artist Reception

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m.

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m.

AUGUST 9

Art Demonstration Day is from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

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SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS —

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The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

VETERANS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

As we talk with the public about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project we have been asked many questions about the history of the property and what we are doing today to address the problems of the past. Here are answers to a few of the questions we hear most often.

Q Was removing all of the cement kiln dust from East Park considered

A: Removing the material was one of five options evaluated in the proposed final remedies for East Park. Ultimately it was not recommended based on environmental, safety and practical concerns. Removal of the material would result in approximately 1,000 gallons of water a minute mixing with cement kiln dust during the excavation process and picking up the associated contaminates from the dust. The water would have to be discharged directly to the lake because it is not physically possible to ship that volume of water off-site for disposal. This option would result in a dramatic increase in the amount of contaminates in the lake. Additionally, an estimated 75 - 80 trucks a day for a year would be required to remove the material, adding associated trucking pollutants to the environment and increasing transportation safety risks to the community.

Q Is there a big problem with mercury in the water coming out of East Park and the Bay Harbor development

A: While there is a trace amount of mercury in the water coming from the piles, the system installed by CMS Land is collecting 135,000 gallons a day, treating it, and disposing of it off-site. The mercury levels in that water are much less - by a factor of six or seven - than what the government considers safe for drinking water. During its short-term work, CMS Land has installed three parts of a proposed five-part final remedy at East Park. Before that work, the amount of mercury going into the lake annually would equal about three paper clips. That's been reduced to one paper clip a year. It will be reduced even more when the other two parts of the long-term remedy are in place.

Q When will East Park reopen?

A: CMS Land recently reached agreements with Resort Township and the EPA which allows CMS Land to complete the two remaining remedies in East Park this year. Resort Township plans to begin park improvements this fall, such as paving and installing benches and other amenities, with the goal of East Park reopening in 2009.

Substantial environmental progress has been achieved. CMS Land continues to work closely with officials to put a final cleanup plan in place that will protect our bay for future generations.

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Buddy the service dog a friend to all

Now nearly 12 years old, Buddy the service dog has been helping everyone from troubled youth to people fighting cancer with his calm demeanor and empathetic personality. *See page 10 for related story.*

Jury says 'Guilty'

BY STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Merriman

A Charlevoix County Circuit Court Jury found Charles Merriman, 58, guilty of second degree murder in connection with the June 2006 disappearance of his brother, Bill.

After more than 11 hours of deliberation the 10-woman, two-man jury returned its verdict at about 10:30 last Friday. Merriman will be sentenced on Friday, June 6, at which time he faces a maximum possible sentence of up to life in prison.

Defense attorney Dan Hartman said his client maintains he is innocent, and is likely to appeal.

The verdict comes on the heels of what is likely the longest criminal trial and one of the most expensive investigations in the county's history.

During the 16-day trial Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema convinced the jury that on or about June 15, 2006, Charles killed his brother Bill in their parents' home on Phelps Road between Charlevoix and East Jordan. Bill's body has never been found, but police found blood stains containing his blood in several locations in the house. The prosecution's theory was that Charles, who had lived with his parents and had not held a job for about 25 years, killed Bill because he was insisting that Charles get a job and start helping out around the house.

"I'm pleased that the jurors took the time to go over the evidence so thoroughly," Jarema said. "They wanted to look at many key pieces of evidence. They took their time

See MURDER, page 16

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Alano Club to rebuild

See related story on page 11.

Some oppose CMS operations in Alba, but what is an injection well?

BY MARCI SINGER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

On March 12, CMS and Beeland Group, LLC of Jackson, received approval from the U.S. EPA to construct and operate a new Class I non-hazardous injection well in Alba.

EPA's review concluded that the well, if built, would pose no environmental threat to drinking water supplies in the area if constructed and operated properly.

A Class I waste injection well is an EPA designation for wells that dispose of industrial waste, municipal waste, radioactive or hazardous waste below the deepest underground drinking water source. The Beeland Group (a wholly owned subsidiary of CMS Energy) Class I well permit allows for the disposal of only nonhazardous industrial waste from the Bay Harbor Site.

"EPA's role is to evaluate permit applications and to regulate the construction and operation of the injection well to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. In reviewing the permit ap-

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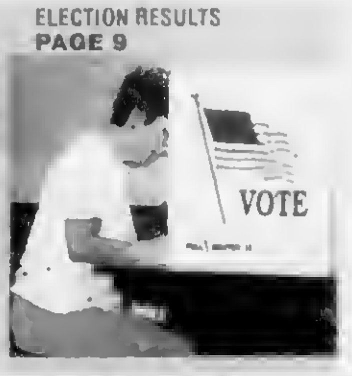

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Aaron Joseph Thorne, 30, Boyne Falls. Assault and battery. Serve 10 days of community service work; pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Brian Duane Howes, 46, Ellsworth. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve three days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $880 in fines and costs

William Robert Werner, 47, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Serve 60 days on electronic monitoring device; 229 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,580 in fines and costs.

Jacqueline Marie Wilson, 23, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve six months on probation, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Lee Zeitler, 25, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

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Woody's Painting and Maintenance, 496 Clarke St., Boyne City, by Elwood L. Howard

Home Chore 318 North St., Boyne City, by Robert E. Lee

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Riley Thomas Wemigwase weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 26 to Josh Wemigwase and Alivia Peters of Alanson. His grandparents are Tom Peters of Traverse City, Beatrice Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, Odemin Wayne Wemigwase of Wolverine, and Mary Wemigwase of Petoskey. His great-grandparents are Calvin and Lillian Peters of Charlevoix.

Matthew William Solomon weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 29 to Joseph and Ann Solomon of Charlevoix. His siblings are Hannah and Evan. His grandparents are Lois and the late William Furtaw of Rogers City, Dianne Dauser of Grandville, and Jerry and Chery Solomon of Rockford

Nicholas Eduardo Rogacheski weighing 8 pounds was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 29 to Miriam and Osmarino Rogasheski of Charlevoix. His sibling is Nathalia. His grandparents are Luis Rogacheski and Izolina Matozo Rogasheski. His great-grandparents are Virgilio Machade and Reni T. Chagas Machade.

Clark Aimsley Tarachas weighting 5 pounds 12 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 30 to Jamie and Katie Tarachas of Petoskey. His siblings are Lily and Lucy. His grandparents are Mary Jo Clark of Petoskey, Charles Clark of Eagle and Bill and Bo Tarachas of Linwood. His great-grandparent is Roland Simpson of Lansing.

Rilynn Janelle Crandall weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 30 to Jessica and Dustin Crandall of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Andrew and Logann.

Madeline Harper Johnecheck weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 30 to Matt Johnecheck and Taryn Simon of Boyne City. Her sibling is Kaylee Simon. Her grandparents are Cindy and Steve Johnecheck of Boyne City, Judith Kolp of East Jordan and William Spencer of Houghton Lake.

Ledah Paige Barnes weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on April 30 to Solon and Neila Barnes of Central Lake. Her siblings are Temperance, Chris, Graig, Rosa, Morgan, Neil, and Billie Jean. Her grandparents are Bill and Jean Shafer and Linda Barnes.

Owen Gerald Welsh weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 5 to Owen and Emily Welsh of East Jordan. His sister is Madeline. His grandparents are Laurie and Richard Hodgson of Charlevoix, Bill and Karen Murray of West Bloomfield and Mark and Susie Kettner of Jackson. His great-grandparents are Hugh and Marianne Murray of Mackinaw City and Patricia and Gus Halquist of Boston, Mass.

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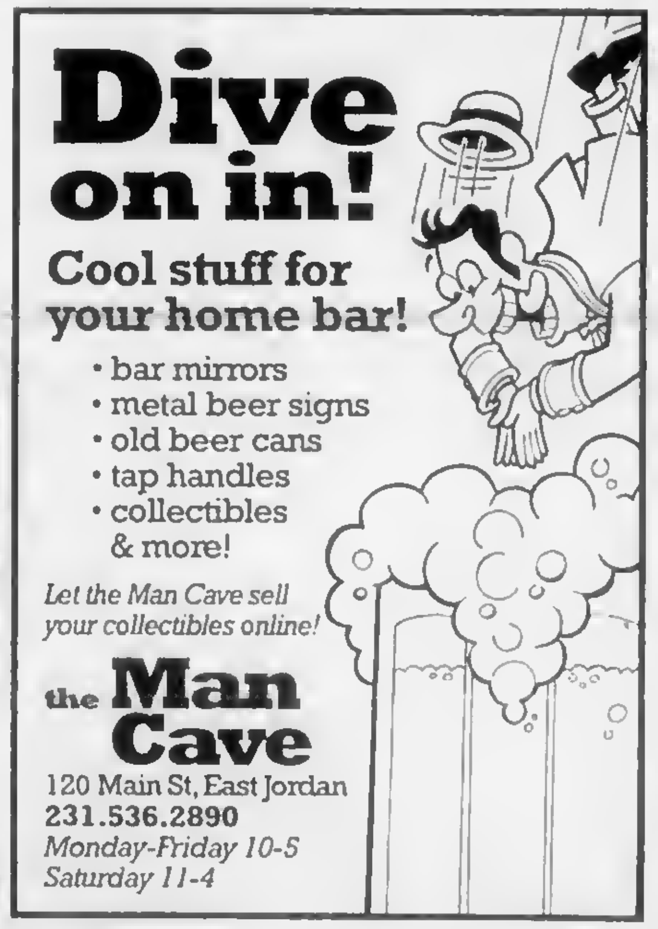

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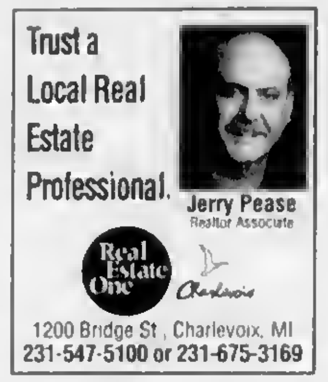

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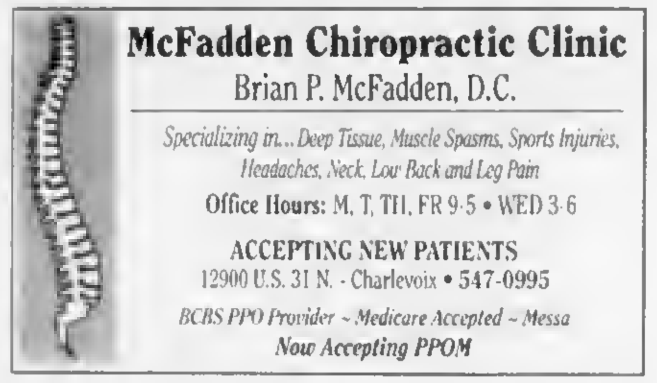

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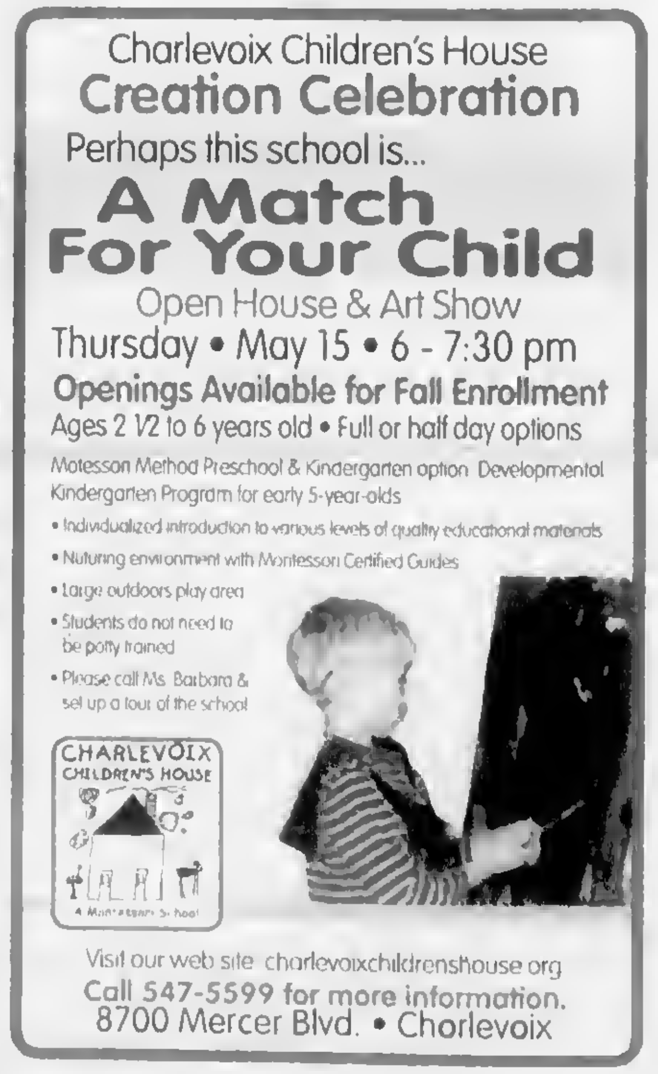

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Proposed Beeland Group well first of its kind in Antrim county

WELL

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plication EPA has determined that the Beeland well can operate safely and does not threaten public health or the environment," said William Bates, environmental scientist with the underground injection control branch of the U.S. EPA, Region 5. "This injection zone does not interact with any water bodies on the surface or any underground sources of drinking water."

Class I wells

Although there are roughly 550 Class I wells in the United States, currently there are no Class I wells in Antrim or Emmet counties. However, there are approximately 150 active Class II wells. Many of these wells inject liquid waste into the same underground layer of rock as the Beeland Group well will.

There are about 110 wells, including both production and Class II injection wells, within a two-mile radius of the Beeland well site

Ray Vugrinovich, a senior geologist with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), said there are currently 18 oil and gas brine disposal (EPA Class II wells) in Charlevoix County, 50 Class II wells in Antrim County and no disposal wells of any kind in Emmet County. There are no industrial waste disposal (EPA Class 1) wells in any of the counties listed. The closest nonhazardous Class I injection well in operation is in Otsego county. There is also a Class 1 injection well in Montmorency County and one in Wexford County. The oldest non-oil and gas disposal well currently in use was drilled in 1949; the newest was drilled in 2003.

"The other wells in the area are primarily gas wells, producing from the Antrim shale," Vugrinovich said. "In Star Township in particular, there are 240 gas wells, all of which have been drilled since 1989. Additionally there are seven active oil and gas brine disposal wells in Star Township, dating from about the same time as the gas producing wells."

The senior geologist said there are no wells in Emmet County because there has not been extensive oil and gas exploration there.

"Only 29 wells have been drilled for oil and gas in Emmet county, all of them dry holes. Thus there has never been a need for oil and gas brine disposal wells," he said. "For reasons best known to the businesses of the county, none have ever chosen to drill an EPA class 1 disposal well."

Vugrinovich said the Beeland Group chose the Alba site after a review of available data from injection wells in the Antrim, Emmet and Charlevoix tri-county area.

"The number of wells successfully disposing of oil and gas field brine into the Dundee limestone in Antrim County suggests that the Dundee limestone will serve as a suitable disposal zone," he said. "The Dundee limestone is in addition overlaid by 80-100 feet of Bell shale in Antrim County which will serve to confine the injected liquid to the Dundee limestone."

Because the geology at Bay Harbor is poorly known below a few hundred feet, Vugrinovich said the Beeland Group determined that drilling a deep injection well there poses a larger — and apparently unacceptable — risk of the well not being usable.

Geology Suitable for Injection

According to the EPA, because the geology of the Gulf Coast and the Great Lakes areas is best suited for Class I wells, most of these wells are found in these regions. Nonhazardous industrial disposal wells operate in 19 states. There are 26 active nonhazardous Class I wells in Indiana and Michigan.

"Based upon an evaluation of the available geological information, the proposed injection zone has sufficient ability to accept the wastewater and the confining zone of rock will prevent the fluid from moving upward into a source of usable water," Bates said.

The EPA classifies Class I injection as a safe means to remove waste from the surface environment by isolating it deep underground, away from drinking water resources. Class I injection wells inject far below the deepest underground source of drinking water. Injection zones typically range from 1,700 to more than 10,000 feet below the surface. In the area of the proposed well, the lowest known underground source of drinking water is 900 feet below ground level. The injection zone is separated from sources of drinking water by impenetrable "cap" rock called the confining layer, along with additional layers of rock that separate the injection layer from drinking water.

"A source of ground water above the injection zone is currently used as drinking water for the community, however, the water within the injection zone is not usable as drinking water because it has a high concentration of salts and other substances," Bates said. "The well will also be constructed and operated so that the wastewater that is injected will not be able to interact with any known source of drinking water."

Federal Safeguards

EPA has the authority to require Beeland Group/CMS to manage its wastewater and dispose of the wastewater in a safe manner that complies with the law. Before EPA regulated underground injection wells there were several incidents where injection wells leaked. Since EPA began regulating them there has not been a documented case of an injection well contaminating an underground source of drinking water.

Every Class I well must also have a permit to operate. Each permit is valid for up to 10 years. Owners and operators of Class I wells must meet specific requirements to obtain a permit. These requirements address the construction, operation, monitoring and testing, reporting and record keeping and closure of Class I wells. Permits can be renewed every 10 years.

"In this case, the Beeland Group is required to send EPA monthly chemical analyses of the injected materials. Because this is a nonhazardous well permit, if any analysis shows the waste is hazardous they would be violating the permit," Bates said.

State Regulatory Authority

Michigan Department of Environment Quality's role regarding injection wells is similar to EPA except that MDEQ implements state law. In addition, MDEQ is responsible for the surface facility that will be associated with the injection well

"The MDEQ does not promote or discourage the use of deep well injection," Vugrinovich said. "The decision to use a deep injection well is made by an applicant for a permit after that applicant determines that deep well disposal will best serve its needs."

During and after the drilling of a well such as that proposed for Alba, Vugrinovich said OGS staff make periodic inspections.

"When the drilling is completed, certain testing is required to determine that the well can be used for injection. That testing is witnessed by OGS staff," he said. "When the well is in operation, regular mandated testing is witnessed by OGS staff and periodic inspections are made."

Permittees are required to monitor injection pressures and volumes and report those daily numbers to OGS on a form called a monthly operating report that records daily information for injection pressures and volumes. The reports submitted are reviewed by OGS staff who follow up with the permittee if there are discrepancies or unusual pressure or injection rate measurements.

"There are no cases of groundwater or surface water or soil contamination caused by the operation of class 1 disposal wells," said the senior geologist. "From time to time, the wells need repair. Because of the monitoring requirements, problems with the well are caught before there is any impact to the environment."

He said in general, the public is not notified when a well needs repair or routine testing or maintenance, but that those records, as well as all records of monitoring for disposal wells, are public documents and are available to anyone requesting them.

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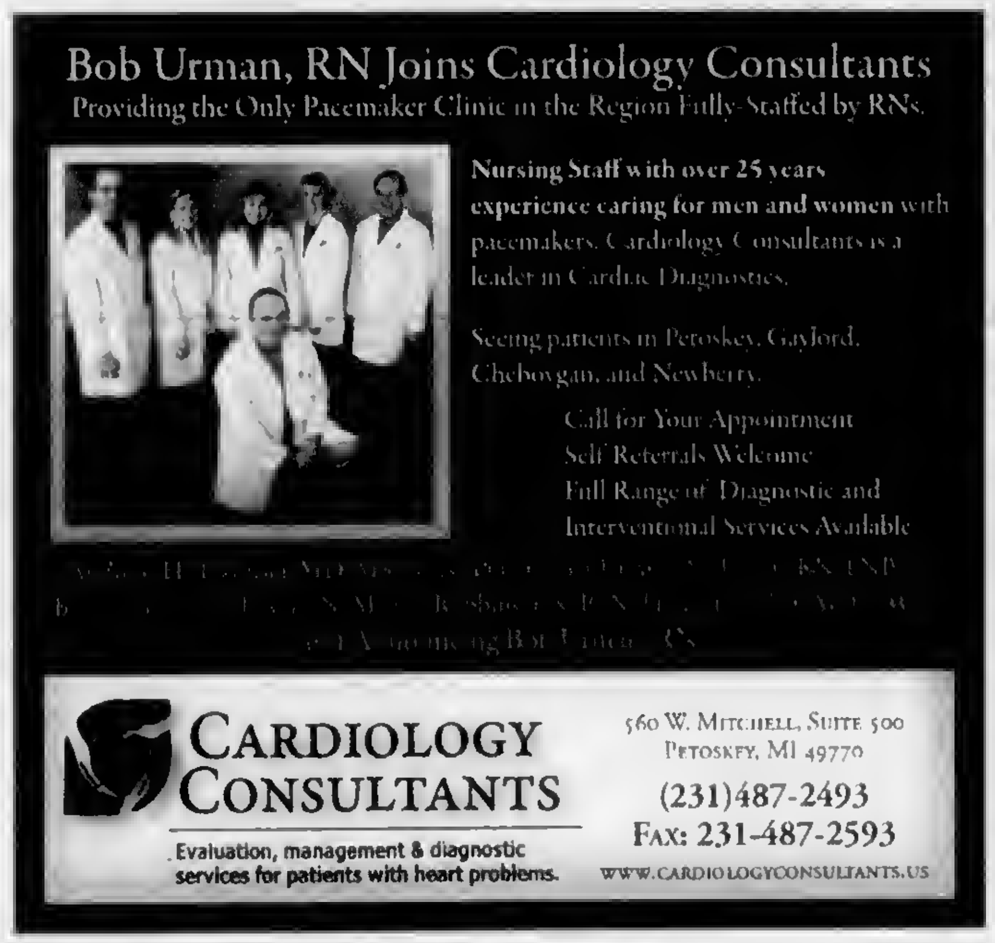

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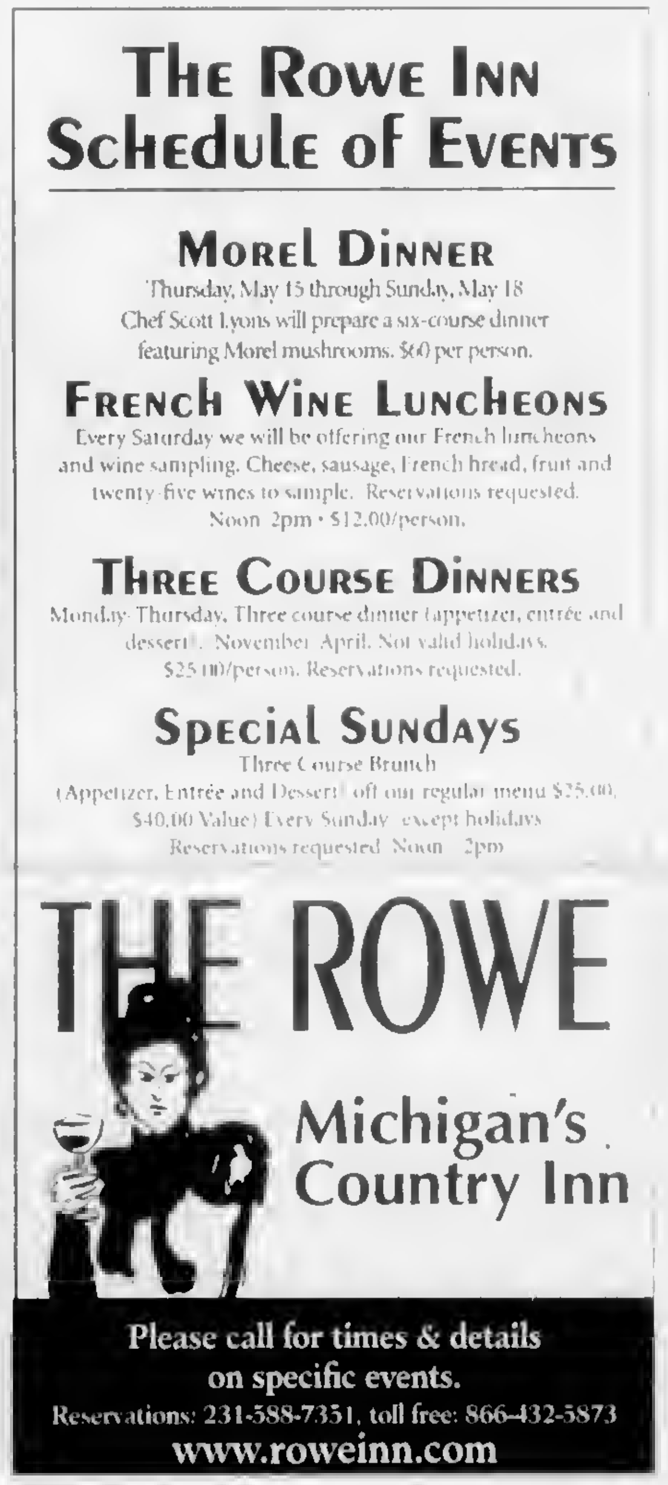

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A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

With every birthday, as I blew out my candles, the wish was always the same, please let me have a horse. Each request brought the same answer, "When you get a good job and are settled you can buy one on your own."

When I was seven, mom gave birth to my little brother and I remember how disappointed I was when my parents returned home with a baby boy and not a four legged friend for me. Years eventually flew by and when I landed my first teaching job, that very first paycheck was used for rent, food, and my first horse. The leaves were starting to turn and with the cool crisp air it was easy to find a farmer quick to dispense with one more mouth to feed over the winter months. My experience in the horse realm was nothing more than paying the man in charge for a ride on a furry, unkempt horse in a beat up farmyard with poor fencing and run down barns. It may come as no surprise that my first steed upon further inspection was actually part horse and part mule, but he was mine and it was the best one hundred dollars I'd ever spent. Not having any formal training I spent my weekends at Northville Downs, the Detroit Raceway Course and horse farms in South Lyon. I stood out like an Amazon woman next to my new found friends who spoke broken English but were fun to learn from.

Moving to Northern Michigan meant purchasing new horses and the acquisition of a horse as a gift from the farm where I helped exercise the ever-active full-blooded horses that would eventually show, place or win. In 1979 Spectacular Bid won the Kentucky Derby and a bloodline relative, Bid-A-Ban was now in my pasture. He was gelded, groomed and removed from the race scene due to an injury that occurred in the barn resulting in many stitches around his facial area. Thoroughbreds have tons of energy. Trying to keep them from running and acting out is like telling a hyper child to sit still. I will readily admit I enjoyed my time spent watching horse races and jumping up and down yelling for my favorite horse to cross the finish line.

Even during that chapter of my life, I was aware of over-breeding practices, drugging horses and watching a few horses run that really needed a break. Being young and not knowing any better, I kept quiet. Age and wisdom have caught up which enables me to speak my mind about this recent situation with Eight Belles and her demise on the track. Young horses are run with immature bone structures. Young children who are exercised too much will experience knee and ankle problems as well. The amount of time spent doing a repetitive exercise will eventually cause damage. Eight Belles was more than likely experiencing bruised ankles after running nine previous races. She did not have enough time to recover.

There is talk about replacing the dirt track with a Polytrack surface. Prior to changing to a synthetic track the Del Mar Race Track in San Diego tolled 55 horse deaths from the years 2004 to 2006. After replacing the dirt with Polytrack, the San Diego Union Tribune reported a significant drop in injuries. What isn't mentioned is the number of soft tissue injuries that have occurred resulting in horses being euthanized at a later date. The Polytrack may work in California but with the colder temperatures in the East Coast the surface again changes to dangerous. Race horses who have become accustomed to running on a synthetic track will run at a slower speed when they run on a track covered in dirt. This may cause trainers and owners to become frustrated by the horses' performance. If you breed for speed you eventually will have horses that do not have the stamina to undergo this constant regime of running. As long as trainers are paid very well for the horse's performance, horse racing will continue with very few changes.

I listened intently to Eight Belles trainer as he mentioned how a horse left in the field or in the wild will incur more injuries. I did own horses that would run through or jump a fence and become injured because of their own behavior and not because a human was making a choice for them. Fortunately none of my horses' actions resulted in my putting them down. Accidents occur in life and that's why they are called accidents. He was right when he said the horses love running, and so does the cross country team, but my guess is the coach has them rest and will not have them compete if they are not well or have a bruised ankle or a pulled tendon. Giving an animal a drug in order to compete isn't helping the animal, only someone's pocket book. Money and speed will always equal greed in my opinion. Allowing things to continue as they are without change is unthinkable and abusive. Since this incident has spurred new interest in what takes place in horse racing, now is the time to make those changes. Horses, like humans, are one of God's beautiful creatures, and when you give them what they need, they will give you their heart in return. It's time to heal the hearts of our racing thoroughbreds.

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Mike

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Le State, leave Le Griffon explorers alone

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

My old mother used to tell me patience is a virtue, but no amount of cliches could soothe my impetuous soul.

In my experience, good things do not come to those who wait. All 'those who wait' get for their virtuous behavior is a lifetime of sitting in lobbies sipping bad coffee from small paper cups.

This all brings us to the latest target of my ire: the State of Michigan. You didn't really think you were going to get a morality tale about how I learned to be patient, did you?

Sure the state has angered me in the past with its oppressive legislation, absurd laws and inability to competently balance a budget, but when they start spending our money and years worth of man-hours fighting a private citizen, I get peeved: I mean talking-about-myself-in-third-person-angry.

Gohs is getting real sick and tired of the state officials trying to prevent Steve Libert, head of the expedition to find 17th century ship Le Griffon, from reaching his goal.

Let us pretend for a moment our fine state had a budget overflowing with discretionary spending, even then they would have no business trying to sabotage citizen salvors.

No mere mercenary treasure hunter, Libert spent his own money for three decades searching for this vessel, and he has every intention of seeing its artifacts to museums.

Instead of working with Libert to realize all the cultural and financial good which would come from allowing his experts to unearth what may very well be the famed ship, the state keeps him tied up in court, works to sabotage his fundraising efforts and supersede federal law through its own state courts.

Two weeks ago Gohs, who is still very angry, wrote an update story on Le Griffon. Gohs made several phone calls and sent several e-mails to the Michigan Attorney General's office. Per an AG's office request Gohs even sent a list of questions via e-mail to their press secretary. Two weeks has gone by and still no word from them.

Now, we understand that we are but a lowly community newspaper and perhaps do not warrant the basic respect one affords a tuna sandwich, but even mother dear knows when enough is enough.

Here is the press secretary's e-mail address: hillsr@michigan.gov. Maybe he'll tell you how much of your money the state has spent fighting Libert in this atrocious economy and while you're at it, ask them if they have nothing better to do than stifle what could be the greatest archaeological find in Great Lakes history.

When it comes to Gohs' virtue wish list, he'll take justice over patience any day of the week.

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LETTERS to the editor

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Editor:

Northern Michigan Residents Want Answers from CMS Land CMS was alerted by the Health Department, the DNR, Tip of the Mitt and industry to properly remove or contain cement kiln dust (CKD) before developing Bay Harbor. The CKD was not removed or contained. Today, CKD bulldozed and buried below the uncapped Bay Harbor golf courses, and water saturated CKD in shale pits, sends millions of gallons of hazardous leachate to the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Why has CMS elected to transfer 135,000 gallons of their toxic leachate daily containing arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium, mercury and zinc to Alba, headwaters to the major river watersheds of Northern Michigan, rather than removing or containing the cement kiln dust?

The 135,000 gallons of toxic leachate slated daily for the Alba well is a small percentage of the total problem occurring at Bay Harbor. Why is the Alba well so pressing of an issue, when the only problem solved by this is short term economics for CMS?

Is it ethical for the Bay Harbor Resort to water its golf course and grounds with millions of gallons of water, creating thousands of gallons of leachate that is proposed to be transported to Alba for injection in a 2,100 foot deep well?

Could the proposed Alba well set a precedent for transfer of toxic wastes from down state industries to northern Michigan?

Injection wells have failed and shown migration of toxins at 4,000 feet. Why would CMS pump Bay Harbor contaminants only 2,100 feet below the surface in the heart of northern Michigan's pristine watersheds?

How would the Lake Charlevoix Watershed, being such an extensive area, be cleaned up if there was a failure of the proposed Alba well?

Northern Michigan's economic stability depends on environmental responsibility to our rivers, streams and lakes. Why would CMS Land even consider transferring their contaminated waste to the headwaters of the Jordan, Boyne, Charlevoix, Manistee, Cheboygan, Au Sable and Elk River Watersheds?

If the tables were turned and Alba had a contamination problem, would Bay Harbor and Resort Township be willing to accept their waste?

Help us keep Bay Harbor toxic leachate out of our pristine Northern Michigan Watersheds.

These are just eight of the many questions friends of Friends of the Jordan River are asking because of the intense advertising CMS Land has been issuing in the local newspapers.

Ray Bier
Charlevoix

411 ON THE COA

Editor:

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (COA) discussed detailed plans with County Commissioners on April 2, addressing the 2007 independent assessment.

COA Director Susan Bergmann said actions to date and plans in progress are the culmination of months of effort. The resulting spending plan responsibly addresses senior needs using taxpayer monies.

Key accomplishments/plans: adding full time nurses, aides, and homemakers; eliminating waiting lists, maximum hours per client and proof of income; implementing cross training for in-home workers; providing five-day adult day services; completing a compensation study and increasing wage rates for direct care workers; providing ongoing satisfaction measurement; providing in-home safety maintenance; establishing policy for senior health/safety emergencies; piloting a 'free ridership' program with County Transit.

Many more enhancements are underway.

These efforts involved many dedicated people throughout the community, but much credit for accomplishments in direct care, programs, and adult day services goes to Director Bergmann for initiative and creativity in developing improvements, measurements and new initiatives.

The COA is fortunate to have a $1.9 million investment account for seniors. Information about COA finances has always been readily available, but some still believe the COA is 'hoarding money' and trying to hide it.

Those instigating that view have hindered COA ability to rapidly improve and expand services by creating animosity in the community, forcing attention to unfounded complaints and misinformation, and delaying decision making.

Seniors and other taxpayers deserve the facts. The COA's current budget is $1.4 million. For six months of the year, COA operates on cash less than budget until the senior millage is collected.

Costs so far identified for expanded/new programs are almost $300,000 annually, exceeding the cash balance and requiring dependence on the investment account. This is in addition to startup/pilot program costs, costs of further enhancements, and capital expenditures for information technology and upgrades in senior center facilities. COA monthly expenses, including Beaver Island, Boyne Area, Charlevoix, and East Jordan Senior senior center services, currently exceed $100,000. As the investment account is reduced, COA plans to keep reserves sufficient to operate for eight months in the event of state spending cuts and/or loss of millage income. Eight months would enable the COA to assist senior clients in finding alternative sources of assistance.

The COA is extremely grateful for support from the majority of seniors, senior center boards, volunteers, county commissioners, other taxpayers and many other stakeholders. Continued community dialogue and support will enable the COA to responsibly strike the balance between increased offerings and a reasonable emergency reserve of the seniors' money.

The entire COA Strategic Plan Development continues to be available at libraries, senior centers and the COA office. Questions, suggestions and requests for services can be directed to the COA at 237-0103.

THANK-YOU, CHARLEVOIX

Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to say how wonderful it is to live in Charlevoix. My ex-husband and friend, Martin Fassett, died Sunday April 6, and the support and generosity that we have received from friends

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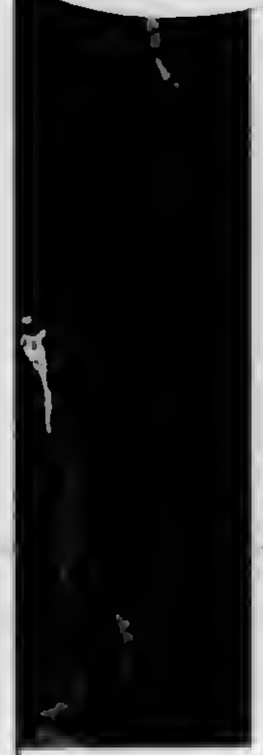

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An Evening of the Arts

Charlevoix High School arts programs will presant "An Evening of the Arts" at 6 p.m. on May 16 in both the high school's common area and auditorium. The night will include a picnic meal, musical entertainment provided by the school band and jazz band, artwork on display courtesy of the art department and the performing arts program's spring show. Dinner and enjoyment of the art and music will run from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the performing arts troupe will present their spring performance which is a series of "Fractured Fairy Tales." Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door: Students 10 and younger, $7; ages 11 to adult, $12. Proceeds to be shared among the departments.

NWA Have A Day

Northwest Academy students and Charlevoix Home Schoolers Take A Day on for their community in Charlevoix County.

Students (from left) Caitlin Donnelly, Natasha Halbart, Jordan VanLoo, Christian Morrison, Huston Mayer and Alyssa VanLoo participate in community service projects at the Ironton Head Start School.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Writer's Group
Wednesdays, May 14, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome

Story-Time
Thursdays, May 15, 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts

Quilters Group
Meets the third Thursday of each month
Thursday, May 15, 10:00 am
Bring your quilt project and join friends and neighbors at your library for this work session

Movement and Music
Saturday, May 17, 10:30 am
For children ages 0-5 and their caregiver. Join Audrey for the fun program that will build confidence, self-esteem & social skills

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, May 20, noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

Things we Know!
Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 pm
Dr. Dave Smith will present recently researched, interesting, fact based information to questions of erroneous correctness or misplaced wisdom in our understandings of ancient history, paleontology, geology and related topics

Computer Tidbit: Internet Tricks
Wednesday, May 21, 1:00 pm
Learn how to find what you are looking for on the Internet – yes, there are easier ways!

Join the Friends of the Library in honoring Charlevoix soldiers who have passed away by marching in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 26th @ 10:00 am.

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Barnard Grange Dinner held

This past week tha Barnard Granga held a progressiva dinner as a fundraiser for deaf school children hosted by Lucille Himebaugh and Jessie Cunningham, who chair the Deaf Activities Program, followed by a ceremony honoring Lillian Left for her community services aspecially on bahalf of St. Mary Church and the senior cantar. The Grange was organizad in 1867 so farmars would hava rapresantation in governmant. Accomplishments include RFD mail dailvery and helping to gat electricity to rural araas. Tha Granga has now becoma a Community Sarvica Organization but continues to represant tha farmers in stata and national governmant. A watering tank was given to Marion Township Cematery. Tha Grange also has a large water tank buried on their property for usa in fighting fires. To rant the hall or join, call 547-9544 or 547-5211.

Rainbow Shoppe 25 years strong

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The Rainbow Shoppe is a non-profit resale store sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. Our purpose is to sell to the needy at nominal prices.

We opened our doors for business on June 8, 1983 with one employee and seven volunteers. In 1985 we moved downtown. We needed more room as we are now accepting all household items and furniture as well as clothing. Successes include outreach with bibles for the incarcerated at the Sheriff's jail. Now we are financially helping non-profit organizations and the needy.

2007 needed more parking area as well as more working area for the now seven employees and 152 volunteers representing ten different churches in Charlevoix. We have extended more than two million dollars to the needy and non-profit organizations as well as clothing to burned-out families. We are now located on Old 31 south of Charlevoix.

We have many to thank for our success – the donors, patrons, volunteers, benefactors, employees and God. This is our 25th year in business. Celebration starts Wednesday, June 4 through Saturday, June 7. All are welcome to stop by for prizes, balloons, specials and refreshments.

The First building was at Antrim Street where Gary Balch has his barber shop which is 100 square feet only and our new building is almost 10 times that.

Many of the volunteers feel good that they have something to do and to contribute their time only 3 hours a month, to such a necessary organization. Some have been with us since we first opened.

Our seven employees are very loyal and faithful. They are always ready to give 110 percent.

There are 20 people on the Board of Directors, two from each of the 10 churches in Charlevoix. Two of these people have been on the board since the business started. We meet once a month.

List of the Rainbow Shoppe giving through the years since 1983:

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Community Food Pantry
Women's Resource Center (for Safe Home)
Charlevoix Senior Center
Dyslexia Center
Teen Center (Bases)
Sunshine Club
Hospital Chaplain Support
Nehemiah Project
Crisis Pregnancy
Youth for Christ
Compassionate Friends
Community Lunch Program
Castle Farms Community Center
Salvation Army Christmas Project
Habitat for Humanity
Charlevoix High School Senior Party
Scholarships for Camp Mc Sauba
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MAY

OBITUARIES

Dorothy L. Kirby: Nov. 20, 1926 - May 9, 2008

Dorothy L. Kirby, 81, of Charlevoix, died Friday, May 9 in Traverse City.

The funeral was May 14 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Michael Tuescher officiating.

Dorothy was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Romeo, to Ward W. and Martha (Meisner) Pollion.

She graduated from Romeo High School.

On Dec. 27, 1947, she married Lloyd G. Kirby in Auburn Heights.

She worked in the Arlington Heights Post Office, and later moved to Clarkston where she was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

In 1978, Dorothy and Lloyd made their home in Eastport.

Dorothy worked with her husband at Michigan Appraisal Company in Charlevoix where she was the office manager for 20 years.

She enjoyed bowling, golfing and cross-country skiing. Dorothy loved music and at the age of 3, she began playing the piano by ear at her mother's side.

She sang in the church choir for many years, and her friends and family will remember all of the musical gatherings in the Kirby home with Dot at the piano.

She was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Lloyd G. of Eastport; daughter, Sue E. (Rick J.) Ryder of Kalamazoo; son, Jeffrey L. (Sherry) Kirby of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Jarod, Jacob, and Jenna Kirby of Charlevoix; Matthew (Cozette) Borgenson, and their children, Amber and Zachary of Grand Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church or the Spiritwood Foundation, P.O. Box 179, Ely, Minn. 55731.

The Spiritwood Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and support research.

Maxwell LeRoy "Scottie" Groves: Died May 7, 2008

Maxwell LeRoy "Scottie" Groves, of Charlevoix, died May 7 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

The funeral was May 12, at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church, the Reverend Timothy Wright officiating.

Interment took place in Greensky Hill Cemetery.

Scottie was born in Vermillion, S.Dak., to Harold LeRoy and Ruth D. (Maxwell) Groves.

He graduated from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

On May 26, 1965, he married Gwendolyn Ann Maxfield in Charlevoix.

They made their home in South Dakota for a short time before returning to Charlevoix.

Scottie was a member of Greensky Hill Church, and always felt at true unity with Jesus in his little church on the hill.

He served as a greeter and bell ringer, and was a trustee.

He was also a member of the Charlevoix Flying Club, served as a referee for men's Hockey, played volleyball, and became a certified SCUBA diver.

Scottie is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn (Lynn) Groves of Charlevoix; daughter, Vicki Ann Groves Spencer of Merced, Calif.; son, Christian B. (Elisabeth M.) Groves of Anoka, Minn.; grandsons, Jason E. Spencer of Merced, Evan P. Groves of Minneapolis, Minn., Caleb B. Groves of Anoka; brother, Gary Groves of Vermillion; sister, Judy (Fred) Steece of Rapid City, S.D.; four nieces; three nephews. Scottie's son Maxwell Van Groves, and sister-in-law, Jean Groves, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greensky Hill United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

George Alexander Tompkins: Jan. 7, 1920 - May 6, 2008

George A. Tompkins, 88, passed away at home on May 6. He was born on Jan. 7, 1920 in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Ottawa High School, attended Davenport College and served in the U.S. Marine Air Corps during World War II.

His beloved wife of 65 years, Elaine (Lewis), passed away in August of 2007 in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Elaine and George had three children: Linda (Ron) Moore of Charlevoix, Laurel Emert of Whitefish, Montana, and Marshall (Deana) Tompkins of Kingsley; six grandchildren: Chaya (Scott) Stoughton of Coral Springs, FL; Eric (Letty) Moore of Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Megan (Mike) Zych of Honor; Pvt. Ian Tompkins of Hunter A.A.F., GA; Chandra Emert of Whitefish, MT; and Cary Tompkins of Kingsley; and two great-grand-children: Sara and Ryan Stoughton of Coral Springs, Fla.

George was employed by Wheeler-Van Label Company for many years in Grand Rapids.

After early retirement, George and Elaine moved up north where they operated the Chelsea Clothe Shops in Traverse City and Charlevoix

George drove a bus for Charlevoix Public Schools where he was a favorite of all.

He was an avid fisherman and woodworker.

He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, with a great sense of humor and a kind demeanor.

He will be sorely missed.

A memorial service was held May 10 at First Congregational Church, Charlevoix.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

singles for christ outing

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church invites all Michigan singles 40 years and over to dinner at 7 p.m. on May 17 at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey St., in Charlevoix.

After dinner we will go to Cinema III in Charlevoix to see Walt Disney's version of C.S. Lewis' "Prince Caspian."

If we get at least 20 singles to attend, Bill Supernaw, the owner sill charge us $6.50 per ticket.

If we get 30 or more the rate will be $5.50 per person.

So bring a friend, relative and neighbor and RSVP to Frieda as soon as possible at 347-3438 at Zion or 347-5747 (Home) or e-mail to frieda@compnor.com.

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

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Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7435**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

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12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	**547-4652**

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
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President: Tom Johnson	487-1661

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Challenge your teen with trip to Colorado

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Whitewater rafting, horseback riding and repelling down rock formations are a sampling of the activities your young son or daughter could experience.

Colorado Challenge, a program started back in the 1970s, is open to any local student who will be graduating eighth-grade through 12th-grade this spring.

"It's challenging. We're very physical out there," said Lawrence Bergmann, one of nine trip chaperones. "Anybody can enjoy it. It's just a matter of being outdoors and being challenged."

He added, "In all the years we've been taking kids there I don't think we've ever had any anybody who didn't like it."

The seven day trip costs $400 per student which includes all meals, equipment and travel expense.

"Everything is provided there," Bergmann said "A lot of businesses and organizations help sponsor this trip or we couldn't do it for $400 (per person), so we're always looking for financial help in that respect."

Other activities include paintball, hiking, visiting landmarks and natural formations such as Pike's Peak, as well as Christian fellowship.

"It's a Christian camp, but we'll take any teenager that wants to go," Bergmann said. "We're not going to discriminate against anyone."

On June 21, the 33 kids and nine staff will head approximately 10 miles outside of Woodland Park, Colo. which is close to the center of the state.

The group will stay in the cabins at Quaker Ridge Camp which lies at an elevation of nearly 8,000 feet above sea level.

Currently there are nearly two dozen spaces open for interested adventurers. The slots are first-come, first-serve.

"Everyday you do something. We're active from 8 a.m. to 11 o'clock at night," Bergmann said. "Some of the kids come back with a stronger dedication for the lord, some of them it just changes their lives."

He added, "With no telephones or anything else, you've got the attention of the kids. It's all about the kids.

Teens, 14 to 19, who take the Colorado Challenge have the opportunity to see elk, deer, cougar and bear.

For more information on the June 21 through 29 trip or to help with sponsorship, call Bergmann at 547-2152 or Dan Lightfoot at 348-2533.

Courtesy photo

Here a young man works his way across one of the many confidence-building events during the week-long Colorado Challenge. Teens are challenged mentally and physically in a safe, wholesome Christian environment.

Charlevoix Schools election results

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Despite the economic woes of the state, the Charlevoix Public Schools bond proposal passed by a narrow margin in Tuesday's election.

Out of the 1312 ballots cast, 55 percent voted to approve the millage, while 45 percent sought to block it.

The bond proposal, which will replace a 1998 sinking fund, will be used for technology and busing improvements throughout Charlevoix's schools as well as some infrastructure improvements to the elementary and middle schools. The vote will essentially dissolve the sinking fund and be converted to a single bond with a rate of 2.89 mills. The 1999 bond will not be affected.

Tom Barnes, a Charlevoix parent who supported the bond proposal, said that the new bond would help alleviate certain financial struggles given the recent economic woes.

"All of Michigan's school systems are in tight circumstances right now. This gives us a little breathing room," he said. "It won't solve all of our problems, but it's a step in the right direction."

Charlevoix's superintendent Chet Janik said he is grateful for the voters' decision and hoped everyone would see the advantages of the bond down the line. "We will try to be good stewards of the money," he said. "I hope that all people, on either side of the issue, will look on the projects we accomplish with this money in the next couple of years as a good investment."

Janik credited the grassroots campaign of education that he and his staff undertook in recent months.

"We were proactive in meeting people and let them understand what we were doing and why we were doing it," he said.

Barnes added that in light of the economy, the decision to approve the bond was not an easy one.

"There's no question this is an extension of the tax and everyone has a tough time voting to increase taxes in tough times. But we needed the alternate means of bringing money in," he said. "I'm sure everyone is concerned with how much money is being spent these days."

Also in Charlevoix County on election day: Judith Ivan, 54, and Valerie Snyder, 38, won their contest for the Charlevoix School Board.

Both Ivan and Snyder expressed excitement about their new positions and gratitude toward the voters upon hearing election results. Ivan captured 33 percent of the vote, while Snyder earned slightly more with 37 percent.

"I'm not trying to change things," said Snyder. "There's not a bunch of hot button issues, so now is a good time to join."

Noah Fowle can be reached by calling 439-9374 or e-mailing nfowle@petoskeynews.com.

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Buddy woman's best friend

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

He was rescued nearly six years ago, but now it is he who does the saving.

Tens of thousands of people of all ages, including cancer sufferers, the mentally ill and troubled youth, have been soothed by Buddy's calm demeanor and empathetic behavior.

"Probably the most stunning situation I had with him was at Munson Hospital in the cancer ward," said Buddy's caregiver Carole Huebotter. "There was an elderly patient walking along and she had four IV carts. She smiled at him and you could tell she so badly wanted to pet him but she had so many tubes in her and all those carts. Buddy hesitated for a moment and then he just quietly walked up there and made his way through and put his nose through so she could pet him and he didn't disturb anything."

She added, "She was just elated. It takes a person outside of a problem or illness. When a person looks at the dog they can feel trust and openness with that dog and they know the dog is not the one who created this stress, the agony, the misery that they're feeling."

Since large dogs do not live long past 12 to 14 years and she has been working as a humane educator since 1991, 12-year-old golden retriever Buddy is Huebotter's second service animal.

"After I finished teaching school, I was looking for something to do," she said. "In Chicago, they wanted a humane educator and I was the first person to have that job. I created programs for kindergarten through high school as well as adult programs teaching respect for the animals, nonviolence, kindness and that their pets are living beings that have needs that are their responsibility to meet."

Back in 2006, Buddy was chosen by the Michigan Veterinary Association to be named Therapy Companion Animal of the Year for his contributions to the well-being of humans.

Huebotter picked buddy up from a golden retriever rescue program in Michigan; the average dog has five homes in its lifetime and only one out of 10 puppies and kittens find a permanent home with their first family.

"At any time there are between 75 to 100 goldens in golden retriever rescue programs in Michigan," she said. "They foster them within themselves (rescue programs). It's just the people paying for this, it's not government, not tax supported."

Purebred golden retrievers can be picked up from these nonprofit organizations for around $200, whereas a puppy of similar pedigree could cost nearly $1,200.

"This is very rewarding," said Huebotter, who is known to thousands of school children simply as "Buddy's lady."

"They all remember his name, but not mine," she said. "He is a wonderful source of comfort to children and an outlet."

Huebotter added, "Kids are more calm if a dog is in the room with them. I've never once had to ask a child to leave the room because they were upset or disruptive. It's like magic walking into the room."

Buddy's lady currently works with the Charlevoix Public Library's Paws for a story program in addition to visiting various schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

"The most important thing is not just to teach care of the animals, but respect of the animals as living beings," she said.

To schedule Buddy to visit your group, call Huebotter at 547-8487.

For more information on golden retriever rescue visit www.grrom.com. For more on how to certify your pet as a therapy animal, visit www.tdi-dog.org.

NWA considers expanding

Stutzman

According to its Chief Administrative Officer Gary Stutzman, Northwest Academy will be offering an open house to determine the feasibility of placing its pre-school and grades K-6 at the former Department of Social Services building.

The public forum is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 17 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 18 at the former Family Independence Agency building across from Bosman's Mercantile on M-66.

NWA has received several requests regarding pre-school and there has been a great deal of interest in the elementary grades. All classes at NWA will continue to be capped at 15 students per classroom. The curriculum will follow the Michigan standards and benchmarks along with specials in general music, gym, art and beginning stringed instrument classes offered by Crooked Tree Arts Center.

NWA will need a minimum of 30 new students to enroll in grades K-6 for this building to be opened.

NWA is already one-third of the way toward this goal.

NWA is a public school academy that is chartered by Saginaw Valley University. It is a tuition-free school financed by the State of Michigan based on student count.

Charter schools operate on the income they receive from the state for each child and do not have the opportunity to levy a millage or bond to raise funds for operational expenses and building improvements.

The upcoming open house is but one aspect of Northwest Academy's feasibility study to inquire about the ability to fund additional upgrades to the property that houses the current K-12 school that is on Hurlbut Street.

The school will propose the addition of a physical education/all-purpose area for culinary arts and seating for up to 200 people.

A "black box" theater that will allow for many different types of performances will also be a part of the upgrades to the current building.

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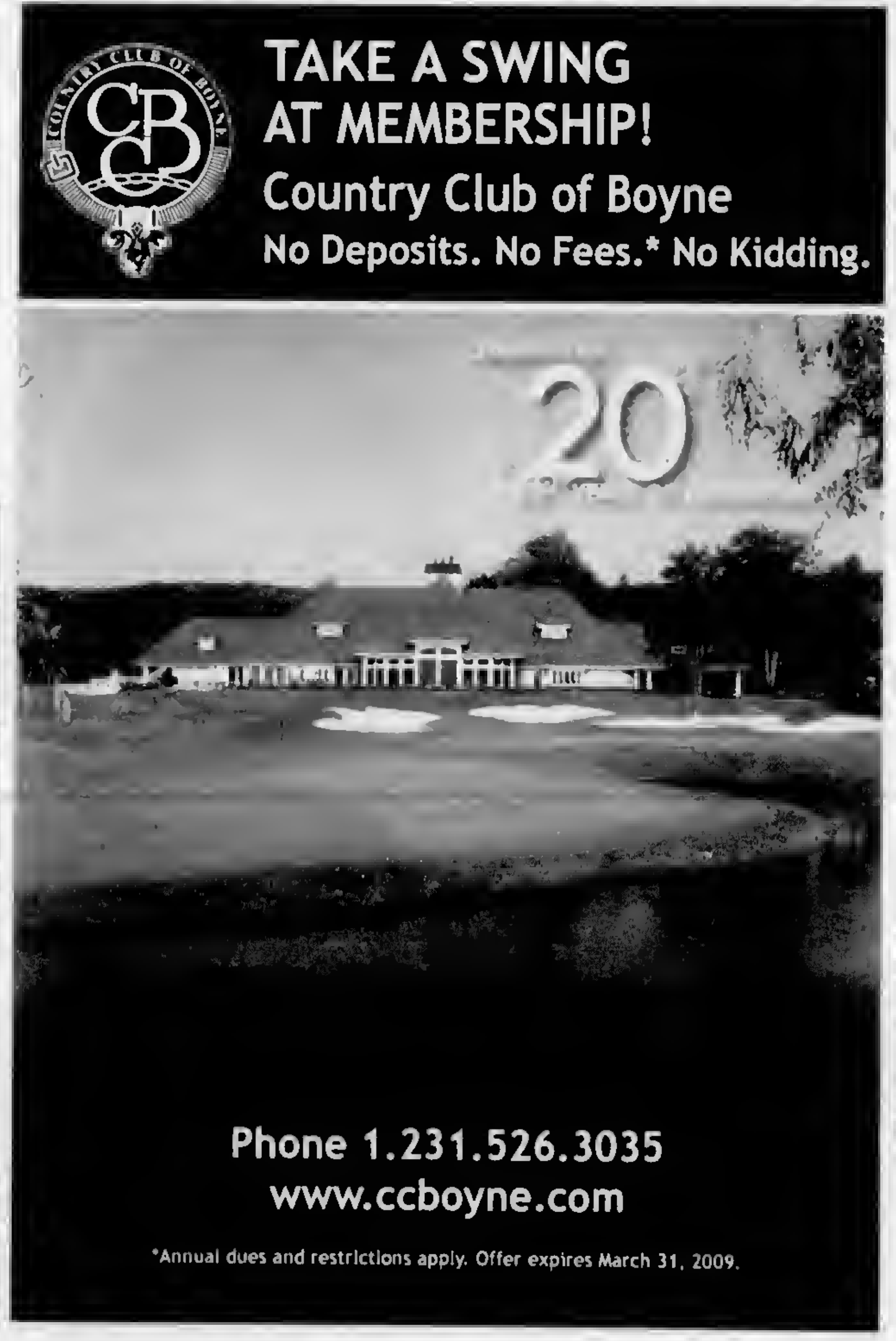

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Alano: first raze bldg., then raise funds

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This empty lot leading up to the Serenity House Alano Club of Charlevoix's rear building once housed the 120-plus-year-old building once used for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The lot has been hydro-seeded for aesthetic reasons until new construction begins as early as fall 2009.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The more than 100-year-old structure lost its battle with a Hitachi crane recently, and the final truckload of debris left sometime early last week.

Now, with the dilapidated fire hazard that was the previous Serenity House Alano Club of Charlevoix's main building resting in a landfill, club officials look to rebuild.

"The plans are to rebuild a new facility one-story meeting room that will better meet our current needs," said management coordinator and overseer of Alano operations Scott Kelly. "Our membership is growing and the back building is adequate for quite a bit of what we do, but for larger gatherings we just don't have enough space."

In addition to a floor plan not conducive to larger gatherings, high heating bills due to outdated HVAC equipment and fears of a blaze due to old wiring prompted members to vote overwhelmingly in April to replace the circa 1880s house.

"We did work with the city (Charlevoix), DDA and historical group closely and we did have a structural engineer come in and review plans in January and everybody agreed renovation would be a costly endeavor," Kelly said. "The historical group was really encouraging us to save it if we could and we did run a press release saying if anybody wanted it we would give it to them to relocate to that site and nobody was interested."

The new building is expected to be nearly 1,800 square feet and built back farther on the lot and closer to the Charlevoix Courier.

"There will be more green space in the front of the property," Kelly said. "We want the outward appearance of the building to be older to blend in with the community and it will be partionable [sic] so we can run two meetings simultaneously if necessary."

Costs are estimated at $225,000.

"Our fundraising goal will probably come in at $300,000 to take care of furnishings, overruns, landscaping. They all add up," Kelly said. "And, we also want to take care of some renovations to the back building so the two look the same and we want to beef up the kitchen area for our speaker meetings so we can do pollucks."

The building formerly played host to various tenants via the upstairs apartment, but that all stopped in 2005.

"We got the renter out of there three years ago and haven't used it since then," Kelly said. "We were concerned with a renter in there of the fire hazards and it was just a big old money pit."

He added, "When we closed it down for the winter our savings were about $4,000."

Anyone interested in donating funds, working on the fundraising committee or giving advice on construction dos and don'ts may call 547-9184.

"Any folks that have experience with building projects like this, if they have suggestions ... we'd like to hear those," Kelly said. "And we've been asked 'who's paying for this?' There was no outside funding. We did everything (demolition) from within. No tax dollars are paying for this."

Anyone who would like a CD of various photos of the Alano Club's demolition may order one by calling Kelly.

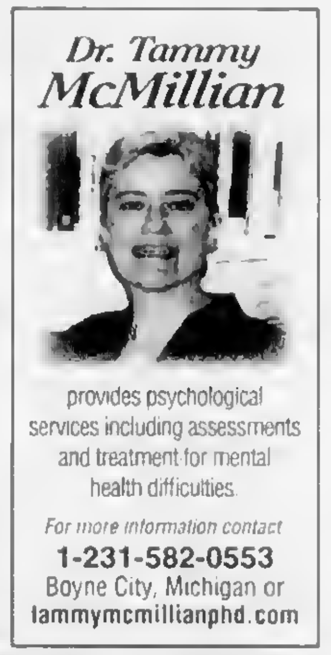
Since 1986 the Alano Club has hosted various 12-step programs including Alcoholics and Overeaters Anonymous and continues to serve hundreds of individuals each week.

"We serve a wide portion of the Charlevoix County area and portions of Antrim and Emmet Count(ies) as well as visitors to the area," said Alano's chairman of the board Richard O'Leary. "We provide a centralized location for 12-step meetings."

Alano Club has no affiliation with any of the 12-step groups which meet in its buildings.

Demolition activities have not interrupted meetings and they will continue in the rear building located at 106 Mason St. in Charlevoix.

The former building's footprint has been seeded with grass for aesthetic reasons until groundbreaking, which may begin as early as fall 2009.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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 729 of 2008

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2008 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix.
Ordinance #726 of 2008, Budget Appropriation Act of 2008-2009 is hereby amended as follows:

AIRPORT FEES

		CURRENT (Eff. 1-1-2004)		PROPOSEO 6-1-2008
Vehicle parking fees	Oay	$2.00		
	Overnighl	3.00		
	Weekly	15.00		
	Monlhly	45.00		
	6 months	75.00		
	6 monlhs premium	150.00		
	Annual	150.00		
	Annual premium	300.00		
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Single Engine	Landing Fee:	no charge	20 gallons	
	Ramp Fee:	$3.00		7.50 /nighl
	Weekly Pass:	15		25.00
	Yearly Pass:	300		
Twin Engine	Landing Fee:	$25	50 gallons	
	Ramp Fee:	15		
	Weekly Pass:	65		80.00
	Yearly Pass:	450		
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	Ramp Fee:	25		
	Weekly Pass:	125		
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	Ramp Fee:	25		35.00
	Weekly Pass:	125		175.00

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Aerial spraying or dusting	$1,800.00 /year
Aircraft charter	3,600.00 /year
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Outside Tanis	10.00 /day/engine	15.00

ADDPTED this 5th day of May, 2008.

Ordinance No. 728-2008 was adopted on the 5th day of May, 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:
Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Councilmember Greg Stevens
Yeas: Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina, Picha
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Carol A. Dchs, City Clerk — Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

Pursuant to the City of Charlevoix Charter, this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

Poster contest winners

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club and art teachers Mary Beth McGraw of Charlevoix Elementary School and Lori Bolt of St. Mary Elementary School invite the families and friends of the recent poster contest to a reception at 2:45 p.m. on May 15 in the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Awards will be presented. Punch and cookies will be served. Where the Wild Things Grow Poster contest winners are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten Charlevoix Elementary School winners are First Place, Jacob Beaudoin; Second Place, Samantha Parrish; Third Place, Cameron Roloff and Honorable Mentions to Matt Kage and Lilly Murray.

Kindergarten winners are First Place, Aiden Zahner; Second Place Dani MIlazzo; Third Place Alexis Wolanzyk; Honorable Mentions to Caity Martin and Alan Peters of Charlevoix Elementary School and Chase Steiglitz of St. Mary Elementary School.

Sixth Grade winners all from St. Mary Elementary School are First Place, Isaiah Sladick; Second Place Justin Pearl; Third Place Erin Stebe and Honorable Mention Alyssa Chomiczewski.

Smoky Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" and Woodsy Owl "Lend a Hand – Care for the Land" contest winners are as follows"

First Grade winners are First Place Mackenzie Smith of Charlevoix Elementary; Second Place Madison O'Leary St. Mary Elementary; Third Place William Sheets of Charlevoix; Honorable Mention Marissa Cordova and Christina Barutt, Charlevoix Elementary.

Second Grade Winners are First Place Kadin McCallum, and Second Place Lauren Kwapisz, St. Mary Elementary; Third Place Eli Levy of Charlevoix Elementary; Honorable Mentions to Emily Chomiczewski and Aidan Flynn both of St. Mary.

Third Grade Winners, all from Charlevoix Elementary are First Place Hailey Simons; Second Place Kelli Wakulat; Third Place Isabel Hess; Honorable Mentions Cloe Winie, Kara Simpson and Helean Keck.

Fourth Grade Winners are First Place Sam Lee of Charlevoix Elementary; Second Place Hunter Randall and Third Place Jonathon Pischner both of St. Mary Elementary; and Honorable Mentions Alexander Kleiber of St. Mary Elementary and Emily Zahawa of Charlevoix Elementary.

Fifth Grade winners all from St. Mary Elementary are First Place Kourtney Putman; Second Place Beatriz Ramalho and Third Place Gloria Greene.

The Grand Prize Winner for Woodsy Owl "Lend A Hand – Care for The Land" Poster is Sam Lee of the Fourth Grade of Charlevoix Elementary School.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, May 5, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the bid from Kenmark, Inc. for pavement marking. $7,279.70.
- Motion passed approving the bid from S & K Cleaning for restroom cleaning.
- Motion passed authorizing staff to enter into a 3-year agreement with Willcome Tree Service for tree, limb and stump removal.
- Motion passed approving the bid from Charlevoix Band Boosters for petunia weeding, not-to-exceed $16,000.00.
- Motion passed authorizing Mayor to sign a grant application for the purchase of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).
- Motion passed confirming Mayor's reappointment of Fred DiMartino and Jeannine Wallace to the DDA
- Motion passed appointing Kim VanMeter as a ZBA alternate.
- Motion passed confirming Mayor's reappointment of Larry Boog, Francis Flanders, and Shane Cole to the Planning Commission.
- Motion passed confirming Mayor's reappointment of John Campbell, Larry Sullivan, and Jeannine Wallace to the Historic District Commission
- Motion passed accepting the recommendation from staff to change the designed plaza areas in the park in order to maintain two trees.
- Ordinance 728 of 2008 adopted, an ordinance revising the City Code to allow dogs on leashes in East Park except during City-approved events
- Ordinance 729 of 2009 adopted, an ordinance to amend the 2008-09 City Budget to increase airport and skatepark fees.

Council adjourned at 8:22 p m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Bossman's Mercantile sponsoring downtown summer concert series

Bosman's Mercantile to sponsor concert series

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is pleased to announce a partnership with Bosman's Mercantile to sponsor the 2008 Charlevoix Concert Series.

With the completion of East Park's new performance pavilion anticipated for late June, series musicians will enjoy the opportunity to perform in one of Michigan's most unique outdoor performance venues as part of the revamped Charlevoix Concert Series.

"We're pleased to be part of this Downtown tradition," said Chris Helstrom, owner of Bosman's Mercantile. "An exciting Downtown translates to a thriving area business community. We look forward to working with the DDA to take the Charlevoix Concert Series to a whole new level."

DDA Executive Director Keith Carey added, "The DDA sincerely appreciates the strong support of Bosman's Mercantile. Their sponsorship will allow us to continue to include talented local acts, but it will also permit us to feature more prominent regional performers."

Earlier this spring, the Charlevoix DDA voted to move the concert series from its original 8 p.m., Thursday slot to 6 p.m. on Sundays and to add a one-hour first-act performer.

Second act performances will begin at approximately 7 p.m., resulting in roughly two hours of music most every Sunday evening this summer.

The new day and time will allow residents and visitors to enjoy two top quality performances each week.

Charlevoix Community Band performances will remain scheduled for Thursdays at 8 p.m. More information on the Charlevoix Concert Series, including the full slate of scheduled performers, will be released soon and will be available on the DDA's Web site by clicking www.DowntownCharlevoix.com.

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Carl "Chilly" Smith, Assistant Boy's swim coach at H. H. Dow High School in Midland will be putting the sessions together and running this three day clinic. Dow High was third in the State last year in Division II.

Smith spent nine years coaching in Bay City before spending five years as the head coach of the Midland Dolphin Swim Club, and then five years as the head coach of the Dow High team.

He took a few years off from coaching when his three children were young.

Swimmers will be broken out by age and ability.

A session for middle school students will be frosm 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., elementary age students from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and high school from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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The 27th Annual Petunia Planting party and picnic is set for 5 p.m. on May 22. Community volunteers will plant five miles of petunias along US 31. Anyone interested in helping should grab their gardening gloves and trowels and find a spot along the route. Block captains will direct volunteers, answer questions and dispense coupons for the Petunia Picnic in Bridge Park immediately following planting. Live music and free treat coupons are also a part of the festivities.

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Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890

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This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act

Courier launches election site

Charlevoix Courier, in conjunction with Gaylord Herald Times and Petoskey News-Review has launched a new Web site to serve northern Michigan during the 2008 election season.

Www.nmsmartvote.com was built for use as a social network which enables members to join and blog, submit photos and videos, comment on others submissions, submit important dates to a community calendar, and create their own special interest groups.

"We see this as a valuable service to our readers," said Peter Comings, online media manager for the three newspapers. "Here, in their own space, they can identify the issues important to them and keep up on the latest answers to their questions." Site visitors will find the site already populated with stories from the newsrooms about various candidates as well as a feed monitoring the latest national political news.

Several northern Michigan candidates have already been approached about participating directly in the site. All candidates are welcome.

Anyone with questions about the site should contact Comings by calling (989) 748-4524 or e-mailing peter@gaylordheraldtimes.com.

Charlevoix county Dems movie night

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will present the fundraising event "An Afternoon at the Movies" at 1:30 p.m. on May 18 at the Cinema III, 107 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

The films FLOW: For Love of Water and SICKO will be shown. This will be the Michigan premiere of the film FLOW, which was one of only 16 documentaries presented at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. The film includes a segment on Michigan about the groundwater withdrawals for the Nestle bottled water plant in Mecosta County.

Holly Wren Spaulding, a Michigan activist and Leelanau County writer, who has spoken out against the withdrawals, is interviewed in the film. She will be the featured guest at the FLOW premiere and reception. FLOW was directed by Irena Salina and investigates the global water crisis. Salina documents the privatization of water supplies around the world. Michael Moore's film Sicko, an investigation of the American health care system, will also be shown at 1:30. Moore uses humor to tell compelling stories of Americans' journey through the labyrinth of medical care and the search for affordable health care.

There will be a reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar following the films at the Villager Pub, 427 Bridge St. Tickets for the films are $20 and include the reception. Please send a check or money order payable to the Charlevoix County Democratic Party and indicate on your check which film you wish to attend.

Mail your check to the Charlevoix County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 435, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Call (231) 582- 0416 for more information.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY
North Side – Monday, May 19th
South Side – Tuesday, May 20th

Charlevoix Township will hold the annual clean up days on May 19th and 20th. Items brought in from outside the township **WILL NOT** be picked up.

Trash must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Trash must be in containers.

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and community is more then I could ever have imagined and never expected First of all I'd like to give a big thanks to Tino, John Fiedorek and the gang for the bowl-a-thon. Sally Nye, another awesome friend, for everything and making Martin feel better days before he passed, Al and Lynette Grams and family for all their support, Shirley Roloff and all of the others again for all their help and support. I'd also like to thank the many businesses that donated in different ways for the bowl-a-thon, especially Mark and Vicky Greyerbiehl. Finally I'd like to thank Dan for being Martin's friend at the very beginning when he didn't know anyone else. Thank-you for being there for him when he needed someone, even when it wasn't easy. We are blessed to be here with you all and I know Martin is finally smiling knowing everything is going to be all right. God bless you all and thanks for sharing and being a part of our lives.

The Fassett family Karla, Joshua, Jordyn and Madison
Charlevoix

HATS OFF TO CONCERT BANDS

Editor:

On April 26 our Charlevoix High School and Middle School Concert Bands competed at the state level in Holly, MI. Both bands did a very nice job and earned a reputable "II" rating. The high school band was virtually as close as a band could get to receiving a "I" rating without doing so. A rating of "I" is superior and a rating of "II" is very good indeed. However, this letter to the editor has very little to do with Roman Numeral ratings that bands are awarded for their musical performances; but has everything to do with the conduct and showmanship that these young artists displayed while away from school and home. Three bus loads of youth, under the direct supervision of Jayne Bennett, represented Charlevoix Schools to the fullest extent. I happened to be a chaperone for this event that began at 5 a.m. on a Saturday morning and ended Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. During this time, there were of course the band competitions for

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Merriman found guilty, second degree murder

MURDER

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looking it over. They did what a jury is supposed to do."

Jarema said the biggest hurdle he had to overcome in the case was the absence of a body.

"The type of investment that had to be done to prove a murder without a body is huge," he said. "That's just the police digging and digging and digging to get the evidence and having a jury that will follow the law; because you don't need a body to prove murder."

Jarema praised the efforts of Charlevoix County Sheriff's office Det./Lt. Mike Wheat, who has spent nearly all of his time since Sept. 5, 2006, working on the case. He also thanked the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners who approved $50,000 to help pay for the 21 days investigators spent digging in a down state landfill looking for evidence in the case.

That effort turned up a blood-stained chair cushion from the Merriman house that Jarema said was one of the key pieces of evidence in the case.

County Sheriff George T. Lasater also praised the efforts of Wheat and the rest of his department.

"As usual, he did a stalwart job," Lasater said. "The taxpayers can be very proud of everyone who played a part in this case. I've very proud to be part of the criminal justice system in Charlevoix County."

For his part, Wheat said the verdict comes as a "big relief."

"I learned a lot on this case," Wheat, who is a 34-year veteran of police work, said. "I'm at a stage of my career where I could retire, but I've learned so much from this case that I feel like I've got a lot to share with the young guys on our department. It's an honor that the sheriff allows me to have the time to devote to this kind of case. He does it because he cares about the community."

Wheat said the investigation and trial was part of a large team effort that encompassed many people from the sheriff's and prosecutor's offices.

"You just can't do a case like this by yourself."

Jarema said this was the first case he has tried using PowerPoint slides to assist in his presentation of the case. He said he believes the technology was significant because it allowed him to show the jury transcripts of the defendant's many statements, to police while at the same time allowing them to hear the audio recordings of the statements.

Jarema said he did not take note of any reaction from Merriman when the verdict was read.

The only member of the Merriman family who was in the court room at the time the verdict was read was their aunt, Joyce Smith, who was one of the more than 60 witnesses who testified during the trial. Jarema said a tearful Joyce hugged him, his staff and the investigators and said "we did a good job."

"This really is a sad case," Jarema said. "Look at how many people this family has lost in the last two years: The mother, father and now two of three sons."

In a statement released shortly after the verdict today, Dan Hartman, one of Merriman's two defense attorneys said he is "extremely disappointed in the verdict."

"Charles Merriman maintains his innocence. I feel that the jury did what the jury believed was right with the information that they had to consider.," Hartman said.

"This case is the first case in Michigan that has resulted in a conviction without a body where the prosecution lacked an eyewitness to the killing or disposal of the body. Only one other conviction, one from California (approximately 1954), provides a published precedent in the entire United States where such a conviction has been sustained by appellate courts – and those facts are different," Hartman said.

Hartman suggested that the case will likely be appealed on several issues including evidence from Bill's computer show he had discussions that made references to suicide prior to his disappearance and "his connections to organizations and events that may eventually solve the mystery of where Bill Merriman went when he left Charlevoix."

Suicide had been one of the possible explanations for Bill's disappearance that Hartman suggested to the jury during the trial.

Hartman pointed to other possible issues for appeal including how the courts will apply the "Corpus Delicti Rule," the admissibility of the negative character evidence introduced during the trial, and the motions to dismiss that were filed before and during the trial.

"While I am both professionally and personally disappointed, I recognize that the system is the best system in the world. I praise the skill and hard work the prosecutor John Jarema brought to this unique situation and extend my appreciation that Mr. Jarema acted ethically and appropriately throughout this long ordeal.

"Charlevoix County is very fortunate to have Mr. Jarema as its elected prosecutor as he is a skilled trial attorney and fair man," Hartman concluded.

Steve Zucker can be reached by e-mail at szucker@petoskeynews.com.

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both bands respectively, followed by a two hour stop at the Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw, followed by a quick check-in and change of clothes into dress-up attire at the hotel, followed by attending a two hour concert at the Temple Theatre performed by the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra. A real treat for our students following the performance was a private meeting with a question and answer session with symphony conductor Patrick Flynn, originally of Great Britain, but world renown as notably conducting Paris and Australian Operas among a number of countless other operas and symphonies throughout his illustrious career. Also, special guest John Schwandt spent a nice allotment of time with the youth following their private meeting with the maestro. John is a nationally acclaimed organist that is in high demand in many professional arenas. The pipe organ in the Temple Theatre that John played for the audience is only one of 12 in the world. In addition, this is but just one of two still in its original condition. Once all of the students were treated to sodas and ice cream compliments of the Temple Theater in the main lobby of the theatre, it was back to the hotel for a night's stay. During this entire time, not once did I have to remind a single student of their manners or proper etiquette. I was so impressed and proud of our local band students for acting as model citizens. It just seems that all too often we read and hear of the mishaps, wrong-doing, and poor choices of today's youth. I am simply taking the time to acknowledge a great group of students for doing just the opposite. You all received a "I" rating in my judge's score, kids. And please remember, though it may be difficult at times, there is never a wrong time to do the right thing. Keep exercising those right choices.

Brent A. Marlatt
Charlevoix

SORRY SHERIFF LASATER

Editor:

I have a number of elderly in my congregation, some of whom are no longer able to perform many of the chores necessary to maintain the property around their homes. I have always been thankful for the Annual Senior Citizen Spring Clean-up Program, sponsored by the sheriff's office and the commission on aging.

This year, however, upon visiting one of the elderly couples, they shared a letter with me from Sheriff Lasater regrettably informing hem that this service was being discontinued. The letter went on to state that the reason this service was being abandon was because of a letter of complaint filed with the Attorney General charging such a program provided personal gain for Sheriff Lasater. This so-called personal gain was that people might appreciate the service to the extent that they would be influenced to vote for Sheriff Lasater in an election.

I guess that is to mean that you (Sheriff Lasater) better quit doing anything that might get someone to appreciate the job you are doing and actually like you. Heaven forbid, anyone should get the impression you care enough about the well being of the Senior citizens and

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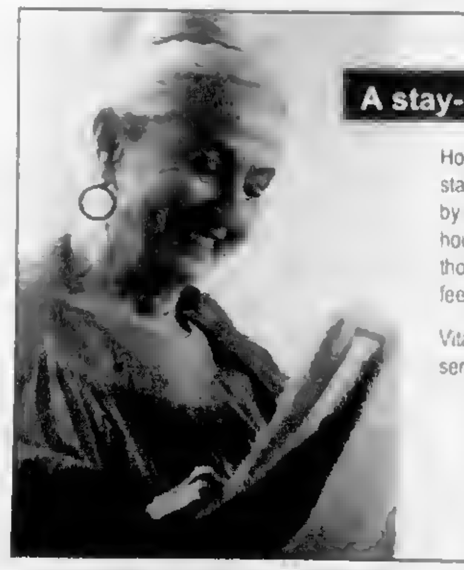

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 728 of 2008

An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The City Of Charlevoix By Revising Section 9.125 Of Chapter 113 Of Title IX To Allow Dogs On Leashes In A Portion Of East Park Except During City-Approved Events

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Revision of Section 9.125

Section 9 125 of Chapter 113 is revised so that it shall read as follows:

9.125. Dog Regulations – East Park Area.

Except as provided in this section, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, no person, who owns, keeps or possess a dog, shall permit the dog to enter on or within the regulated portion of East Park unless the dog is on a leash and is under control of the person holding the leash. However, during a city-approved event in East Park, no person, who owns, keeps or possesses a dog, shall permit the dog to enter the regulated portion of East Park even if the dog is on a leash and under the control of the person holding the leash. For purposes of this section, the "regulated portion of East Park" shall mean that portion of East Park that is bounded by: on the north – the sidewalk to the south of East Clinton Street continuing to the north side of the Harbor Master Building ending at the sidewalk adjacent to Round Lake; on the south – the south wall of the Performance Pavilion continuing in a straight line to the sidewalk adjacent to Round Lake; on the east – the sidewalk which runs along Round Lake between the aforementioned northern and southern boundaries; and on the west – the sidewalk adjacent to the east side of Bridge Street between the aforementioned northern and southern boundaries. In addition, for purposes of this section, a "city-approved event" shall mean an event, festival or activity which has been approved or authorized by the city as provided in the city code.

SECTION 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.
ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2008.

Ordinance No. 728-2008 was adopted on the 5th day of May, 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Lyle Gennett
Seconded by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain

Yeas: Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina, Picha
Nays: None
Absent: None

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For more information on this program, please call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

There is a $50.00 security deposit per unit that will be refunded upon return of all equipment in good working condition.

CHS building trades benefit dinner

Don't miss the benefit dinner for "Extreme Home Makeover" Construction Students of Charlevoix High School.

There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner and presentation of "What Goes on During 7 Days of Extreme Home Makeover," from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 19 at the High School Commons.

Donations for the dinner are appreciated to help offset the trip expenses.

The students will be shown working on ABC's "Extreme Home Makeover" season finale on May 18 at 8 p.m.

LETTERS

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Handicapped residents of this community to want to do something about it. Sorry, Sheriff, no more Mr. Nice Guy.

Seriously, to you who wrote that letter of complaint: there is a slogan that defines the job for our law enforcement servants, it's "To Protect and Serve." Do you understand what the serve part of that phrase means?

Serving the community is establishing and supporting programs and services that will be a benefit to the citizens of that community and yes, to make their lives a bit easier and pleasurable. Then in the course of all that, if their efforts are appreciated enough and people vote for them, isn't that what is supposed to happen, the good guys in office?

Would you ask them to quit enforcing the laws of our community for fear they might do too good a job and people would appreciate it enough to vote for them again?

Many of the Senior Citizens and Handicapped are now going to have to pay for such services out of a budget already stretched to the max, doesn't seem right to me.

To you, our esteemed attorney general, what a disappointment, you obviously didn't think this through and you certainly won't gain any "Nice Guy" votes for this one.

To you, Sheriff Lasater, you said, in your letter to that elderly couple, that you were personally offended by the complaint, as well you should be. I too am offended by the complaint and the attorney general's decision as should the rest of the citizens of Charlevoix. I personally think the Elderly and Handicapped have a hard enough time and are inconvenienced enough as it is.

You have done a great job as sheriff of Charlevoix County and there are many of us who appreciate your efforts to both protect and serve."

Thank-you

To the inmates who worked so diligently: Thank-you for volunteering in an effort to give back to the community and help the senior citizens and handicapped residents. I'm sorry you will no longer have that opportunity to do so.

As the pastor of a Church, many may think it isn't my place to say anything, but I believe we have been silent too long

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder girls' varsity soccer 9-1 in LMC

The Rayders improved to 10-2 overall and 9-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference with their big 8-0 win over Grayling.

Charlevoix goals were scored by Emily Foster, Becca Madison, Ariel Ramsey who had three, KC McCary, Olivia Catt and Abbey Barnes. Assists went to Madison, Madison Way with two, Kaleigh Blanchard, Catt and Hannah Doan. Tammy Potter earned the shutout in goal.

Results of the Monday, May 12 game in Kalkaska were not available by press time.

Leading up to their victory over Grayling, Charlevoix bested Harbor Springs 3-0

The Rayders controlled play throughout, managing 26 attempts on the net to 2 for the Rams but failed to put Harbor away until late in the game.

The Rams packed in their defense and Charlevoix missed on several early attempts as the score was zero all at the half.

Early in the second, Charlevoix went up 1-0 as McCary fed Ramsey on a pretty combination play.

The lead stood up through the last 10 minutes, when the Rayders scored twice – both by McCary from feeds by Doan and sophomore Madison Way.

Charlevoix's defensive speed stifled the Rams long ball attack with Foster and Meredith Rich tracking down Harbor forwards on several occasions.

Freshman keeper Lynzie Gotshall earned the shutout in the net having been brought up from the JV's to replace Potter who was away on a field trip. Gotshall was named Rayder Player of the Game for her efforts.

Courtesy photo

Former Charlevoix athlete winning at Albion College

Lindi Edger, the daughter of Todd Edger and Mary Edger of Charlevoix and a graduate of Charlevoix High School, has completed her first-year season with the Albion College women's track and field team. Edger will receive a certificate as her first-year varsity award. Under the direction of head coach Hayden Smith, the Britons finished third in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Edger contributed to Albion's team score in tha MIAA Championships with eighth-placa finishes in the 800 meters with two minutes, 23.80 seconds and in the 1,500 meters with a time of 5:06.99.

"Our results at the MIAA Championship typify the great attitude and work ethic the team displayed all season long," Smith said. "We had 35 season-best and 20 more very good performances in the league meet." For more information about Edger and the Albion College women's track and field program, please contact sports information director Bobby Lee at blee@albion.edu or (517) 629-0434. Visit us on the web at http://www.albion.edu/sports.

Rayder baseball has tough week

The Charlevoix Rayders had a 2-4 week on the baseball diamond last week, splitting with Grayling and Harbor Light and losing two to Traverse City Central.

"It was a week for us to see where we stand," coach Allen Telgenhof said. "We played some very good competition and while we saw some positives, we see very clearly that we have a long way to go if we are going to make a run in the state tournament."

One of the bright spots of the week was the pitching of Ty Telgenhof who was the winning pitcher in both Rayder victories, upping his record to a perfect 6-0 on the season.

Telgenhof gave up his first earned run of the season against Harbor Light, though, and his ERA now stands at a microscopic 0.14

"Ty has been very consistent all season long," Allen Telgenhof said. "He struggled a bit with his command against Harbor Light but his teammates gave him good run support and he pitched through it."

The Rayders beat Grayling, 2-1 in a pitcher's duel.

Telgenhof allowed only one hit and struck out five to out duel the Vikings' Richie Schreiber who gave up only five Charlevoix hits.

Michael Heckendorn led off the fourth inning with a double and scored on a Jon Putman single. Kyle Jones advanced Putman with a bunt and two Schreiber balks led to the second run.

Grayling beat the Rayders 10-1 in game two.

Charlevoix managed only three hits, singles by Michael Heckendorn, Drew Largent and Telgenhof.

Ten was again an unlucky number for the Rayders in the opener at Traverse City Central as the host Trojans won a 10-0 victory.

Cliff Jones and R.J. Moore had the only Charlevoix hits.

In the nightcap Charlevoix struck early scoring two in the first on hits by Cliff Jones and Heckendorn and a walk to Putman

Cliff Jones scored again in the third and Mike Kras singled and scored in the fourth to give the Rayders a 4-0 advantage headed into the bottom of the fourth.

The Trojans scored one in the bottom of the fourth and had eight straight batters reach base in a six-run fifth to pull out the win.

Central's All-Stater Kevin Krantz picked up the win in relief, striking out six in three innings of work.

Cliff Jones finished 3 for 3 with two runs scored.

"That was a difficult test for us," coach Telgenhof said. "We were playing a 20-4 Division I team, throwing our #5 and #6 starters but I thought the guys responded well and battled all day long."

Telgenhof allowed only two hits and struck out eight in the 8-4 game one win over Harbor Light.

Clayton Mitchell, Moore and Alex Foster had two hits apiece in the win.

Drew Largent had a key two-run single in the first inning.

The Swordsmen's Brent Cole fired a two-hitter at Charlevoix in the second game for a 2-0 win. Kras and Putman had the only Rayder hits.

Charlevoix (12-10 overall, 5-3 Lake Michigan Conference) was scheduled to play at East Jordan on Tuesday, May 13 and at home against Boyne City on Friday, May 16.

"It is a big week for us," coach Telgenhof commented. "We have three losses which is the same as Elk Rapids and Grayling. St. Francis is right behind us with four. If we take care of business this week, we could control our own destiny the following week when we finish off the conference schedule against Elk Rapids."

SEND US YOUR SPORTS

Due to time constraints, the Charlevoix Courier does not routinely cover sporting events.

However, the editor will consider photos and game highlights submitted by noon, the Friday before publication.

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Pictured left to right: Sue Antoine, Carol Wells, Margie Kelly, Erin Bemis and Lindsay Lewis. Photo by Linda Bradley, Ambassador Chair.

The member of the month program is designed to recognize and spotlight Chamber member businesses in our area. Current Chamber members are chosen at random monthly, surprised with an unannounced visit by our Ambassadors and featured in the Chamber Monthly.

Member of the Month – Charlevoix Glass

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Pictured left to right: Doug Berg, Bill Laway, Patti LaPeer, Michelle Crandell, Cody Coblentz, David McFalls

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Survival of the Up North Retailer

This seminar will take place on May 20 from 2 to 4:30pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. Featuring Chris Wendel, Regional Director of Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center. Chris has given many presentations to retail groups helping small business owners find new ways to compete in today's economy. Chris is familiar with the region's seasonality and understands the value of tourism and "resortism" and their impact on retail sales. Pre-registration is required, so contact the Chamber today!

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Lakeside Worship Service

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

May 16	NCMC Luncheon Lecture, Global Warming/the South Pole 347-6602
May 16	Worksite Wellness as a Business Strategy 347-5832
May 17	Blossom Festival at Friske Orchards 599-2604
May 17	Michigan Women Authors Luncheon 547-9969
May 22	Operation Petunia 547-6498
May 24	Charlevoix Garden Club Annual Plant Sale 347-0316
May 24	Odawa Casino Resort presents Herman's Hermits 877-442-6464
May 26	Memorial Day Parade 10am 547-9203
May 26	Charlevoix Hospital Annual Memorial Service 547-8502
Jun 7-8	Renaissance Festival at Castle Farms 237-0884
Jun 7	Odawa Casino Resort presents Joe Diffie, Mark Chestnut & Lorrie Morgan 877-442-6464
Jun 8	MI BASS Chapter Federation Bass Tournament 248-819-3192
Jun 8	Lou Open Scramble Golf Tournament 547-5125

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

Mark your calendar for the following Business After Hours!

June 12 - Grey Gables
Sept - Available!
Oct 22 - Regional Event at Castle Farms
Nov 13 - Sunnybank, Charlevoix Assisted Living
Dec Holiday After Hours - Available!

Please contact the Chamber for details on becoming a sponsor!

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on May 15 at the Chamber of Commerce.

June 6 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Josh Martin, Northern Cairn at Camp Daggett.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of EVELYN I. GOODRICK, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 01/21/1908

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The Grantor, Evelyn I Goodrick, the decedent, who lived at 11857 Old Dixie Highway, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on February 12, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to James C. Fox, Successor Trustee of the Evelyn I. Goodrick Living Trust Dated August 31, 1981, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Dated: May 6, 2008.

James C. Fox, Successor Trustee
% Hoffman & Hoffman
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Melanie Ann Spencley, to Novello Financial Services, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2002 and recorded June 13, 2002 in Liber 474 Page 52 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2002-HE2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Twelve Cents ($181,971.12) including interest 11 125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on June 6, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 98, 99, 154, and 155, Plat of Susan Shores Number 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 111, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 10398 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix MI 49720.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 25, 2008

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2002-HE2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE2, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-91813
ASAP# 2747947
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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 13th day of June, 2003, by Michaeline A. Lukas, a single woman, and Robert Williams, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 8, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 553, page 053, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT AND 76/100 DOLLARS ($72,468.76) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 13, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 32 North, Range 4 West described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence North 89°00'48" West along said Section line 2303.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°00'48" West along Section line 159.58 feet; thence North 0°30'32" West 1297.42 feet; thence South 89°29'59" East 160.39 feet; thence South 0°28'20" East 1298.76 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute

Dated April 25, 2008

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael D Finstrom and Paula M Finstrom, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Crevecor Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2005 and recorded September 6, 2005 in Liber 702 Page 893 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents ($236,522.94) including interest 8.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on June 13, 2008

Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as. Commencing at a point on the South side of Mill Street South 75 Degrees 40 minutes East 11.61 chains and South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 48 feet from the initial point of Boyne Falls Plat, thence running South 75 degrees 40 minutes East 5.25 chains along the South margin of Mill Street to a stake in fence being the Point of beginning of this description, thence South 57 degrees East along fence 29 one-half to the East boundary of Cedar Street, thence South 46 degrees 15 minutes East 1.58 chains (also recorded as South 42 degrees 11 minutes East 102.3 feet) to the Southwest corner of the former August Meshenske's twelve acres, thence South 21 degrees East 1.29 chains to what was formerly described as 12 inches maple tree, thence South 24 degrees West 3.26 chains (also recorded as South 25 degrees 28 minutes West 188.8 feet) to a point (which has been described as being located from a point on the North and South one-quarter line of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West and at a point 33 feet South of the North one-quarter post and for thence South 2 degrees 15 minutes West 928.5 feet and North 86 degrees 20 minutes West 1212.3 feet and North 16 degrees 30 minutes East 169 feet and South 66 degrees 32 minutes East 55.1 feet) thence North 67 degrees 30 minutes West 71 links (having been recorded as North 66

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degrees 32 minutes West 55.1 feet) to what has been described as a tight board fence) thence South 14 degrees 30 minutes West 4.655 chains down a hill to stake in brook, thence North 75 degrees 30 minutes West 248.39 feet to a point 175 feet from grove Street measured along said course, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East, parallel with Grove Street 130 feet, thence Northwesterly to a point on Grove Street which is 135 feet Northerly for the extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 11, Block 4 of the Village of Boyne Falls, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East along the Southeasterly line of said Grove Street to a point 150 feet South 14 degrees 30 minutes West from the Southeasterly corner of the intersection of Mill ang Grove Streets, thence South 75 degrees 15 minutes East 200 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 50 feet, thence North 75 degrees 15 minutes West 50 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 100 feet to the Southwesterly line of Mill Street , thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Mill Street to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 2581 Grove Street, Boyne Falls MI 49713 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 6, 2008

HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd.
Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 8-92287(HSBC)
ASAP# 2755859
(L-05/14/2008, 05/21/2008, 05/28/2008, 06/04/2008)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson,husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of May, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Commonly known as 4990 Sequanota Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank
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Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48084
(248)362-2600
ASAP# 2744297
(L-04/30/2008, 05/07/2008, 05/14/2008, 05/21/2008)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made June 9, 2004, by Wellman Properties 10, LLC, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on June 21, 2004, at Liber 621, Page 238, Charlevoix County Records. This mortgage has been amended by Loan Modification Agreements dated January 20, 2006, recorded January 23, 2006 at Liber 727, Page 591; dated November 22, 2006, recorded December 4, 2006 at Liber 776, Page 094; and dated June 11, 2007, recorded June 14, 2007, at Liber 807, Page 092, all Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $128,830.84; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

In the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

PARCEL 1
(15-002-021-022-20)
Beginning at an iron stake at the South eighth corner on the East line of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence North on the East line of said section 342.28 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of Highway U.S. 131; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly line of said highway 220 feet; thence South 69°44'37" West 375 feet; thence West, parallel with said South eighth line, to the Westerly side of Boyne River; thence Southerly along said river to said South eighth line; thence East on said eighth line to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the "West Parcel" as described in the Warranty Deed to the Little Traverse Conservancy, Inc., recorded in Liber 508, Page 773, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3:
(15-002-022-009-00)
That part of North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, lying westerly of Highway U.S. 131.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
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Petoskey, MI 49770
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(L-04/16, 04/23, 04/30, 05/07, 05/14)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 30, 2007, by Jeffrey A. Wellman, Julie A. Wellman, and The Jeffrey A. Wellman Trust u/a/d March 11, 1994, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on August 3, 2007, at Liber 813, Page 885, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $104,996.90; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Evangeline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

In the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County Michigan;

Parcel 1, Timber Ridge: Commencing at a 2 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North 00°10'29" East 693.14 feet along the West line of said section to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°10'29" East 625.00 feet along said section line to a 1 1/2 inch pipe on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence North 86°13'00" East 320.00 feet along said South 1/8 line to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 19°05'53" West 676.76 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 86°13'00" West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 6 West.

TOGETHER WITH a 66 foot private roadway easement for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, described as: In the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as:

The West 66 feet of all that part of the West 330.0 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 33 North, Range 6 West lying Northerly of the Northeasterly line of the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO private roadway easements for ingress, egress, installation and maintenance of public utilities, as fully set forth in Liber 333, Page 785, as amended in Liber 339, Page 961, Charlevoix County Records.

TOGETHER WITH Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (North Parcel), Timber Ridge Conservation Easement (South Parcel) and Recreational Easement, as fully set forth in Conservation Easement, recorded in Liber 333, Page 792, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 12.25% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: March 25, 2008

The Bank of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

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NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open at the Crooked Tree Arts Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Atwihta, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton.

Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

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Charlevoix 4H Fall Soccer sign-up is open from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 15 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym. Players must be 5 years old by Jan. 1, 2009.

Charlevoix Children's House Art Show Open House

The Charlevoix Children's House will host a Creation Celebration with an Art Show and Open House at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. This program is open to children ages 2 to 6. Guided by a professionally trained Montessori guide, each child experienced the satisfaction of skill mastering in many arenas. The multiage primary classroom provides the opportunity for the development and refinement of social and behavioral skills.

Children are exposed to a rich prepared environment and educational field trips. French and Spanish are also part of the curriculum

Visit our web site, www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org or call 547-5599 for more information.

The Children's House is located at 8700 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix

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Movement and Music

At 10:30 am in the Charlevoix Public Library, children ages 0 to 4 and their respective caregivers will have fun in a program which builds confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

Saturday Night Alive

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. Every Saturday Night starting on May 17. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries "Blessing in a Box" order date is 10 a.m. to noon on May 17 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Pine River Apartments for residents only on the same date. The distribution date will be 10 a.m. on May 31 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. For more information call 547-9346, (810) 304-0375 or (231) 534-1593

Opening Reception of "Reflections of Northern Michigan" featuring watercolors by professional artist Betty Bea Washburn of Bellaire.

The event is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on May 17 at the Cycling Salamander Art Gallery located at 02217 US 31 South, Charlevoix. Call 547-2333 for more information.

Art on display

Reflections of Northern Michigan is featured from May 18 through June 26 at the Cycling Salamander.

MAY 19

The May meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will begin at 3 p.m. on May 19 at the Lake Louise Christian Community Camp & Retreat Center in Boyne Falls with a tour of the camp followed by dinner at 3 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m. Reservations are needed for the tour and dinner. Call Mary Jane Jewell at (231) 536-3530.

COATS meeting

Charlevoix Community Offering Alternatives to Substance Abuse (COATS) is meeting 6 p.m., May 19 in the Charlevoix Public Library, in the upstairs Armstrong Conference Room. COATS is a parent-run group that organizes fun, drug-free and alcohol-free activities for students in the Charlevoix Public School District. For more information, call Kristen Maufort, Substance Abuse Specialist at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at (231) 347-5144.

NWA concert

Northwest Academy will host it's annual spring concert featuring the Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Bands at 7 p.m. on May 19 at the Congregational Church of Charlevoix. All bands will be performing works from their presentations at District Band & Orchestra festivals and the Jazz Band will also close the concert with some of their favorite works. Our feature group for the evening will be the beginning strings class that is sponsored by the Crooked Tree Arts Center and is directed by Robert Dudd

MAY 20

Things we Know!

At 7 p.m. on May 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Dr Dave Smith will present recently researched, interesting, book based information on questions of erroneous correctness or misplaced wisdom in our understandings of ancient history, paleontology, geology and related topics.

MAY 22

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar for this next American Red Cross Drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on May 22 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US 31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Please bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

MAY 31

Heaven Sent Adoption Services Inc. will be presenting a domestic adoption informational meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Charlevoix Public Library's meeting room "A." This meeting will allow families considering building their family through adoption to understand the adoption process and ask questions. Call 237-9880 to reserve your seat

JUNE 4-7

Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix celebrates 25 years of service providing low-cost furnishings, clothing and kitchenware to area residents.

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JUNE 5

Community pool meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on June 5 at the First Congregational church at the corner of State and Park streets in Charlevoix.

The public is invited!

There is a volunteer appreciation dinner immediately following the business meeting for those who would like to join us. Please call the pool at 547-0982 to make dinner reservations.

The cost is $15 per person.

For further information call 547-0982 or e-mail algooch@aol.com.

JUNE 28

Artist Reception

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander art gallery seven miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31.

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander art gallery seven miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31.

AUGUST 9

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The

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The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant .

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

LIONS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

MASONS

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

ZONTA

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

ODDFELLOWS

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

ROTARY

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

K OF C

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

CAH

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of every month except July in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651. This is a change from previous meeting times.

CHURCH GROUPS

The St. Mary Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW — The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

or more information, call 547-8950.

HISTORICAL GROUPS

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.

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Q: Was removing all of the cement kiln dust from East Park considered?

A: Removing the material was one of five options evaluated in the proposed final remedies for East Park. Ultimately it was not recommended based on environmental, safety and practical concerns. Removal of the material would result in approximately 1,000 gallons of water a minute mixing with cement kiln dust during the excavation process and picking up the associated contaminates from the dust. The water would have to be discharged directly to the lake because it is not physically possible to ship that volume of water off-site for disposal. This option would result in a dramatic increase in the amount of contaminates in the lake. Additionally, an estimated 75 - 80 trucks a day for a year would be required to remove the material, adding associated trucking pollutants to the environment and increasing transportation safety risks to the community.

Q: Is there a big problem with mercury in the water coming out of East Park and the Bay Harbor development?

A: While there is a trace amount of mercury in the water coming from the piles, the system installed by CMS Land is collecting 135,000 gallons a day, treating it, and disposing of it off-site. The mercury levels in that water are much less - by a factor of six or seven - than what the government considers safe for drinking water. During its short-term work, CMS Land has installed three parts of a proposed five-part final remedy at East Park. Before that work, the amount of mercury going into the lake annually would equal about three paper clips. That's been reduced to one paper clip a year. It will be reduced even more when the other two parts of the long-term remedy are in place.

Q: When will East Park reopen?

A: CMS Land recently reached agreements with Resort Township and the EPA which allows CMS Land to complete the two remaining remedies in East Park this year. Resort Township plans to begin park improvements this fall, such as paving and installing benches and other amenities, with the goal of East Park reopening in 2009.

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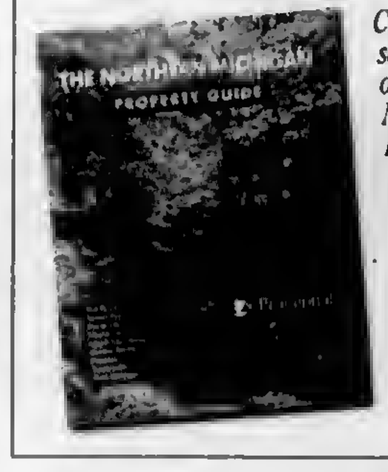

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Memorial Day parade next week

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Man sentenced in biker's death

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Russell Steven Mitchell of Bellaire was recently sentenced to a 15-year felony for his role in the vehicular death of Charlevoix's Eric Perrine.

The May 12 sentencing comes nearly nine months after Mitchell, who was intoxicated at the time, pulled his pickup truck out in front of Perrine last August at the corner of Eddy School and Derenzy Roads in Antrim County causing Perrine to crash his motorcycle and die at the scene. On April 25, Mitchell was found guilty of operating under the influence causing death, and not guilty of negligent homicide.

Mitchell will now serve anywhere from two-and-a-half to 15 years in prison.

Also settled recently was the wrongful death suit filed against

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file photo

Get planting!

Don't forget the annual Charlevoix Petunia Planting Party and barbecue begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 22 along five miles of U.S. 31 and Bridge Street. Wear your work clothes, grab a hand spade and get down and dirty with fellow community members before enjoying food and music in Bridge Park.

Two vie for title of Charlevoix County Sheriff

BY STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

After more than 32 years serving as sheriff, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater will not seek re-election to his office in the fall.

When Tuesday's filing deadline passed the only nominating petitions filed for the office of sheriff were by current undersheriff Don Schneider and retired detective Don Sproul both as Republicans.

In a news release issued recently, Lasater, the state's longest-serving sheriff, said the decision to not seek re-election was "long thought and difficult after investing 32 years in service to the residents of Charlevoix County."

Lasater, 70, was clear to point out that just because he's not seeking re-election, does not mean he's retiring. He said he "anticipates seeking other opportunities within Charlevoix County to serve his family and friends."

Lasater threw his support behind Schneider saying, that he promised Schneider four years ago that if re-elected then, he would not seek re-election now and he would "do everything I could to see that he was elected as sheriff of Charlevoix County."

Lasater thanked those who have supported him during his tenure with the sheriff's office.

"Some sheriffs are fortunate to work with talented people, some with friends and I am blessed with both," Lasater said. "I feel I have been living my childhood dream and I thank the citizens of Charlevoix County for giving me that opportunity."

Schneider, 65, of Eveline Township has been with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office for the past 26 and a half years. He started as a road patrol deputy and has been the undersheriff for the past 11 years.

During that time Schneider has filled in for Lasater on two occasions when illness or injury caused the sheriff to be unable to work for several weeks.

Before coming to the sheriff's office, Schneider served

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Joshua David Hanks, 18, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Kurtis Russell Nichols, 43, East Jordan. Operator license revoked/denied/suspended/allow Pay $260 in fines and costs.

Jason Craig Hazel, 26, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Oren Ezra Dustin, 23, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Credit for one day in jail; 92 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Jessica Erin Keener, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession, second offense. Serve 40 hours of community service work; to serve six months on probation, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Lynn Sue Pauly, 39, Traverse City. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $985 in fines and costs.

Ronald Dale Higley, 51, Gaylord. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $980 in fines and costs.

Herbert Michael Bartz III, 24, East Jordan. Assault and battery. Credit for one day in jail; 89 days held in abeyance; to serve four months on probation; $350 in fines and costs.

Ryan James McDonald, 18, Beaver Island. Motor vehicle tampering. To serve 12 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; $1,072.92 in fines and costs. Count two: Operating while intoxicated. 78 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY HEARD IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY'S 33RD CIRCUIT COURT:

Debra Ann McGuire, 45, Warren. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic/cocaine less than 50 grams (conspiracy). Sentenced to 30 days in jail; credit for one day; to serve 30 days in jail; $760 in fines and costs.

Robert Joseph McGuire, 52, Warren. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic/cocaine less than 50 grams (conspiracy). Sentenced to 30 days in jail; credit for one day; to serve 30 days in jail; $740 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Renaissance Log and Wood Refinishing, 5867 Freeman Road, Boyne City, by Mark S. Willson and Lewis C. Archer

Shorty's High Performance and Restoration Projects; S.H.A.R.P. Performance, 5092 Mt. Bliss road, East Jordan, by Terry Kauska

Michael Ricks Builders, 1422 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Michael Ricks

G. S. Enterprises, 11290 Woodward Road, Vanderbilt, by Gary Wayne Stilson

Past and Presents etc., 5092 Mt. Bliss Road, East Jordan, by Miriah Kauska

MARRIAGES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Douglas Lloyd Kuebler II, 31 and Trina Dee Beaugrand, 38, both of Charlevoix

Richard Earl Herrman, 47 and Susan Jeanne Slough 52, both of Boyne City

Evan Tyler Malkowicz, 19, Petoskey and Phoebe Richelle Allport, 19, Charlevoix

Jeremy Richard Palmrose, 26 and Nicole M. Peck, 24, both of East Jordan

Daniel Leonard Merriman, 51 and Katherine Elizabeth Adams, 54, both of Beaver Island

Donovan Lawrence Swanson, 23 and Rachel Dena Wynlawskyj, 22, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:

Robert Todd Warth vs. Karen Kay Warth

Shannon Leah Johnecheck vs. Travis Johnecheck

Vern Grams vs. Glenda Grams

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jevon Isaiah Welzein weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces was born May 13 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeremy and Vivian Welzein of Charlevoix. His siblings are Taya, Ana and Tamiah. His grandparents are Bill and Pam Welzein of Saginaw and James and Beatryce Steen of Charlevoix.

Shaylie Jane Dixon weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces was born May 10 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Nikki Dixon of Boyne Falls and Cam Jakeway of Petoskey. Her grandparents are Bill and Pam Dixon of Boyne Falls and Holly and Fred Jakeway of Petoskey.

Dirt bike accident

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday May 3, 24-year-old East Jordan resident Jeremy Bartlett sustained a broken collarbone while riding his dirt bike at a residents off Ferry Road in Eveline Township. Bartlett and several friends were riding dirt bikes on a home-built motorcycle track. Bartlett was thrown off of the vehicle after miscalculating a jump on the track. Bartlett was thrown over the handlebars of the motorcycle, after which his body struck the dirt track. The impact broke Bartlett's collarbone on the right side of his body. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. Bartlett was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by friend and fellow dirt bike rider where he was treated for his broken collarbone.

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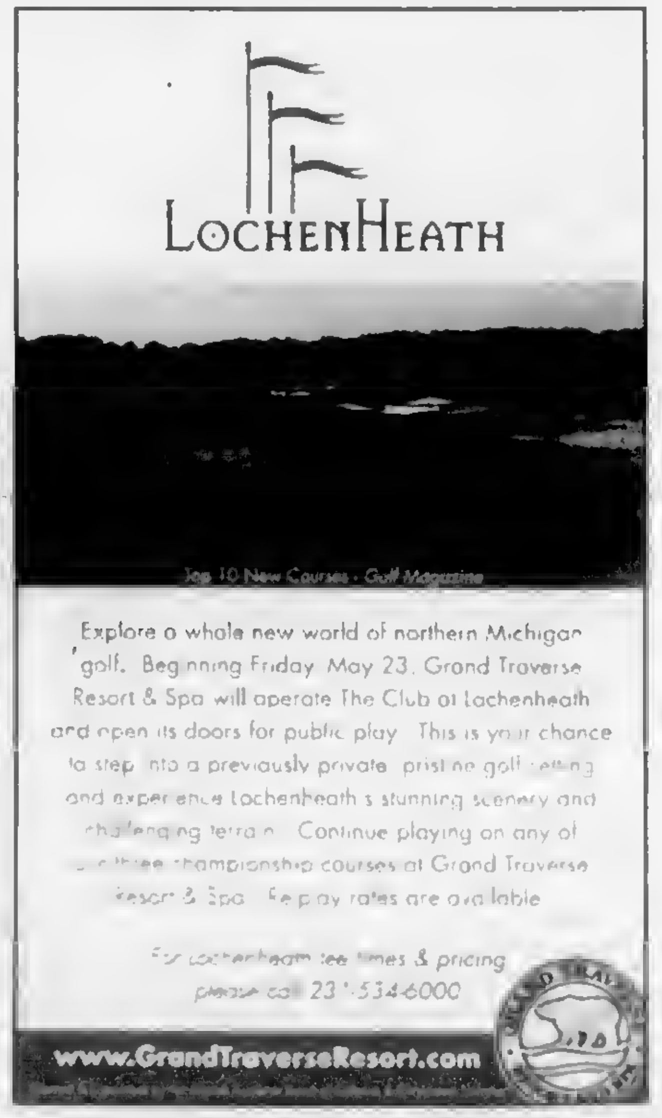

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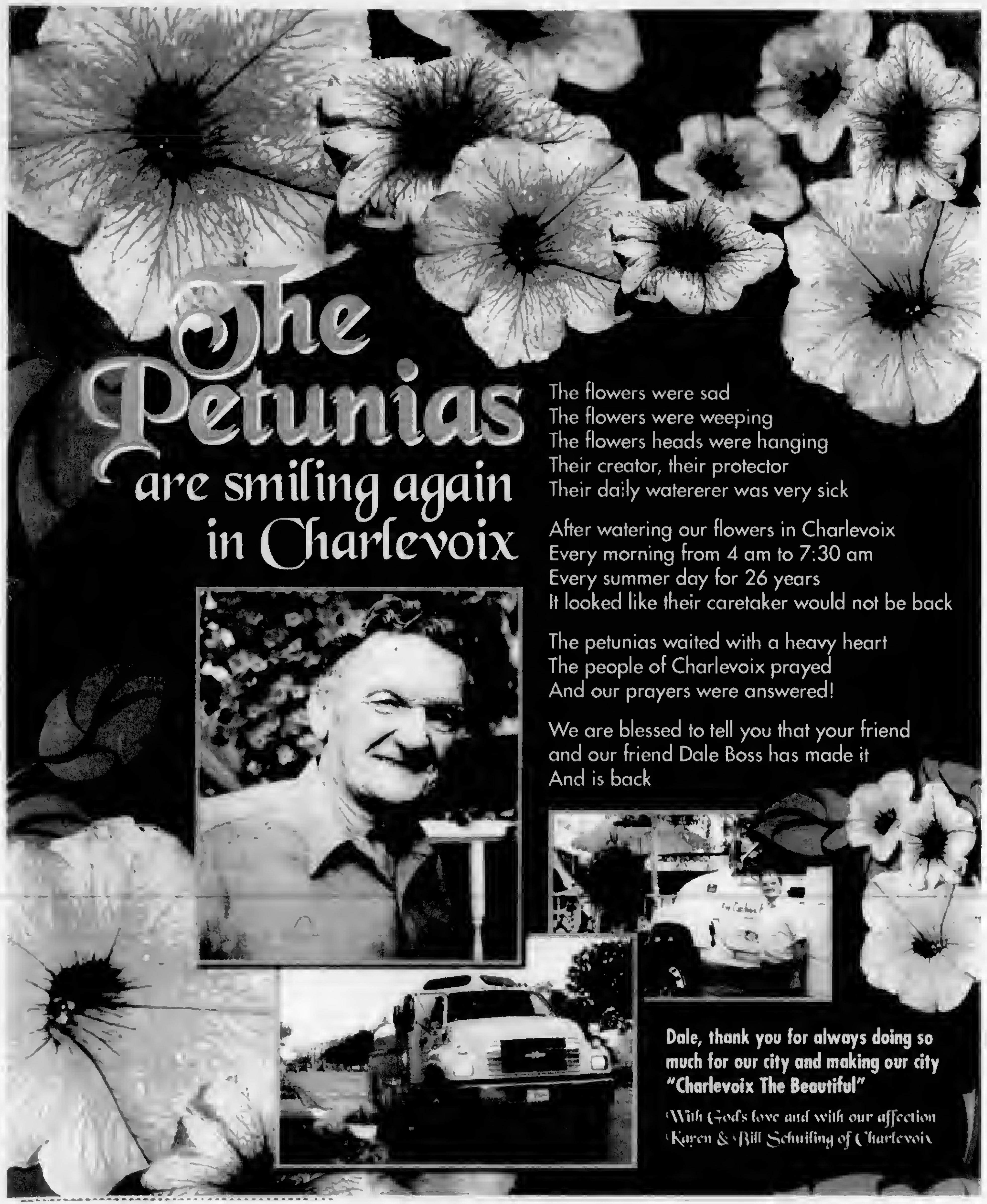

The Petunias are smiling again in Charlevoix

The flowers were sad
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Their daily watererer was very sick

After watering our flowers in Charlevoix
Every morning from 4 am to 7:30 am
Every summer day for 26 years
It looked like their caretaker would not be back

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And is back

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Dandelions are jus' dandy

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

According to the Preacher of Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season." This is the season of dandelions.

No one purposely grows dandelions, but they seem to get along about as well as any plant on earth.

Many years ago, I read a botany book titled "Wildly Successful Plants."

It was about weeds.

It paid particular attention to dandelions.

Their success is most obvious this time of year, when almost any place will sport at least a few of their golden flower heads.

Why would they be called dandelions? What do they have to do with lions? We can blame the French, who name the plant, "dent de lion," not for their flowers, but for the ragged, tooth-like edges of their leaves.

The teeth area smaller than those of a lion, but they are impressive on close examination.

How can we account for dandelion's wild success as competitors in the plant world?

Within a few days of blooming, a single flower head produces about a hundred seeds, each seed equipped with a delicate parachute that can waft it over almost any distance. Once settled in a new patch of ground, in some place with at least a little sunlight, a seed establishes a new plant in a very short time.

Less well known than its airborne seeds, but probably more important in the dandelion's success, is its independence.

Most flowers require pollination by insects or wind to produce seeds, but dandelions need neither.

Each plant produces seed all on its own, without pollination or any dependence on another dandelion.

Formally such a process is called apomixes, but practically what it means is that each individual plant generates those hundreds of seeds, every one of which is capable of growing into a plant exactly like its parent.

And if the parent was successful enough to make a few hundred seeds, each of its offspring is likely to be just as capable.

Some of those individualistic dandelions grow well in the shade and might be found alongside any woodland path where the soil has been disturbed by walkers.

Others are particularly well suited to open sunny places.

The ones that do so well in your lawn produce leaves that hug the ground and are immune to any mower.

Those growing in tall, unmown grass have leaves that stretch up vertically toward the light and bend themselves so sunlight strikes mostly the surfaces of the leaves.

Euell Gibbons, the one-time guru of edible plants, and author of "Stalking the Wild Asparagus" among other books, suggested that eating the young flower buds and early leaves was a better way of controlling their numbers than any sort of chemical weed control.

The young buds are delicious, and you have to dig up the plant to collect them. Gibbons says they are many times more delicious than artichoke hearts, to which they are closely related.

If delicious does not tempt you, there is always the health angle.

A tea made of the fresh roots has been used for liver, gall bladder, kidney and bladder ailments and for control of yeast infections.

I can't recommend it, but some goofy people do believe some part of the dandelion can cure most ailments.

And finally, it turns out that the common dandelion is understood by European botanists to be hundreds of slightly different kinds.

Here we can just call them dandelions and enjoy their golden introduction to spring.

Correction: For those readers confused by my wrongful location of Neff Brothers Grocery, both Neff's and The Parkside Restaurant were, of course, at the harbor end of Mason Street, not Clinton Street.

WEEKLY POLL

Would you eat dandelions?

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81% polled think gas prices will limit their summer travel

HERE'S WHAT YOU THINK

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF PLANS RETIREMENT

"Don Schneider or Don Sproul....WOW!! That is what we have to choose from? I can't believe out of all the fine police officers in this county those are the two we have to choose from. Some said write in Robert Scholey for Sheriff. I think he is the school officer. He seems like a pretty good guy...why not, he's better that those two."

Confused in Chx

We want your opinions.
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Do something already: Inaction is the surest path to failure

EDITORIAL

OK, we're not ones for mushy, sentimentality when it comes to civics, but even media cynics have to stop and say "wow" when no less than three times in recent weeks has public participation in this democracy of ours brought about action by those government officials who sometimes seem to have feet of clay and heads of granite.

• First, outcry by concerned citizens and dog lovers alike brought about what we believe is the fairest compromise for East Park: Leashed dogs are welcome there year-round, except during larger scheduled events.

At the end of the day, people love their animals. Slight a pet and you might as well have insulted someone's child.

This compromise seems far more conducive to our resort town than the signs which communicated to visitors that their dogs, and wallets, were not welcome downtown.

• Second, due to the willingness of a concerned citizen to take the time to write a letter concerning their experience at the municipal golf course, Charlevoix City Council had to, at the very least, reexamine their policy of prohibiting golfers younger than 8 on the course.

Tiger Woods was 5 and shooting less than 50 on the nine. Of course, every child is not a Tiger, but the numeral representing your years has little to do with your level of ability or maturity on the course. We know plenty of 30-year-old golfers who spend more time drinking beer and mud hogging with their cart than actually hitting the long ball.

We understand minimums and limits must be placed to help minimize the riffraff, but we're glad to see a citizen question authority instead of simply rolling over when they feel they've been wronged.

• Finally, due to the overwhelming pressure by at least one Beaver Island citizen following publication of a piece decrying the attorney general's office for refusing to answer questions related to Le Griffon expedition, a media representative for the State of Michigan agreed to address questions posed to it by the Charlevoix Courier.

It may be easy to get bogged down with feelings of hopelessness in this life as it pertains to governance, elections and policies, but the actions of a few dedicated locals has shown us one person can make a difference, and that you should never, ever, give up.

Is some rule, regulation or rogue causing you strife? Write us about it, and maybe together we can make a change.

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LETTERS to the editor

MIND YOUR MANNERS

Editor:

Do you remember the last "please" or "thank-you" you received? Was it a while ago? The explanation for this is that children aren't always using their manners.

We all understand that there are many bullies at the schools, right? Well most of them are bullies because they aren't using manners. They say "Gimme this and Gimme that." The more bullies there are the more kids' self esteems go down. We don't want children to have low self esteem.

What did you want to be when you grew up, a doctor, a teacher? I'm pretty sure all jobs require respect and manners. You need to respect all people (even if you don't like them).

Did you know that part of a school grade is on class behavior? If children use manners and listen in class, they could probably get a better grade in school.

All we can do to get people to use manners is to use them ourselves, and hope people catch on.

Sincerely,
Delaney Hodge
6th grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

LET US WORK

Editor:

Did you know that in Charlevoix only three types of jobs are available for kids ages 11 and up? I'll explain this in a letter how more jobs for kids would be good for them.

One good reason why kids should have more jobs available is that kids can acquire their own money.

This means they can buy their own things. It would also make them feel more responsible.

Another good reason, which parents will especially like, is that you don't have to give money so much!

It'll save parents money while kids take value in their own.

And finally, it builds responsibility as children. They will have to wake up on time to go to work, although they may be cranky. It will also help prepare them for the future.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Jared Cole
6th grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

MORE ART PLEASE

Editor:

Are you someone who really enjoys art and wishes your children would as well? Well at one point Charlevoix's children had the opportunity to take more away from art.

The fact that Charlevoix doesn't offer this opportunity through after school enrichment is very unfair to the children that really enjoy art.

Even when they did it was never as good as the sports program in Charlevoix. When I was given a flyer for an art class there was no time or location on it. Although the basketball flyer was flawless.

Last, the closest place with extra art is Petoskey and it is not much fun to drive there when your town could be offering it. Also since they are at the art center, they can be a bit costly.

My hope is that one day Charlevoix's children will have the opportunity to take more away from art by Charlevoix offering extra art class. Thank you for taking time out of your day to read my letter.

Pauline Sheets
6th grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

THANK-YOU BERGMANN SUPPORTERS

Editor:

Bergmann Center Inc. wishes to extend a huge "thank-you" to our wonderful supporters.

Over the past six years, we have held a "Starlight" dinner and live auction.

This year the auction was held on May 4 at the Belvedere Club and once again it was a big success.

We go to area businesses asking for donations, from which we receive tremendous support.

People from all around purchased tickets, enjoyed a catered dinner and entertainment.

Auctioneers Mike and Claudia Bost donated their time and expertise. It was a lot of fun and well supported.

We have volunteers who have helped since the beginning and we continue to grow.

This year we raised over $8,600 to support the center, which assists mentally and physically challenged individuals to become active, involved members of the community.

Again, we say "thank-you" to each of our donors, supporters and volunteers who helped us make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Suzanne Mama, Executive Director
Kim Brock, Community Relations Coordinator
Charlevoix

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Catch the Reading

Courtesy photo

Clicket the Cricket

It looks like some kids at the Charlevoix Elementary School caught the reading bug when Clicket the Cricket visited the Charlevoix Elementary School last week. Clicket visited the school touting the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library. The theme of the program this year is "Catch the reading bug!" Call the Charlevoix Public Library at 547-2651 for more information.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Computer Tidbit: Internet Tricks
Wednesday, May 21, 1:00 pm
[illegible]

Fiber Design Group
(Meets the third Wednesday of each month) Wednesday, May 21, 1:00 pm
Bring your fiber project and your friends and [illegible]

Writers Group *Wednesdays, May 21, 6:00 pm*
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing published and unpublished; all welcome.

Story-Time
Thursdays, May 22, 10:30 am
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Guitar Hero
Thursday, May 22, 3:30 p.m.
[illegible]

Parenting Program: Success for Kids
Saturday, May 24, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
[illegible]

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, May 27, noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; new comers always welcome.

Thursday Night Open Mic
Thursday, May 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
[illegible] performing arts in a community setting. [illegible] Friends of the Library. Free and open to all.

LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26TH

Join the Friends of the Library in honoring Charlevoix soldiers who have passed away by marching in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 26th, 9:45 am. Meet at the American Legion Hall, dressed in red, white or blue. Dogs welcome.

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NWA appoints new leader

John Bailey, who has acted as interim school leader since early spring at Northwest Academy of Charlevoix, was unanimously approved to be the full-time school leader, similar to a principal who oversees day to day operations of the school and is also highly involved with personnel decisions and charged with evaluating teacher and staff performance, during Northwest's Wednesday, May 14 board of education meeting. Bailey's 32-year career in education includes time spent as a principal as well as serving as a choir director for 17 years.

Courtesy photo

Nanabush at Charlevoix Elementary

The Michigan Opera Theater presented the Michigan American Indian Adventure story "Nanabush" at Charlevoix Elementary School on May 14.

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Charlevoix Area POOL

CHARLEVOIX POOL NEWS

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual meeting at the First Congresgational Church in Charlevoix (corner of state and park) in Charlevoix on Thursday, June 5th at 5:30. The public is invited.

There is a volunteer appreciation dinner immediately following the business meeting for those who would like to join us. Please call the pool at 547-0982 to make dinner reservations. The cost is $15 per person.

2008 Breast Cancer Walk THANK YOU

On behalf of the Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer Walk Board & Committee, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank to the community, businesses and individuals for your generous support. Special mentions to those whose efforts made this year's walk so successful by applying our theme of "Lend a Hand" include:

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Charlevoix County Community Foundation
Charlevoix Girl's Soccer Team
Charlevoix Health Department
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Harbor View Café, Subway & Acorn Café

Special thanks to our volunteers, workers, team walkers, individual walkers & pledge supporters. If we missed anyone this thank you is for you. Thank you! Walk Chair Nicole Kurtz & Co-Chair Kendal Hayes & members of Kappa Sigma.

MAY

OBITUARIES

Mary Margaret Lavery: April 5, 1906 - May 17, 2008

Mary Margaret Lavery, 102, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, May 17, in Raleigh, N.C

Rite of Christian Burial was noon on Wednesday, May 21, and burial followed at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Mary was born on April 5, 1906, in East St. Louis, Mo. to John and Mary (Chrumka) Mahalik.

Mary was one of 10 children and spent her childhood in Lyndora, Pa.

Mary married Edward Lavery in 1931 in Detroit where they lived for eight years.

While she was married, Mary worked as a seamstress at Crowley Department Store in downtown Detroit.

She returned to Pennsylvania for a few years to care for her parents, then returned to Detroit where she worked as a nurse's aid at Henry Ford Hospital.

She retired from Henry Ford Hospital in 1974 at the age of 68 after 19 years of service.

Mary moved to Charlevoix shortly after retirement to live with her sister Helen Balsley.

Mary was a member of Saint Mary Church and Saint Mary's Altar Society in Charlevoix and was a member of St. Benedict of Oblates.

She was active in the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Mary received her high school diploma, graduating with honors in 1989 from Charlevoix High School, at the age of 83.

Mary is survived by many nieces, nephew, great nieces, great nephews, great great relatives and friends.

All nine brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

The family would like to thank all of Mary's friends for their thoughts and prayers while she lived in North Carolina and to Hospice of Wake County for their care of Mary.

Mary was a very special woman who was devoted to her faith, family and friends.

She loved to travel, sew, cook, read, make strawberry jam and crochet beautiful white angels.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 20, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the Rosary was recited.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary School in Charlevoix.

Myeloma patient, caregiver program

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is hosting New Directions in Myeloma Therapy: An Overview for Patients and Caregivers at 6:00 p.m. at Charlevoix Area Hospital in classroom B on June 4.

Dr. Robi Thomas, of the University of Detroit Mercy, will present this program.

New Directions in Myeloma Therapy was developed to provide information and support to patients and their families who are living daily with the challenges of coping with a myeloma diagnosis.

Preregistration for this free program is required. For more information or to register, please call The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by May 28 at (866) 263-2805.

Local Red Cross blood drive times, locations

The Red Cross is encouraging new and previous blood donors to help offset an anticipated summer blood shortage by making a date to give blood once, or even twice, from mid-May through early September.

Blood shortages are typical during the summer as regular blood donors get busy with seasonal activities or schedules and don't take time to give blood. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call (800) GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

• 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on May 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix

Project Lifesaver now available in Charlevoix

Sheriff George T. Lasater and Commission on Aging Director Sue Bergmann announce that the "Project Lifesaver" program is now available to the public of Charlevoix County who may have a family member who is eligible for the program.

More than 100,000 Alzheimer's patients, several from Charlevoix County, wander from home each year.

Our goal is to locate persons with dementia and other cognitive impairments who become lost

To increase the chances your loved one will be found in such an event, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging are implementing as a joint venture "Project Lifesaver."

This program will fit individuals who are at risk of wandering with an ankle bracelet who can than be found safely by sheriff personnel.

"I have been working on this for over year to be able to secure funding outside the sheriff's office," said Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater. "This technology was specifically designed for, but not limited to, Alzheimer's and dementia patients."

He added, "It can also be used on persons with developmental disabilities, who may be at risk to wander away. Commission on Aging has been very supportive and has financially supported this project for the over 60 population."

The bracelet, no more cumbersome than a wristwatch, is composed of a plastic wristband approximately an inch wide which sports a radio transmitter the size of a large watch face.

Sheriff office personnel completed two days of training on the equipment.

"We must be notified within 15 minutes for this to be most effective," Lasater said. "One of the biggest mistakes people make is they spend four to five hours searching for a loved one before they call us."

He added, "This is very efficient if we get notice in time, but we can't wait until the Lifesaver participant wanders 20 miles from here."

Project Lifesaver is an international project established in 1999.

The startup cost to agencies is $7,680 which includes training and equipment.

Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 237-0103.

Make Time to Worship

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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202 W. Hurlbut
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7453

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• 9:30 a.m. — Coast Guard Color Guard, Veterans Color Guard, Marine Corps League, Rayder Marching Band, Boy and Girl Scouts and more will assemble for the parade

• 10 a.m. — Parade begins from the American Legion Post on East Garfield Street

• 10:10 a.m. — Parade will halt while officials decorate the Veterans Monument in Veterans Park and lay a wreath in the lake for those lost at sea

• 10:15 a.m. — Parade heads down Mason Street where it will rest at the Charlevoix Public Library for the following activities.

National Anthem
Benediction
Gettysburg Address
Music
Comments about new Veterans Memorial
Presentation by Coast Guard Charlevoix Station
Veterans honor roll read
Doves released

In case of inclement weather, ceremonies following the parade will occur at Charlevoix Middle School.

ZAZEN GALLERY

File photo

Join fellow citizens, veterans of foreign wars, active military personnel and town leaders for the annual Memorial Day ceremonies on May 26 in downtown Charlevoix.

Lasater to retire

SHERIFF

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for 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard as a special agent in the coast guard intelligence division.

"It has been a lifelong desire of mine to move into the (sheriff's) position. The sheriff (Lasater) has groomed me over the past several years to do just that."

Sproul, 57, of Charlevoix Township, retired from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office in April of 2007 and in recent months has been working for the Boyne City Police Department.

"I have been a police officer for about 30 years now and I've always wanted to take it to the next step. I see some changes that I'd like to see occur in the department that I think would better serve the citizens of Charlevoix County."

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CORRECTION

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 729 of 2008

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1 2008 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix Ordinance #726 of 2008. Budget Appropriation Act of 2008-2009 is hereby amended as follows

SKATEPARK FEES

	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED 6-1-2008
Daily Rate	3.00	5.00
Seven day punch card	15.00	25.00
Season pass	90.00	100.00

ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2008

Ordinance No. 728-2008 was adopted on the 5th day of May, 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:
Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Councilmember Greg Stevens
Yeas. Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain Gennett Kusina, Picha
Nays. None
Absent None
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Michigan winter no Carnivale for Brazilian exchange student

SOUTH AMERICAN SENIOR ENDURES FIRST WINTER AND DISCOVERS A KNACK FOR SKIING

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Like the Jamaican bobsled team in the John Candy movie "Cool Runnings," Brazilian foreign exchange student Guilherme Awada seemed an unlikely candidate for winter sports.

Then he made the ski team.

"He went there the first day with the ski team and someone took him down the hill," said Awada's host mother Sandy Malewitz. "And, within three weeks he was skiing with the varsity team."

She added, "Most kids have been skiing their whole life to get on the ski team and he just did it."

"This was my first heavy winter," said 17-year-old Awada, who has been traveling to America since he was 2. "I knew it was going to be cold, but not that cold and for this long. I've never had snow storms or snow days (before), but it was actually good."

He added, "I always try to look in a positive way. Like, it's snowing and it's negative 20, but it's still a good day."

Malewitz said Awada wanted the full Michigan experience, and he got it.

"They don't have a ski team (in Brazil) because it's too warm," she said. "It was a unique surprise that he did so well."

Awada, who will graduate from Charlevoix High School in coming weeks, said he plans to continue skiing when he can in the future.

"It was awesome. I did good for being a beginner," he said. "It was a lot of fun. I did some gates, some competition. It was a great time."

He added, "It's not going to happen this year because I am going back a little bit late .. (but) my cousins are going skiing in Chile in July; maybe next year."

Awada now hopes to come back to the United States to study medicine.

"If everything goes right, and my family accepts me staying away from them again, I'm going to do college over here," he said. "I might stay around here and do college in Petoskey."

Awada added, "I highly recommend to do this program, any exchange program that you could be involved with, because it opens your horizons a lot: New people, new cultures, new ways of life."

While this was the Malewitz's first experience with the exchange program, it likely will not be their last.

"We've learned a lot about what life is like at home and what his culture is like and we've found, in some instances, things that are very similar and other ways their life is very different from ours," Malewitz said. "It just enriches your life. It's wonderful to have new family members and to share Charlevoix with them."

Malewitz said the experience has helped her see Charlevoix through "new eyes."

Awada was likewise complimentary of his host family.

"My host family was perfect. They help a lot and they always talk if we need help and take us for rides. On spring break we went to New York and Washington D.C.," Awada said. "It was a great year in my life."

Courtesy photo

Gullherma Awada went from baing a track and fleld ethlete in e tropic climate to excelling at skiing during his first winter. Aweda, who hopas to study madicine in the United Statas baginning next fell, is now in lova with tha sport and hopes to continue hitting the slopes for many years to come.

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Numerous county, township seats contested in upcoming election

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

The filing deadline for the Aug. 5 primary has come and gone and the contested races for the ballot have taken shape for a variety of county, state and federal offices.

Running against Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, in the First Congressional District are Republicans Linda Goldthorpe, Don Hooper and Rep. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

In the once heated 105th district race, only incumbent Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, and Democrat Connie Saltonstall remain.

Mike Webster did not officially withdraw his name from the ballot, but he issued an announcement earlier this month he would not be running in the Democratic primary and is instead running for a county commissioner seat.

Rep. Gary McDowell, D-Rudyard, has some last minute competition in the 107th district from Alex Strobehn, the chairman of the Lake Superior State University College Republicans.

In Emmet County, there are only a pair of contested races. County Clerk Gail Martin will be challenged by Jill Brown, and district four County Commissioner Alan Behan will face off against Daniel Plasencia.

In Charlevoix County there is more competition. Both Cheryl Potter Browe, the chief deputy clerk, and James Eisley are vying for Jane Brannon's county clerk seat.

There are four separate races for county commissioner seats. Ronald Reinhardt will be challenged by Webster in district three.

In district four, Joel Evans' reelection bid is being contested by Victor Patrick.

It is a three way race in district five between incumbent Robert Drebenstedt, Dennis Jason and Jerry Meggison.

District six is the most heated race, with incumbent Shirley Roloff facing opposition from Thomas Meggison, Richard Gillespie and former 105th district candidate Tim Boyko.

The following candidates of each respective office is, barring write-in candidates, running unopposed:

- county treasurer Marilyn Cousineau
- drain commissioner Marc Seelye
- prosecuting attorney John Jarema
- register of deeds Charlene Novotny
- surveyor Lawrence Feindt

Look for coverage of township office races in future editions of the Charlevoix Courier and Petoskey News Review.

Contact Noah Fowle by e-mailing nfowle@petoskeynews.com

Charlevoix Public Library has top-notch services

The Library of Michigan awarded the Charlevoix Public Library a certificate of completion for meeting the Enhanced Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC). To earn certification, the Library demonstrated its enhanced competence in seven categories of achievement including human resources; governance/administration; services; collection development; technology; facilities and equipment; and public relations/marketing.

"We are proud that the Charlevoix Public Library has done such good work in enhancing the services deemed essential by the Library of Michigan," said Mary Ann Chew, Library board president. "By focusing efforts on key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to continuing the quest towards excellent customer service."

QSAC has defined three levels of services: Essential services provide the basics of all library service; enhanced services increase the level of customer service provided, and excellent services are at the highest level, defined by the group. The levels are helpful guidelines to libraries just starting out, while providing important review for more established institutions.

As part of the QSAC goals, the Charlevoix Public Library prepared a written technology plan that has been approved by the state to help guide the technology services offered at the library. Other items of achievement that the Charlevoix Public Library has met include keeping the library collection extremely current and vibrant and providing excellent programming for all ages.

"Two years in the making, QSAC represents the work of more than 100 library directors, trustees and staff members who together created measures of quality for our state's public libraries," said State Librarian Nancy Robertson. "The staff of the Charlevoix Public Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service."

QSAC was made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through LSTA funding. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent Federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities.

For more information about the Quality Services Audit Checklist, visit www.michigan.gov/qsac.

SUCCESS FOR KIDS: PARENTING WITH "CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE"

The Charlevoix Public Library is proud to offer a parenting program on the principles of Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 24, Amy Speidel will present loving guidance principles for parents, teachers, and child care providers.

Amy's experience with "Conscious Discipline" began when she started implementing it in her early childhood classroom.

She aspires to support all adults who come in contact with children by sharing lessons with them through practical, user-friendly workshops. In this workshop you will learn:

How to shift from fear to love- the secret to being firm and fair.

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How to deal with "I don't care" and "You can't make me".

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The skills learned in this workshop will create more peaceful, harmonious relationships with your children.

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Beaver Island School ground-breaking

The Beaver Island Community School held a ground-breaking ceremony on May 15 to kick off a major renovation and construction project. Beaver Gems Construction will begin the project immediately. Community members, staff and students participated in the ground-breaking with many youngsters, even the youngest, happily manning shovels. All received a souvenir hard hat and key-ring flashlight.

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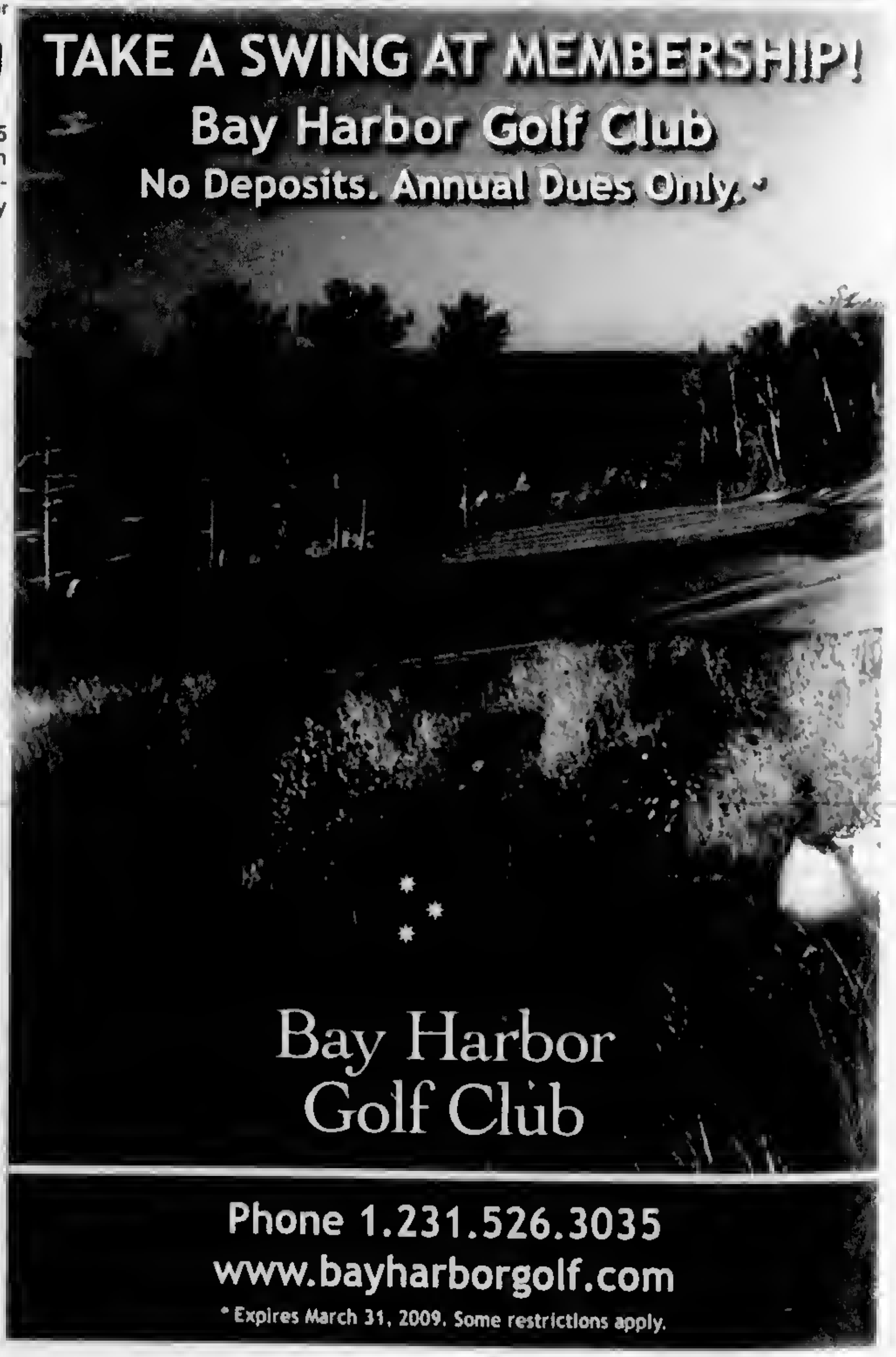

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Casperson, Stupak vie for Congressional seat

CASPERSON SEEKS TO UNSEAT LONG-TIME REPRESENTATIVE STUPAK

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D Menominee) filed nominating petitions last week to be placed on the ballot for re-election to a ninth term representing Michigan's First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Stupak's 141 nominating petitions and affidavit of identity were filed on April 30 at the Michigan Secretary of State's office in Lansing.

Signatures were collected from all 31 counties that make up the First Congressional District, and a total of 1,484 signatures were submitted.

State law requires a minimum of 1,000 signatures.

"I am as committed as ever to standing up for northern Michigan and working to affect the change necessary to move America forward," Stupak said. "I will continue, as always, to run an aggressive grassroots campaign and, with your support, I will be honored to continue providing leadership you can trust for Michigan's First Congressional District."

Stupak

Stupak was first elected to Congress in 1992 and since that time has championed issues important for northern Michigan.

He has been a leader in protecting the Great Lakes, leveling the playing field for rural America, and standing up for the men and women who have served our country.

Stupak currently serves as chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which has broad jurisdiction over energy, environment, health care, consumer protection, and telecommunications policy.

"As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, I am providing leadership for a change in Washington and corporate America," Stupak said. "I am fighting to protect Americans from contaminated food and unsafe drugs, investigating gas price gouging by Big Oil, and continuing my career-long fight to protect our Great Lakes."

Tom Casperson formally launched his bid for Congress for the First Congressional District.

Casperson

The tremendous support of nearly 1,700 signatures on filing petitions translates into designating Casperson as the candidate that gathered the most support among all the candidates that have filed for the First Congressional District.

Since his announcement on March 17, Casperson has traveled the entire District, covering all 31 Counties, and secured petitions from each county within the District.

"It's with great honor and optimism that I file petitions to launch my bid for Congress," Casperson said. "Driving throughout the District to gather petitions has given me another opportunity to talk with residents about their concerns. And, what I heard from Houghton to Houghton Lake was that the residents of the District want congressional representation that stands up for fiscal responsibility; stands against burdensome regulations; seeks common sense solutions; avoids partisan politics; and refuses to 'legislate' merely through press releases and letters to the editor. I'm looking forward to working together to ensure that voice is heard to make a real difference in Michigan."

Casperson was elected in November 2002 to the Michigan House of Representatives in an upset of Menominee Mayor Laurie Stupak. He was re-elected in 2004 and 2006, securing as much as 68 percent of the vote.

Casperson, elected by his peers as an Assistant Majority Whip, has served as the Chair of the House Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committees.

He has also served as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee, as well as a member of the Committees overseeing Agriculture, Energy & Technology, Veterans Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation Appropriations.

Additionally, Casperson has served on House Sub-Committees that examined a wide range of issues, including: Tourism, Alternative Energy, Gas Pricing, Cormorants, and Secretary of State Fees.

Prior to being elected to the State House, Casperson worked in his family's log trucking business for 27 years, including 12 years as owner and operator of Casperson and Son Trucking.

He represented the third generation in the business started by his grandfather.

He and his wife Diane, whom he married in 1982, continue to reside in Escanaba with their four children: Ashley, Tommy, Hillary and Dane.

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Wrongful death suit settled

PERRINE

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Russell Mitchell and his father Darrel Mitchell by Perrine's family.

"There were two defendants in this case because they (Russell and Darrel Mitchell) were co-owners of the vehicle," said Perrine family attorney Darrell Amlin of Saint Clair Shores. "The owner of the vehicle has the same legal liability as the driver."

The Perrine family received the following dollar amounts in the settlement:

Father Bryan Perrine — $11,300 for funeral costs; $39,389.98 for loss of society and companionship

Mother Joan Perrine — $30,079.62 for loss of society and companionship

Sister Eva Perrine Ferris — $2,148.56 for loss of society and companionship

"A case like this is worth a million-and-a-half dollars, but they (the Mitchells) don't have enough to ... pay for the damages they caused," Amlin said. "The amount of insurance was hopelessly inadequate and he (Russell) doesn't have two nickels."

Bergmann Center, Inc. of Charlevoix would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the community for their continued support, making our 6th Annual "Starlight" Dinner, and Live Auction a great success. The Center raised over $8,400. during this event that took place on May 4, 2008 at the Belvedere Club. We would like to give a special thanks to the Belvedere Club, Grey Gables for catering, Acoustic Stew for providing entertainment, Mike & Claudia Bost for providing their auction expertise, the staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and the many, many others who support us at Bergmann Center.

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Cytology Specialty Lab Technician, Nicole Marquis, BS, using the ThinPrep® Imaging System.

"Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is committed to providing our patients with the best new technology to detect disease early and the ThinPrep® System enables us to do that," said Judith Hoschner, MD. "Using the ThinPrep System offers significant improvements over previous screening technologies. Making this technology the standard in our practice was simply the right thing to do."

According to American Cancer Society estimates, nearly 11,150 women in the United States will have been diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2007 and about 3,670 will die of the disease. Cervical cancer is almost 100 percent curable if detected early. More than 30 published studies with more than 500,000 patients have demonstrated the improved performance of the ThinPrep Pap Test compared to the conventional Pap smear.

Mary Ivey, MD, of Charlevoix Women's Healthcare, is currently using the ThinPrep collection method for her patients and sending specimens to the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Laboratory for analysis. "Although we know that the original pap smear test has decreased the death rate for cervical cancer," said Ivey, "the increased accuracy of ThinPrep has significantly helped to identify abnormalities early for prompt treatment and follow-up."

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Charlevoix students learn while serving the community

For six weeks, Charlevoix Middle School fifth-graders visited residents of Pine River Place. They shared autobiographies, performed a reader's theater and celebrated Mother's Day. Thia was all to develop relationships with the residenta, practice positive social skills and laarn how to respect people different from themselves. Tha visits were funded through the Learn and Serve Grant. Fifth-graders Leah Davis and Makenna Doan visit with Laurie Crandall.

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Annual Bergmann Starlight dinner and auction a success

Here (above) Mike Bost is seen in action running the auction portion of the Bergmann Cantér's annual "Starlight Dinner and Silent Auction" on May 4. Proceeds of tha auction help the Bergmann Center continue its mission of giving developmentally disabled individuals a center for fellowship, work and life skills training.

Art: from St. Mary to China

St. Mary students Gloria Greene, Beatriz Ramalho and Alyssa Chomiczewski were recognized for their art work selected to go to China. Only 65 pieces of Michigan art work were selected to represent 4-H. All art work going to China is a gift to the people of China. The art exchange is a program for all kindergarten through sixth-graders.

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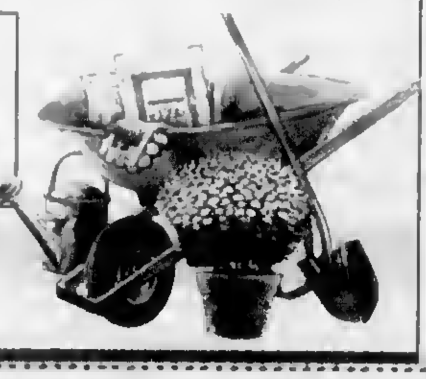

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Leafing out: tips and tricks from the Charlevoix Area Garden Club

THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS AND TRICKS FROM THE CHARLEVOIX AREA GARDEN CLUB CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Charlevoix has a long history of resourceful self-reliance. Since that week in 1873 when 300 local farmers and fishermen with hand shovels first dug out the channel, we've done things ourselves and in our own way. That goes for preserving our environment and for reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

This column will appear now and then in the Courier, and it will provide hints for how you can go green in a way that's uniquely Charlevoix.

It's spring and we're getting ready to start our gardens.

There are a few simple things you can do to reduce your costs and reduce your impact on the environment.

Heading to the nursery for some plants? Carpool. Take a friend. Take two: Use less gas and have more fun.

When you go to the nursery, you probably bring your plants home in those big plastic flats. This year, take cardboard boxes with you. Recycle them when you're finished.

If you're starting your own plants, use containers you already have around the house: plant containers from last season, little plastic yogurt cups or the old plastic ware you're about to pitch.

Cut your plastic milk cartons in half, recycle the tops and use the bottoms as plant containers.

Make sure you put drainage holes in everything and that you wash, rinse and disinfect them with a very weak bleach solution: one capful in a gallon of water.

What about recycling?

You probably cannot recycle the plastic in plant containers since they usually aren't marked with the type of plastic, so please don't put those flats in the recycle bin.

Keep them and use them for something else or use them next year. However you can recycle your milk cartons after your plants have moved to the garden. Rinse them off and add them to the recycling bin.

Where do you recycle in Charlevoix? Behind the sheriff's office on Garfield Street, which means you can feel safe bringing your recycling early in the morning and late at night, too.

Be sure to add some compost to your garden. It's the very best thing you can do to improve the quality of the soil and it doesn't cost you a thing.

If you live in Charlevoix, you can get compost for free at the city's compost site off US 31. Call 547-3270 for more information.

Next time we'll tell you how to get started in home composting.

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Don't miss the plant sale

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host its annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 24 at 807 East Dixon Ava. Choose from hundreds of locally grown perennials, potted annuals, ferns, garden gloves and trowels. Proceeds used to fund maintanance and planting of Charlevoix's 11 civic gardens.

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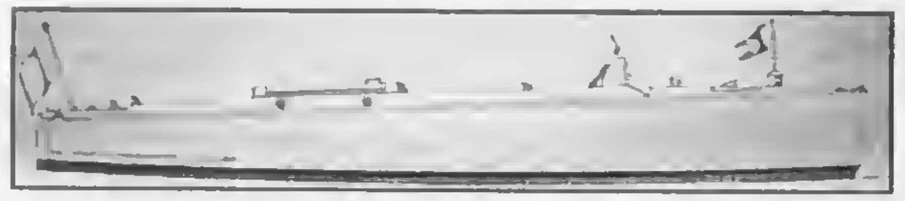

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Members of Kiwanis and guests recently gathered to recognize Kiwanis' Worldwide Prayer Week. Guest speaker Gayla Gennett spoke on the four "Fs" of a pastor's daily works: frustration, fear, failure and fatigue.

Kiwanis worldwide prayer week

In recognition of the first Object of Kiwanis "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life" the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club honored the local pastors.

A special luncheon in their honor was held on May 13 at the Weathervane.

Kiwanis President Ted Dumhauld welcomed the pastors and guest.

Thanking them for all they do within their parishes and our community making Charlevoix a caring and loving place to be. Telling them that our Kiwanis members also are very appreciative of the Pastors daily works which deepens and spreads the spiritual value that is the foundation of our community.

Gayle Gennett was the keynote speaker. She gave a lively and encouraging presentation about the four "Fs" pastors experience as spiritual leaders.

Gayle gave suggestions on how to cope with and overcome frustration, fear, failure and fatigue in their daily ministries.

The pastors in attendance were Pastor Carl Afman of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church, Pastor Pete Aronson of the Safe Harbor Baptist Church, Pastor Todd Thompson of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, Pastor Neil Wilson of the First Congregational Church, Pastor Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church, Pastor Paul Bradley and Joel Evans of the Freedom House of Ministries, Pastor Michael Smith of the Ironton Congregational Church, Pastor Dan Gilmore of the Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Neil Turner of the Community Church of god, Pastor Michael Mauer of the East Jordan, Barnard and Norwood United Methodist Church.

We thank you and truly appreciate your dedication serving us with love and compassion

Rainbow Shoppe turns 25 in June

Employees, supporters, community leaders and anyone else are welcome to come commemorate the upcoming 25th anniversary of the Rainbow Shoppe retail store.

The celebration starts Wednesday, June 4 through Saturday, June 7.

All are welcome to stop by for prizes, balloons, specials and refreshments.

Or, take advantage of the Rainbow Shoppe's great deals on clothing, shoes, household goods, furniture and more.

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United Way surpasses fundraising goals

Char-Em United Way has announced a successful 2007-2008 Campaign with more than $323,000 donated and/or pledged. This amount includes over $303,000 from local businesses, employees, and individuals, as well as a $20,000 challenge grant pledged by the Frey Foundation. The total is 32% over the Campaign goal of $230,000.

"We are thrilled with the success of the campaign and extremely grateful for the generosity of the community," said Doug Hall, a United Way Board member.

"The success of the campaign will enable Char-Em United Way to make significant investments in local agencies that help meet the health and human service needs in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. Our campaign theme this year is 'Doing What Matters' and this success will allow us to do just that."

For more information, contact United Way at (231) 487-1006 or charemuw@sbcglobal.net.

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Boaters: Stay safe on the water this summer

When taking your boat out for a day of sun and fun on one of Michigan's many waterways, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and boating safety advocates encourage you to put safety first.

"With a lake or stream never more than six miles away, it's no wonder so many Michigan residents love spending a summer day on the water," said Land, whose office registers more than 939,000 watercraft. "Let's keep these waterways safe by remembering simple tips that will keep you casting away from the dock year after year.

"One of the easiest things you can do is to always wear a life jacket. Drowning accidents account for 70 percent of all boating fatalities."

Land's message coincides with National Safe Boating Week, which is May 17-23.

Van Snider, president of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, encouraged boaters to take a safety course, which are conveniently offered throughout the state from a number of organizations. Graduates of course receive a boating safety certificate, which is required to operate a personal watercraft for people born after 1978

"Enrolling in a boating safety course is probably the most important step you can take to protect yourself and your boat," Snider said. "You'll learn the skills necessary to be a safe and knowledgeable boater."

Snider noted that Michigan boaters should be proud of their safety record. Through education and responsible operation, boating accidents and fatalities in Michigan had declined steadily as boat registrations had increased over the years.

Residents interested in taking a boating safety course should check with the following sources for more information:

- U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary at nws.cgaux.org, (800) 336-BOAT; (336-2628 for the BoatU.S. boating safety course hot line.)
- U.S. Power Squadron at www.usps.org.
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources at www.michigan.gov/dnr.
- Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office 547-4461

Boaters should avoid consuming alcohol while using their boat. In Michigan, a person convicted of operating a watercraft while intoxicated may not operate a boat for six months to a year.

"Operating your boat while being intoxicated is one of the most dangerous things you can do," said Lt. Dean E. Horton Sr., chief of inspections and investigations at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit. "You need to be sharp out on the water to avoid unsafe situations for yourself, your loved ones, and other boaters and swimmers around you. Alcohol dulls your senses and slows your reaction time. Plus, boating under the influence of alcohol is against state and federal law."

Other good tips from the U.S. Coast Guard include:

- Take extra precaution near boats towing skiers or tubers.
- Never reverse the boat to pick up someone out of the water but instead circle around the person.
- Examine your boat's stern to make certain no one is near the propeller before you start the engine.
- Be especially alert when operating in congested areas and never enter swimming zones.

The Department of State offers a safe boating booklet at its branch offices. The guide is free and has information about boating basics, laws and safety.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association is a nonprofit trade group dedicated to the promotion, protection and advancement of the recreational boating industry. For more information visit www.mbia.org.

For more information about personal watercraft, watercraft registration or other Department of State services visit www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Scholarship winners

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union Scholarship winners are Allison Aown of Boyne City, Alissa Carpenter of Bellaire, Murphy Gillespie of Charlevoix, Mark Wilhelm of Petoskey and Kate Lindberg of Pellston. Each scholarship recipient is recognizad for his or her academic achiavement and need, as well as school and community involvament.

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Boater safety classes still have openings

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering Boater's Safety classes on the following dates:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 31 at Charlevoix Yacht Club
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 28 at Walloon Lake Country Club (Grandma's)
- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 7 at Boyne City Middle School
- 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 14 at East Jordan District Library
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 2 at Walloon Lake Country Club (Grandma's)

Proctored Exam Time:

- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 7 at Boyne City Middle School
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 14 at East Jordan District Library

This is only for those who have an on-line boating safety certificate. Individuals will take the state exam and are free to leave upon successful completion of exam.

The class is free of charge and pre-registration is not required. Minimum age for class attendance is 12 years of age. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course. If you currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, you must take a proctored test and receive a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors on-line course completed certificates that have been verified by a proctored Michigan exam.

Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals: (1) born after December 31, 1978 to operate a personal watercraft (PWC) e.g. a jet ski, (2) for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat, and (3) for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a PWC. A parent must be riding with the child during operation.

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Fun in the sun

Teacher Shelly Novotny enjoys a cookout with soma of her first-grade students at Charlevoix Elementary School. Principal Dick Swenor, seen far in the background slaving over a hot grill, cooked hot-dogs and hamburgers for his students

Celebrate Garden week

National Garden Week, June 1 through 7, is a week set aside to promote gardens and the rewards of gardening. It is a time for appreciation and celebration of the regularity of the seasons, sun, soil, rain and the knowledge gained in bringing seed to blossom.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed a National Garden Week.

Floral designs will be on display at Charlevoix City Hall, chamber of commerce and the local post office branch courtesy of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

The club celebrates the joy of gardening throughout the year with guest speakers, poster contests, presentations, scholarships and field trips.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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4-H Soccer in full swing

Number 17 Fisher Kiteley of tha Charlevoix Storm 4-H soccer team (front left) keeps the ball away from a rival Harbor Springs athlete during their May 18 game at Shanahan Field in Charlevoix. Be sura to catch their last game on June 8 at Shanahan Field.

Baseball season ends with tough losses

The Charlevoix Rayders fell from contention in the Lake Michigan Conference baseball race with a 1-3 week in the conference.

Charlevoix lost two games to East Jordan, 3-2 and 12-3, and split with Boyne City, winning, 4-3 and losing, 3-1.

"We lost a couple of heart breakers, especially that first game to East Jordan," coach Allen Telgenhof said.

The Red Devils managed only five hits off Charlevoix's Ty Telgenhof but three were solo home runs, including a walkoff winner in the bottom of the sixth by Matt Werner.

East Jordan scored two in the second on back-to-back homers by Nico Cornstalk and Daryl Bingham but the Rayders rallied with a run in the third when Nic Williams singled and scored on a passed ball and another in the fourth on a walk to Jon Putman, a sacrifice bunt by Clayton Mitchell and a Sam Balasz RBI single.

Game two was no contest as the Red Devils blew the game open with an eight-run third inning. Charlevoix managed only two hits, by Cliff Jones and Michael Heckendorn. Kyle Jones scored two runs.

Ty Telgenhof got back to his winning ways in the first game against Boyne City, holding them to three runs, one earned, on five hits and one walk. Telgenhof struck out four to up his record to 7-1 on the season.

The Rayders scored all four of their runs in the second inning. Charlevoix loaded the bases with no one out on an error and walks to Mitchell and Balasz. Telgenhof singled in two runs to give the Rayders a 2-0 lead. Ground outs by Nic Williams and Kyle Jones both scored runs for a 4-0 Charlevoix advantage.

Boyne rallied to score three runs in the sixth but Telgenhof induced a bounce out with runners on first and second to end the game.

Telgenhof was two for two at the plate with the two RBI. Putman had the only other Rayder hit.

Charlevoix ran itself out of some rallies in the nightcap as despite nine hits, the Rayders could only manage one run off the Ramblers' Robby Jensen. Cliff Jones had three hits, including a triple and drove in the only Rayder run.

Putman had two hits. R.J. Moore, Mitchell, Drew Largent and Kyle Jones also had hits. Charlevoix had three runners caught stealing.

The loss wasted a fine pitching effort by Largent who gave up only two earned runs on six hits and one walk over five innings of work.

Charlevoix (13-13 overall, 6-6 Lake Michigan Conference) hosts Elk Rapids on Tuesday, May 20 and Central Lake on Wednesday, May 21 before traveling to Alpena for a tournament on Saturday, May 24.

"Though we are out of the league race now, we still have a chance for one of our main goals - to win the districts," Allen Telgenhof said. "We open against Indian River Inland Lakes, then if we win, we'll get another shot at Boyne City, East Jordan or Harbor Springs. It is there for the taking."

Rayder soccer rocks

The Rayders improved to 13-2 overall with a 2-0 win over Marquette on May 15.

Marquette gave the Rayders a tough match in preparation for upcoming District play. The Rayders out shot Marquette 26-9 but were unable to put them away. Charlevoix scored their first on a corner opportunity sent by Meredith Rich and sent home by Danni Bergmann. The sophomores converged for the Rayders second goal as Caroline Dupuis sent a cross to Madison Way for the score.

The game got a bit chippy late but the Rayders held on for their 11th shutout of the season led by keeper Tammy Potter. Dupuis was named Player of the game for her strong effort up front.

The Rayders host Boyne City on Monday and travel to Elk Rapids May 22 to complete the regular season.

Leading up to Marquette, Charlevoix bested Traverse City St. Francis Liberty 5-1.

"The Rayders played with great enthusiasm in avenging their only conference loss in three years with a strong performance against Liberty," said varsity assistant coach Tom Conlan.

Rayder Player of the Game, junior midfielder KC McCary, continued her strong play as Charlevoix out shot Liberty 26 to 9. A familiar combination for the Rayders got things going early when Madison fed Anel Ramsey for the 1-0 lead.

Ramsey went on to record a second goal and two assists on the night.

Madison and Ramsey have played together for four years and are one and two in career scoring for Charlevoix.

The Rayders led 3-0 at the half on a goal by Olivia Catt. Kaleigh Blanchard scored on a 20-yard shot and Madison Way added a goal in the second for the 5-0 lead.

Liberty scored on a breakaway late in the game after the matter had been decided. Garnering other assists for the Rayders were senior co-captain Emily Foster and Dupuis.

Leading up to their win over Liberty, Charlevoix garnered a blowout over Kalkaska with a score of 7-0.

The Rayders were led by senior all-state player Madison with 2 goals and an assist.

Also tallying for the Rayders were seniors Blanchard and Bergmann, juniors McCary and centerback Rich and freshman back Hannah Dean.

Other assists went to Blanchard, McCary, Madison Way and two to Bridget Peters.

Potter earned the shutout in the net with three saves.

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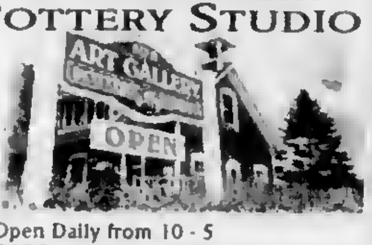

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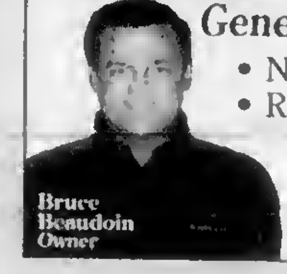

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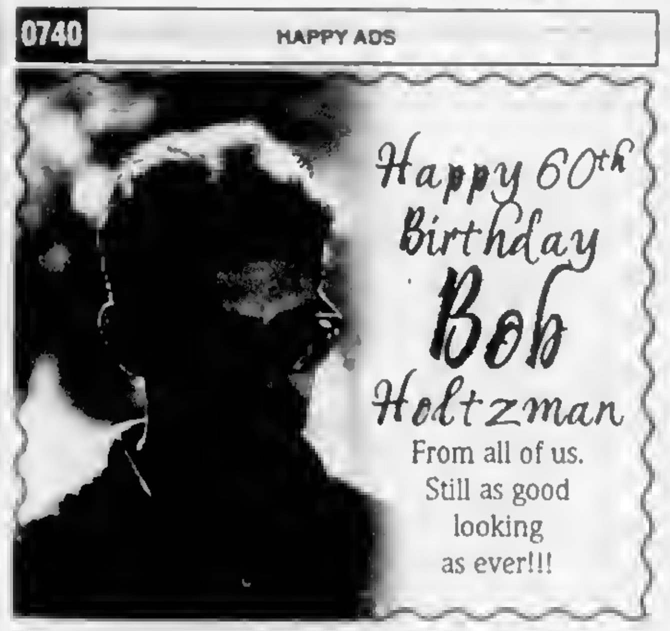

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 08-011220-NC

In the matter of GRANT THOMAS GRIFFIN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: THOMAS RICHARD GRIFFIN whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 1:45 p.m. at Charlevoix Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Michelle Renee Nowka requesting the name of GRANT THOMAS GRIFFIN be changed to GRANT THOMAS NOWKA.

Dated: May 8, 2008

Michelle Renee Nowka
9039 Lord Road
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-2532
(L-05/21)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael D Finstrom and Paula M Finstrom, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Crevecor Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2005 and recorded September 6, 2005 in Liber 702 Page 893 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents ($236,522.94) including interest 8.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on June 13, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the South side of Mill Street South 75 Degrees 40 minutes East 11.61 chains and South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 48 feet from the initial point of Boyne Falls Plat, thence running South 75 degrees 40 minutes East 5.25 chains along the South margin of Mill Street to a stake in fence being the Point of beginning of this description, thence South 57 degrees East along fence 29 one-half **links** to the East boundary of Cedar Street, thence South 46 degrees 15 minutes East 1.58 chains (also recorded as South 42 degrees 11 minutes East 102.3 feet) to the Southwest corner of the former August Moshenske's twelve acres, thence South 21 degrees East 1.29 chains to what was formerly described as 12 inches maple tree, thence South 24 degrees West 3.26 chains (also recorded as South 25 degrees 28 minutes West 188.8 feet) to a point (which has been described as being located from a point on the North and South one-quarter line of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West and at a point 33 feet South of the North one-quarter post and for thence South 2 degrees 15 minutes West 928.5 feet and North 86 degrees 20 minutes West 1212.3 feet and North 16 degrees 30 minutes East 169 feet and South 66 degrees 32 minutes East 55.1 feet) thence North 67 degrees 30 minutes West 71 links (having been recorded as North 66 degrees 32 minutes West 55.1 feet) to what has been described as a tight board fence) thence South 14 degrees 30 minutes West 4.655 chains down a hill to stake in brook, thence North 75 degrees 30 minutes West 248.39 feet to a point 175 feet from grove Street measured along said course, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East, parallel with Grove Street 130 feet, thence Northwesterly to a point on Grove Street which is 135 feet Northerly for the extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 11, Block 4 of the Village of Boyne Falls, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East along the Southeasterly line of said Grove Street to a point 150 feet South 14 degrees 30 minutes West from the Southeasterly corner of the intersection of Mill ang Grove Streets, thence South 75 degrees 15 minutes East 200 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 50 feet, thence North 75 degrees 15 minutes West 50 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 100 feet to the Southwesterly line of Mill Street, thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Mill Street to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 2581 Grove Street, Boyne Falls MI 49713.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 6, 2008

HSBC Mortgage Services Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates,
P.C. 811 South Blvd.
Suite100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 8-92287(HSBC)
ASAP# 2755859
(L-05/14/2008, 05/21/2008, 05/28/2008, 06/04/2008)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jamas L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson,husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of May, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Commonly known as 4990 Sequanota Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington
Mutual Bank
888 W. Big Beaver,
Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48084
(248)362-2600
ASAP# 2744297
(L-04/30/2008, 05/07/2008, 05/14/2008, 05/21/2008)

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 13th day of June, 2003, by Michaeline A. Lukas, a single woman, and Robert Williams, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 8, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 553, page 053, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT AND 76/100 DOLLARS ($72,468.76) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 13, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 32 North, Range 4 West described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence North 89°00'48" West along said Section line 2303.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°00'48" West along Section line 159.58 feet; thence North 0°30'32" West 1297.42 feet; thence South 89°29'59" East 160.39 feet; thence South 0°28'20" East 1298.76 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute

Dated: April 25, 2008

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

GALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Beynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-05/07, 05/14, 05/21, 05/28)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of EVELYN I. GOODRICK, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 01/21/1908

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Evelyn I. Goodrick, the decedent, who lived at 11857 Old Dixie Highway, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on February 12, 2008. There is no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to James C. Fox, Successor Trustee of the Evelyn I. Goodrick Living Trust Dated August 31, 1981, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Dated: May 6, 2008.

James C. Fox, Successor Trustee
% Hoffman & Hoffman
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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open noon until dusk on Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday through Friday until June 9 when it will be open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 6

Four Winns boat and trailer is being raffled to support Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Only 300 tickets for 2008 will be sold for this 18-foot H180 Four Winns boat and trailer. Tickets are $100 and available at www.hospicenwm.org. The winning ticket will be drawn at 9 p.m. at the close of the annual hospice auction benefit on June 6 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. You need not be present to win. For more information, call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 582-8800.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Alwilda, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library

220 West Clinton St.

547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. Every Saturday Night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

Opening Reception of "Reflections of Northern Michigan" featuring watercolors by professional artist Betty Bea Washburn of Bellaire.

The event is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on May 17 at the Cycling Salamander Art Gallery located at 02217 US 31 South, Charlevoix. Call 547-2333 for more information.

ART ON DISPLAY

Reflections of Northern Michigan is featured from May 18 through June 26 at the Cycling Salamander.

MAY 21

Fiber design group

Beginning at 1 p.m., bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors at the Charlevoix Library for this work session.

MAY 22

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar for this next American Red Cross Drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on May 22 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US 31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Please bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

Guitar Hero

At 3:30 p.m. middle school-aged kids are invited to play Guitar Hero on the Library's big screen.

MAY 24

Parenting Program: Success for Kids from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline tactics will be discussed. Parents, teachers, care givers & daycare providers are welcome. There is a $5 fee. Two CEUs offered. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

MAY 29

Thursday Night Open Mic from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc. at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. Call 547-2651 for more information.

MAY 31

Heaven Sent Adoption Services Inc. will be presenting a domestic adoption informational meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Charlevoix Public Library's meeting room "A." This meeting will allow families considering building their family through adoption to understand the adoption process and ask questions. Call 237-9880 to reserve your seat.

JUNE 4-7

Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix celebrates 25 years of service providing low-cost furnishings, clothing and kitchenware to area residents.

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JUNE 14

Vacation bible school kick-off from 1 to 4 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Activities include an inflatable slide and treats like hot dogs and snow cones. All are welcome.

JUNE 16-20

St. Mary vacation bible school is from 9 a.m. to noon, June 16 through June 20 at St. Mary of Charlevoix. Cost is $20 per person. Call Anell at (231) 881-3528 or St. Mary School at 547-6438 for more information.

NAZARENE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning June 16 and lasting through June 20. The Charlevoix Ministerial Society offers vacation bible school at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Ages pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call Kelly at 547-4908.

JUNE 28

Artist Reception

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander Gallery

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander Gallery

AUGUST 9

Art Demonstration Day is from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

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BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

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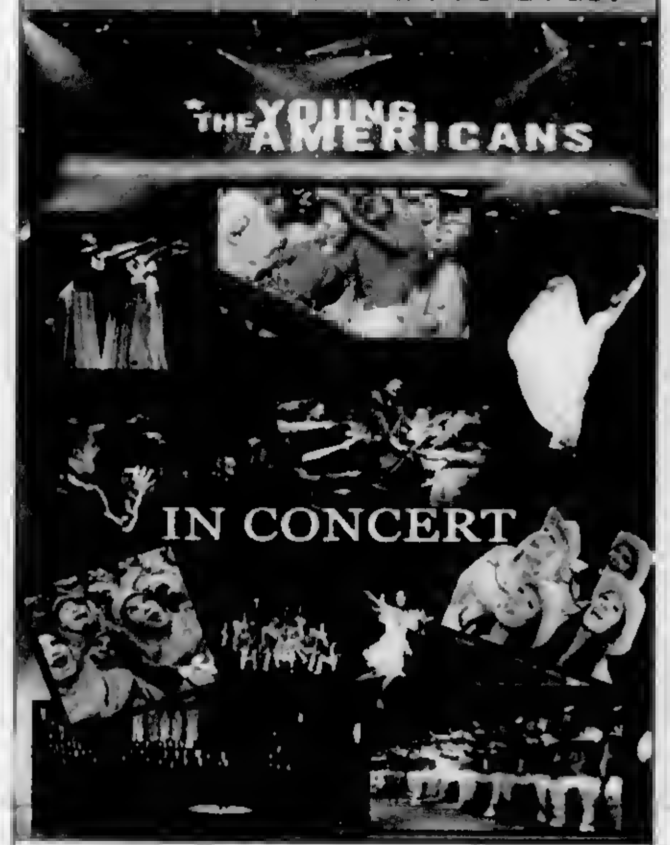

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SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of every month except July in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651. This is a change from previous meeting times.

CHURCH GROUPS

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

American Legion, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

HISTORICAL GROUPS

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.

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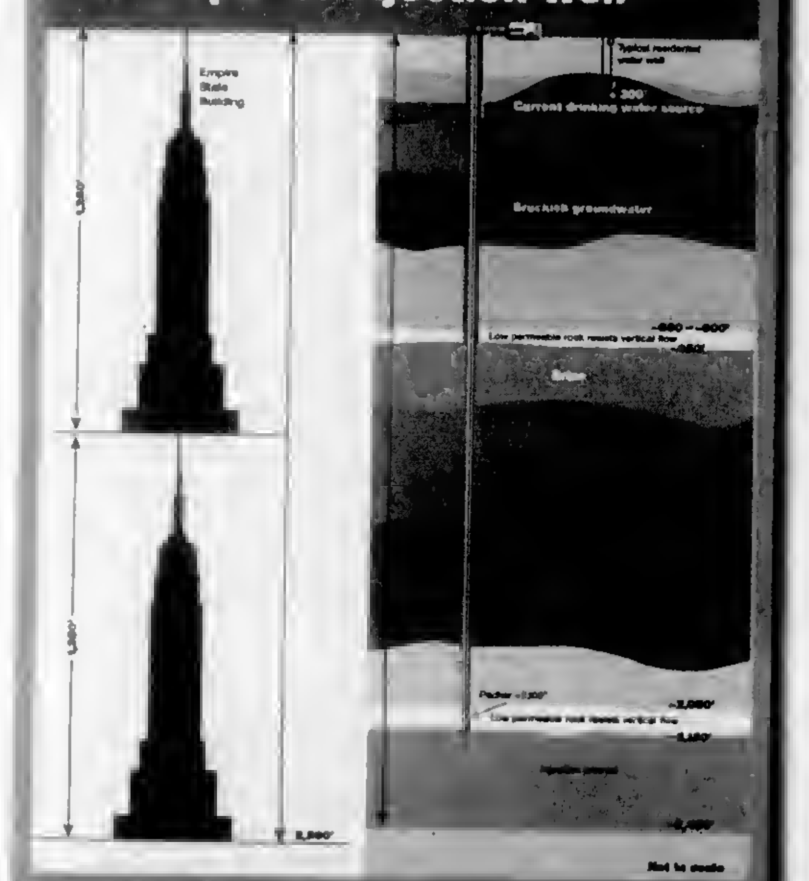
Depth of Injection Well



WELL FACTS:

- The well will go down more than 2,100 feet – that's almost 1/2 mile below the surface.
- The disposal zone contains a brine unsuitable for drinking or irrigation use.
- The disposal zone does not connect to any fresh water aquifers or surface water. The well application did not identify any surface water, environmental sensitive areas, floodplains, wetlands, natural rivers, or threatened or endangered species within a 1/4 mile radius of the proposed location.
- There are two impermeable layers of rock between the disposal zone and the local aquifer.
- The drinking water aquifer in the area ends at about 300 feet.

As we talk with the public about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project we have been asked many questions about the history of the property and what we are doing today to address the problems of the past.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) approved a permit for CMS Land to install a Class 1 disposal well in Antrim County. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions concerning the well.

Q: Just how dangerous is the water that will be disposed of in the well?

A: The water is classified as non-hazardous waste by the EPA. The water collected at the environmental project is treated on site to reduce pH levels to between 9 and 10, about the level of baking soda or milk of magnesia. While the water does contain trace amounts of mercury, those amounts are much less, by about a factor of 10, than what the government considers safe for drinking water.

Q: Why would a disposal well be used for non-hazardous waste?

A: While the water collected is non-hazardous, it must be disposed of in accordance with state and federal standards. A Class 1 disposal well meets the state and federal standards for safe disposal.

Q: Why was Antrim County selected as the site of this disposal well?

A: Antrim County was selected because of its geology. Scientific research and well records were used to identify a location where the geology has been proven to be suitable for such a well. More than 100 oil and gas wells and three other disposal wells are already operating within two miles of the CMS Land well site, demonstrating the suitability of the geology. Antrim County is already home to nearly 50 active brine disposal wells and there also have been more than a dozen new injection well permits issued in Antrim County since early 2006. Transportation safety will also be increased as the trucks carrying the water will travel about half the distance compared to the current disposal locations. CMS Land intends to use the well as an interim measure and continues to work with the EPA and the MDEQ to identify a local disposal option for the water.

Q: Will the well be safe?

A: The EPA and MDEQ conducted an exhaustive scientific and technical review for more than a year and concluded the proposed well can operate safely and won't harm drinking water sources in the area or the Jordan River. The well will have numerous surface and below-ground safety features, and extensive monitoring and reporting procedures will be required. The CMS Land well will go down more than 2,100 feet. The area aquifer that supplies drinking and irrigation water ends at about 300 feet. The geologic zone where CMS plans to inject the treated water is proven for such uses and there are two impermeable layers of rock between that zone and the local aquifer. Deep injection wells have been widely used in the United States for more than 50 years and have an excellent safety record. For more information concerning Class 1 injection wells please visit: www.epa.gov/safewater/uis/wells_class1.html

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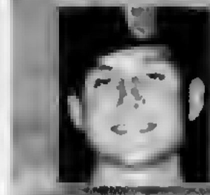

Army Pfc. Justin T. Paton

KIA February 17, 2007

24, of Alanson, Mich., assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; died Feb. 17 in Taramia, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire.

Army Maj. Douglas E. Sloan

KIA October 31, 2006

40, of Evans Mills, N.Y.; Originally of Charlevoix, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.; died Oct. 31 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Wygal Valley, Afghanistan. Also killed were: Sgt. Charles J. McClain and Pfc. Alex Oceguera.

Marine Cpl. Michael Be Lindemuth

KIA April 13, 2005

27, of Petoskey, Michigan. Lindemuth died as a result of wounds received from enemy mortar fire at Camp Hit, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Inspector/Instructor Staff, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Akron, Ohio. During Operation Iraq Freedom, Lindemuth was attached to Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Died on April 13, 2005.

Army Master Sgt. William L. Payne

KIA May 16; 2003

46, of Otsego, Mich.; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, Fort Riley, Kan.; killed in an accidental ordnance explosion in Haswah, Iraq. When a war in Iraq became likely, Master Sgt. William L. Payne put off his retirement because of a sense of duty to the men who served under him. Payne, who first joined the Army shortly after graduating from Otsego (Mich.) High School in 1975, was killed May 16 when an ordnance exploded as he examined it.

It's amazing to me how quickly a year passes. I was hopeful that the war would be over in Iraq and our brave soldiers would be home with us this Memorial Day, but that is not the case.

We have now lost over 4,000 brave Americans and over 25,000 wounded in this war.

This is their day... this is our day to thank them for what they have done for us, and what they're doing for us. It is so sad that these terrible things happen to such wonderful people. They are brave, they ask for nothing in return, they sacrifice, and they die for us.

There is a small Civil War cemetery in the woods where I live in Middleburg, Virginia. We plan on going there on Memorial Day and putting the American flag on the veteran's graves. I hope you and your family will have a chance to do the same.

To all our veterans; "words cannot say how thankful we are that you have protected us everyday." God bless all of you.

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Soldiers Honored

See page 17 for more photos of Charlevoix's annual Memorial Day Parade.

Vandals strike Charlevoix High

Klinger

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
NEWS-REVIEW CONVERGANCE EDITOR

A project students poured their "hearts and souls" into was vandalized Tuesday evening.

When students and staff arrived at Charlevoix High School on Wednesday morning, May 21, they discovered the facility construction technology students have been building since fall had been broken into and vandalized.

The 1,300 square foot building, constructed under the guidance of Charlevoix High School teacher, Brian Certa, was to be donated to the Moms-n-Tots Center in Ellsworth which serves mothers and children in need.

"It's hurtful — that's how I feel and that's how my kids feel. It's their project, they are the victims here," Certa said.

Damage done to the facility, which Certa said has about seven rooms, includes spray paint and paint splattered through the building.

"It's pretty messy," he said. "It could have been worse. No

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Petunia planting a success

Hundreds of people turned out for the annual mass petunia planting along five miles of US 31/Bridge Street on Thursday, May 22. Here one happy youngster shows off a flower just before planting it. Planters were all treated to live music, barbecue and ice-cream treats at Bridge Park following the planting.

See page 17 for more.

Courtesy photo

Economy forces pay-to-play at Charlevoix Schools

STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

In an effort to cut a growing budget deficit, Charlevoix Public Schools officials will charge a $40 fee for extra-curricular activities next school year.

At its monthly meeting last week, the Charlevoix School Board approved the fee along with several staffing cuts aimed at reducing an anticipated $800,000 budget deficit for the 2008-09 school year by $350,000.

Charlevoix superintendent Chet Janik said the staffing cuts will include laying off a few part-time teachers and two to three support staff positions. He said the district will also see some savings in labor costs because of some staff retirements.

Janik said the extra-curricular participation fee, which would primarily apply to sports, is expected to generate $3,500 to $8,000 for the district. He said parents can apply for a fi

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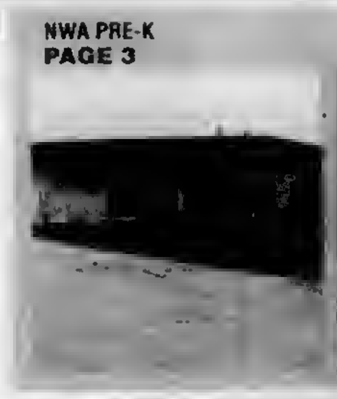

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THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

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Sojourner Teas, 1691 North M66 East Jordan, by Andrew Otis and Mary Grace Otis

MARRIAGES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Christopher Abraham Christensen, 36, Boyne City and Sara Elizabeth Richards, 32, Boyne City

Thomas G. Greetis, 65, Boyne City and Rebecca S Harris, 55, Boyne City

Paul Douglas Seaney, 20, Charlevoix and Jessica Marie Radtke, 19, Charlevoix

Rob Allen Reid, 28, East Jordan and Toni Jean Bellmore, 27, East Jordan

Jacob Paul Porath, 33, Charlevoix and Amanda Helen Denise, 31, Charlevoix

Anthony Laurence Wiegman, 44, Charlevoix and Eila J. Edwards, 48, South Boardman

Rudi Joel Prusa, 27, Lake Worth, Fla and Carrie Lynn Blasch, 25, Lake Worth, Fla.

Kristopher Jon Guzniczak, 36, Charlevoix and Tresa Lynn Hoffman, 35, Boyne City

DIVORCES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:

Kristen Rebecca Manfort vs. Jay William Manfort

Shirley Jean Conaway vs. Roger Leroy Conaway

Patti Magee vs. Scott Cortez

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ana Jean Fritzsche weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 16 to Jodi and Aaron Fritzsche of Boyne City.

Her sibling is Maya Marie.

Her grandparents are Howard and Jean Barriger of Prescott, Dale Fritzsche and Sue Borough of Williamston and Dr. Jim and Jane Wann of East Lansing.

Her great grandparents are Ruth Barriger of West Branch, Florence and Marvin Lyons of East Lansing and Betty and George Erickson of Whittemore.

Emma Gail Wiltse weighing 10 pounds 14 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 15 to Caleb Wiltse and Amanda Cain of Ellsworth.

Her grandparents are Bill and Ronelle Wiltse and Sonja Cain all of Ellsworth.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Charlevoix City Zoning Board Of Appeals did not meet on Wednesday, May 21 as scheduled.

The next scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board Of Appeals will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18 in the second floor council chambers of City Hall.

A complete agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

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Northwest Academy considers expansion

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Younger siblings of Northwest Academy students, as well as 3 and 4 year olds in the general public, could soon have a new option for pre-school and after school care.

Citing increased growth in their early elementary program, Northwest Academy's leaders are working on a plan to move their Kindergarten through sixth-grade classes to a new building and begin offering preschool and after school care programs.

"We are currently seeking approval from the licensing officials for the State of Michigan for preschool for 3 and 4 year olds, and I'm working with the State of Michigan on the Michigan Department of Education School Readiness Program," said Northwest Chief Administrative Officer Gary Stutzman. "The whole focus of the state of Michigan is to get younger children into the school setting earlier than kindergarten so they can get a positive feeling for school and get a basic start on their educational journey."

He added, "They will have art classes, gym time, music instruction and socialization."

The tentative hours of the preschool and after school care programs are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in Northwest's potential new building located at 03754 North M66 next door to Bartlett's Home Interiors.

Northwest Academy administrators recently held a feasibility open house to determine whether there was enough interest in their program to expand physically next school year.

"A lot of interest was shown at our open house. We're at 20 and we need 30," Stutzman said. "We've got our backs to the wall and we're climbing Mt. Everest. The bottom line is the numbers, and our growth over the last few years, I think, makes it obvious that people are looking for options in their elementary education."

He added, "I think it really revolves around the class size: no more than 15 students in a class. And, I think our method of delivery is unique. It's a gift when you've got talented teachers who work to make students feel their worth on a daily basis."

Then next open house at their potential new location is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 14.

The reason Northwest Academy must be so careful with its decision to expand is that they, by law, may not ask taxpayers for a bond or millage to pay for buildings, equipment, textbooks, building repairs or bussing.

"We must run totally on the foundation monies available from the state," Stutzman said.

The school is currently open for registration for next fall.

"We will take siblings of children that are enrolled first," Stutzman said. "Everyone else we will take on a first come, first serve basis. We have about 35 openings and then people will have to go on a waiting list."

He added, "I hope people come by and see what's happening. Don't take my word for it, people need to see what's going on for themselves."

For more information call 547-9000 or visit them online at www.nwa.edu.

Northwest's potential expansion comes on the heels of adding several sports to their extracurricular activy offerings.

New sports include girls' softball, boys' freshman basketball and a multi-age, MHSAA-sanctioned golf team for the 2008-2009 season.

Other sports being considered include volleyball, girls' basketball and girls' and boys' track.

Radio station WKHQ will be on hand doing a live broadcast from the open house and Detroit Tiger baseball tickets will be given out throughout the day.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The former Family Independence Agency building off M66 across the road from Kmart could soon house Northwest Academy of Charlevoix's preschool and early elementary through middle school grades kindergarten through sixth. Administrators site substantial growth of their early elementary program since it began nearly three years ago.

Veterans to sell poppies

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #1153 and its Auxiliary will distribute Buddy Poppies on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, 2008.

All members are asked to assist.

Poppies may be picked up at the home of Arlene and Kenneth Staley, 401 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

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Save your sanity by conserving

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayla Gennatt

I was tired by the end of the day, but still needed to pick up a few things at the store.

Those few bags of groceries turned into an expenditure that left me feeling broke.

I couldn't believe my eyes after clearing out the old PT Cruiser and thinking there must be more items underneath the seats.

I spent a fair share of money with nothing much to show for it.

After putting a few items away I started to think about the trickle down effect of gas prices.

Oil producton has impacted our lives in many ways. It is more than just filling up my tank on the way home. It's the computer I type on, the cup I am drinking coffee from, the actual java itself and the soap I'll use to clean the cup.

It's also the medicine I'll give my dad this evening; all are by-products of petroleum. It's right in front of our eyes everyday and it affects everyone.

After receiving attachments to my e- mails asking me to strike by not purchasing gas on a particular day, I was quick to realize it didn't serve its purpose.

It feels good at the moment but consumers aren't in control of this, we are at its mercy.

Instead of whining and complaining, what we really need to do is reduce, recycle, and remain sane.

We need to spend time using our efforts to conserve and use alternative sources.

Yes, we can shout from the rooftops that it's government driven.

Why else would oil executives be brought in to map out the plunder of Iraq?

Why else would gas prices decline whenever the election date arrives?

Nothing gets done in America that doesn't pad someone's pocketbook.

If war wasn't good for someone's profit we wouldn't go there.

Some claim the production of oil has peaked and prices curb demand.

If this truly is the case then the government should be spending our money working on alternative resources before abandoning us as the consumer.

Excuse my over simplification, but here are some things I am trying to do to keep my sanity.

I've actually looked at my door panel and discovered that, yes, I know how much air goes into my tires to improve mileage.

I set my cruise control when I am on the highway and keep to the speed limit.

It's better to be late than have an accident or waste fuel consumption.

If the city code changes I may buy a Bessie the cow or Porky the pig to decorate my lawn but I don't think that will happen soon so I'll still purchase eggs, milk and meat from local farmers.

It helps the local economy and I know what I am eating is healthy and not toxic.

If you are one of the lucky ones who still has health insurance, you may want to revisit your policy because a small change could save you money.

This year I think we should all include vegetables with that lovely flower garden, car pool when you can and plan your trips into town accordingly.

Ride your bike or motorcycle to work if it's a feasible thing to do.

Small things can add up.

I remember the year we put stickers on light covers that read, please turn out the lights before leaving.

I remember when you couldn't get sugar at a restaurant.

Those days were a piece of cake.

Tighten your belts, cancel those catalogs.

Buy only what you need, not what you want.

Recycle this paper when you're done reading it.

Be grateful for what you do have and not wish for more.

Conserve, connect with others, and convince your friends to be frugal.

Continue to be thoughtful as most of us are in the same boat.

Spending too much time watching the news on a daily basis can bring on depression so take a walk once in awhile instead.

It's wise to be cautious when someone on TV starts with "Good Evening" and then spends the next hour telling us why it's not.

We will get through these rough spots because history and humanity have shown us that we can and we will.

Gayle Gennett can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

WEEKLY POLL

Is Charlevoix's move to pay-to-play sports a good idea?

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Charlevoix County Sheriff plans retirement

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LETTERS to the editor

DIRTY LITTLE SECRET?

Editor:

Improper burial of cement kiln dust (CKD) under the Bay Harbor golf courses and in East Park sends millions of gallons of hazardous waste, laden with heavy metals and having a pH of bleach, to Lake Michigan.

CMS's answer to beach closings, citations for illegal dumping of hazardous waste to Lake Michigan for 8 months, fines from the city of Petoskey, suits from Bay Harbor residents, and pressure from the Grand Traverse Band and EPA to remove, isolate and contain the CKD has prompted CMS to action.

CMS has launched a public relations campaign.

Is CMS really "Cleaning our shore, protecting our bay?"

The only way to stop the production of toxic ooze is to contain and isolate the CKD from surface and groundwater.

This has been made tragically difficult because CMS and Bay Harbor were able to bypass safety practices to create a luxury resort perched on a toxic site, on the cheap.

Developers bulldozed and spread hundreds of thousands of tons of CKD, covered it with rubble and topped it off with three luxury golf courses.

Keeping the courses green with millions of gallons of water creates more toxic leachate.

And CMS and Bay Harbor do not want to harm the sacred golf course.

As long as the CKD stays under the golf courses and East Park, millions of gallons of hazardous leachate will be produced and have to be disposed of.

And CMS expects the people of Alba and the Jordan and Charlevoix Watersheds to lie down and take it.

CKD is exempt from hazardous waste disposal criteria, even though the CKD leachate is hazardous waste.

Protect our watersheds.

Tell CMS to cut the fluff and isolate and contain the CKD.

Jo Anne Beemon
Charlevoix

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LETTERS to the editor

MORE EATERIES

Editor:

Have you ever been on vacation and had really good food? Well, I have too.

When I came back to Charlevoix, I realized we have some of the best restaurants around. I started thinking we also have one of the most beautiful lakes too, but we only have two restaurants that you can eat outside at by the lake.

I think we should have more restaurants. We also need different types of food. We could have Mexican, Italian and French. They also have could have some restaurants by the lake too.

We could get more of a selection on food, like more pastas.

People don't like the same thing every time they come there. From my experience, people leave half of their food on their plates because they don't like the food.

I also think that we could have more seating outside.

There would be more people coming to our restaurants if we had more seating outside.

People would like to sit and watch the water and the boats going by.

I think we should have more restaurants by the lake. Thank you for taking time to read my letter.

Katie Balch
Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

NONHAZARDOUS?

Editor:

"What Is An Injection Well," by Petoskey News-Review Staff Writer Marci Singer, sounded more like an ad for CMS Energy than objective reporting.

No mention was made that the so-called "non-hazardous" waste to be injected into the earth contains toxic levels of mercury, arsenic, lead and a host of other chemicals.

This "non-hazardous" waste kills fish and wildlife as it oozes into Little Traverse Bay and caused the closing of East Park.

No mention was made that the City of Petoskey will no longer handle the Bay Harbor Resort waste after poor monitoring procedures by CMS resulted in pollution violations and damage to their plant.

Grand Traverse treatment plant has also refused truck loads of leachate, also citing pollution violations.

CMS solution? Build their own disposal well in rural Alba, which they can monitor with a little help from their friends in the DEQ and EPA.

With such a track record of environmental violations, why should we trust them?

No mention was made that Alba is headwaters to the Jordan and Manistee Rivers.

Six different watersheds covering much of northern Michigan converge in this area.

The technology does not exist to clean up the mess should a leak poison these pristine river systems and watersheds.

No mention was made that there are alternatives to the injection well.

Containing or removing the cement kiln dust at Bay Harbor, especially the waste buried under the golf course, would prevent contamination of precious groundwater.

This solution would protect not only our rivers, but Little Traverse Bay as well.

No mention was made of the widespread opposition to this well.

Antrim County, Star Township and Friends of the Jordan filed an appeal to halt the well permit. They need our support.

Let's not sacrifice our water and natural resources to the altar of corporate greed.

Anne Zukowski
Charlevoix

[Editor's note, some waste is still being taken to Grand Traverse septage.]

GIVE A HOOT, DON'T POLLUTE

Editor:

If you throw out your garbage it can hurt the earth and it could maybe kill animals.

While you go for a walk, you can see garbage like pop bottles and other garbage. When you are on your walk you don't want it to smell. After you throw out your garbage it smells very bad.

Landfills can destroy the environment. It kills a lot of plants and it destroys where animals live. It is bad for the air.

Littering is very bad. You can help the earth if you don't throw garbage out the window.

Please stop the littering in Charlevoix and other places.

Taylor Blackwell-Seese
Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix middle School

ONE BAD MOTHERBOARD

Editor:

Did you know that even though computers are helpful there's a dark side too? Yes, computers do help you find information and state your own opinion but they're also terribly dangerous. If you are informed, they're safer.

Some Web sites aren't plainly safe. If You are on a wrong Web site, someone could get all of your information and use it for their benefit. Plus, have you saved all of your information that you've been working on?

It would terrible if you got

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Charlevoix Area POOL

CHARLEVOIX POOL NEWS

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual meeting at the First Congresgational Church in Charlevoix (corner of state and park) in Charlevoix on Thursday, June 5th at 5:30. The public is invited.

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LETTERS

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onto a bad Web site and a virus delete all of it. Be careful when you are on the computer.

An issue with computer use is spending too much time on it. When you're sitting in front of the computer, it's cutting back from time when you could be active.

Furthermore, when you're staring at the monitor's screen for ages, it can your strain your eyes.

I know several people that spend an enormous amount of time on the computer and don't take time to make a healthy meal so they just grab unhealthy food. That would be unhealthy.

Web sites could be bad influences. Some Web sites give bad ideas and make them sound okay to do; like, for example, alcohol.

Some Web sites give false information. Someone could make their own Web site and state their information as facts even though they're opinions.

As you can see, computers can be dangerous. All you have to know is how to use them safely. So take my advice and have fun, but be cautious.

Mallory Murray

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

PETS NEED SHELTER

Editor:

Did you know that animal shelters are so small that animals are left out in the cold?

Here are some reasons why I think that we need bigger animal shelters: One reason is that people get animals and then when they grow up they don't want them anymore. Like when someone gets a chick and it grows up to be a chicken so they don't want it anymore; Also, when a parent gets a pet for their kids to teach them responsibility and the animal will often get neglected; My next reason is that people get an animal and can't take care of it. Like if someone gets a dog and it gets hurt and they don't take to the vet because it is too much money;. Also people have an animal and they can't pay for the food or shelter so the animal starves or freezes; My last reason is that people can have animal fights. One kind of fights are dog fights and another is chicken fights. But after the animals are fought they have to be put down. These are my reasons why I think we need bigger animal shelter.

Kasi Meggison

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

MAKE WAY FOR CYCLISTS

Editor:

Riding a bicycle on Marion Center Road and through Charlevoix can be very risky. I think they should create a bike lane. A bike lane along Marion Center would allow students to ride to the High School more safely.

In Charlevoix, you can't ride your bike on the sidewalks down town. A bike lane would help minimize congestion on the side walks from people walking their bikes. It would also be safer for pedestrians and easier for bike riders to ride through Charlevoix.

In addition to being safer for the pedestrians, a bike lane would make it safer for the bike riders as well as minimizing the potential conflicts with pedestrians and cars. Hopefully, many serious injuries could be avoided.

The bike lane would be helpful for the environment. A bicycle does not produce any emissions or require any fuel. Parking a bike takes up less room than a parked car, which would free up some space for other activities.

We should create a bike lane on Marion Center Road and through Charlevoix. I believe that this would improve safety for pedestrians, prevent accidents and be good for the environment. Biking is a healthy and fun summer activity.

Jonathon Lindfors

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

WORK 'EM

Editor:

I am writing to you to ask you if your kids are using for their money for their stuff. If kids in (Charlevoix) had more jobs under 14 it would benefit parents and the kids.

If kids had more jobs in Charlevoix, they would be able to be responsible with money. So, when they are older, they will know how to stay out of debt.

They will also be equipped for a serious job when they are older. They will also stay out of trouble during the summer because they will have less time to get into mischief. That is why kids need more jobs in Charlevoix.

Tyler George

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

ENVIRONMENT A BI-PARTISAN ISSUE

Editor:

Recent articles in the paper indicate that we have at least one issue where the Democratic challenger, (Connie) Saltonstall and our Republican Representative, Kevin Elsenheimer agree. Neither seems to be satisfied with the state's approval of the Alba waste wells.

If they can agree, then perhaps concerned conservationists throughout our area could also.

Pretty green and blue pictures in CMS ads in several editions of the paper do not convince me that digging waste wells in the headwaters of the Jordan River is a good thing.

Expert scientific explanations notwithstanding, I for one support the Friends of the Jordan in their efforts to stop the wells.

Thomas Ford Conlan

Charlevoix

FINISH THE PARK

Editor:

Do you like being in the park on Venetian night listening to music and watching fireworks?

Venetian night is so magical and not having it in the park would suck all of the fun out of buying glow lights and caramel apples.

That is why I feel that the park should be done by Venetian.

One reason why I think that the park should be done by Venetian is because the park is a popular spot in our town to see old friends.

Also "Fudgies," as we call them, love the park.

If it wasn't done, I'm sure that they would be very disappointed.

My second reason why I want the park done by Venetian is because we can have music in the band shell. People can dance and have fun. Also bands get to share their music with Charlevoix.

Another reason why the park should be done by Venetian is because the construction makes our town too congested.

It slows down boats and parking is not as available.

My final reason why I think that the park should be done by Venetian is because some people like to go there, sit down and soak up the sunshine. We can't do that anymore unless we want to get hit in the head with a cinder block.

In conclusion, the park is the center of our town so I strongly feel that the park should be done by Venetian

Madison Carey

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

SERVE TOURISTS OR LOSE THEM

Editor:

As of April 14, there are six empty storefronts in downtown Charlevoix. I think there is a problem.

The rent is too high for shop owners to stay open. We are a tourist town, so we are expected to have nice shops. It looks nice when the downtown has a variety of shops to shop in.

With the remodeling of East Park, it attracts families that have pre-teen children. So, there should be more pre-teen stores. Lots of families come on boats, and like to walk around and shop with their children. Our town should look finished when you are visiting. When you are coming into town you want to think of it being nice and a good tourist place; Because people visit, it may convince them to move here, which would help out school system.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my concerns about our downtown stores.

Lexie Barnes

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Writers Group
Wednesdays, May 28 & June 4, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

Story-Time *Thursday, May 29, 10:30 am*
All children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs and crafts.

Thursday Night Open Mic
Thursday, May 29, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc. at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all.

French Conversation Circle
Tuesday, June 3, noon
Join other Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion, newcomers always welcome

Sleepy Time Stories *Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 pm*
Wear PJs and bring a favorite lovey for quiet bed-time stories for your pre-schooler.

Margaret Duerr Book Award presentation, honoring Gordon Van Wieren
Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 pm
This evening's presentation will feature Alyce Riemenschneider, the Charlevoix Public Library's interior designer. Her presentation will focus on her inspiration for the interior design of the new library. Gordon Van Wieren will be honored with the sixth annual Margaret Duerr Book Award. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated an interest in the preservation of the history of Northern Michigan. A reception will follow the presentation. Sponsored by the library's Michigan Room Committee.

PAWS for a story
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Pink Ribbon Ride

June 21 marks the sixth anniversary of the Pink Ribbon Ride at Veteran's Park in Boyne City. In the past five years this event has raised nearly $96,000, resulting in donations to the Circle of Strength through Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Breast Health Fund through Northern Michigan Regional Hospital that total more than $75,000.

The ride is in memory of Kathleen McDonald.

Both organizations provide education and support to women and their families, as well as financial assistance and mammography scholarships for eligible patients. Last year's funds were allocated toward Digital Mammography machines at each hospital, and in January of this year Northern Michigan Regional Hospital began offering this service, with Charlevoix Area Hospital anticipating start-up in the fall.

Digital mammography improves upon the clarity of standard film mammography by taking an electronic image of the breast which can be enhanced, magnified, and shared with other physicians for long-distance consultation.

There are four routes, 65, 42, 20 and seven miles, that take you around Lake Charlevoix and the surrounding communities.

Pre-registration forms are available at several locations: Bikefix Cycling Center and North Country Cycle Sport in Boyne City, Revolution Bike in Charlevoix, High Gear Sports in Petoskey, and the Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey Chambers.

You can register online at www.bike4breastcancer.org or print out a form to mail in.

All pre-registered riders will receive a free bandana in their choice of pink or black.

The cost is $30 per person or $50 per family of two adults and children under 10, or a like amount in donations.

As an incentive to participants to obtain additional donations, we are lining up some great prizes for the highest individual efforts. To date we have a Marin Women's Fit Geometry Portofina bicycle from Revolution Bike, a $250 gift certificate from North Country Cycle Sport, $250 gift certificate from AmericInn, a spa certificate and family of four water passes from Boyne, a Specialized brand women's bicycle helmet from High Gear Sports, two complete car details and two oil changes from Fox Motors, a beading party for four from Baubles & Beads, and two rounds of golf from the Mallard Golf Club.

. Participants can also register on-site at a cost of $35 per person or $60 per family.

Sign-in and on site registration for the 65-mile route begins at 7 a.m., with riders starting by 7:30 a.m.

The 42, 20 and seven-mile riders are welcome to sign in and/or register and begin their routes from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Lunch is provided at 12:30 p.m., there are water and fruit stops along the 20, 42, and 65 mile routes.

Coffee, juice, bagels and doughnuts are available during registration.

For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor at some level, please contact Sue Morris at 536-7066 or e-mail penbryn@charter.net.

Bike4BreastCancer is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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ONE DAY ONLY! Call for a time slot.

Charlevoix County Residents
Household Hazardous Waste
Drop Off Day
June 7, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Some Common Household Hazardous Wastes:
Drain Openers • Oven Cleaners • Metal Cleaners & Polishes • Used Motor Oil
Grease Solvents • Antifreeze • Brake Fluid • Gasoline • Rust Solvents • Oil Base Paint (only oil base)
Paint Thinners & Strippers • Kerosene • Adhesives • Fluorescent Bulbs • Herbicides
Photographic Chemicals • Insecticides • Pesticides • Fertilizers • Fungicides • Wood Preservatives
Expired Medication • Aerosols • Household Batteries • Spa Chemicals • Sealers • Tar
Automotive Fuel Additives • Propane Tanks • Mercury & Mercury Thermometers

NOTE: *Mercury thermometers may be exchanged for digital thermometers! Don't forget to bring yours! Courtesy of Charlevoix County Recycling*

Electronics (3 for Free):
• Computers • Computer Equipment • Televisions • Telephones
• Microwave Ovens • Dehumidifiers • Air Conditioners
• VCR's • Satellite Receivers • Radios/Stereos
• All other electronic items containing printed circuit boards
More than 3 items? A $.25 per pound fee will be applied.

Collecting old tires on June 7th
4 car tires (less than 20" in size)
LIMIT 4 per houehold
Charges will apply for 20" & larger sized tires

You must CALL 582-6193 for a time slot!
Calls will be taken between: May 26th & June 6th

Questions: Call 582-6193
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Thanks to all the sponsors of the 4th Annual TriFun! Triathlon
Towards a Cure... One pedal, One stroke, One step at a time

We appreciate all who participated, volunteered, and sponsored this worthwhile event. Thanks to you we have helped 2 LOCAL Cancer support groups – Circle of Strength, and Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, who in turn help many, many others deal with the issues of cancer. Your donations will also help purchase a digital mammography machine for use at the Charlevoix Area hospital. 165, mostly women, participated, coming from the Upper Peninsula to the Detroit area. Your money will stay in this area to help those in need. Thank you for believing in yourself and our mission

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REMEMBER THIS RACE continues to work TOWARDS A GOAL.. One Step... One Stroke...One Pedal at a Time!

OBITUARIES

Brandon Dennis Way: Memorial service

A memorial service in honor of Brandon Dennis Way, son of Dennis and Jeanne Way of Charlevoix, Connie Way of Kingsley, and grandson of Doug and Lorrie Way of Charlevoix, will be held at 10 a.m. on May 31 at 17534 Ferry Road, Charlevoix.

Donald L. Whitley: Nov. 25, 1937 - May 23, 2008

Donald L. Whitley, 70, of Charlevoix, died May 23 in Marquette, where resided at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. Funeral will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, with Paul Bradley officiating. Don was born Nov. 25, 1937, to Stanley and Irene (Hull) Whitley. He grew up in Charlevoix and served in the U.S. Army in Huntsville, Ala. during the Von Braun rocket program. Don was employed by Whitley Floor Covering in Charlevoix and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Don is survived by his brothers, Stanley J. (Patricia) Whitley, Kenneth (Birdie) Whitley, and Davis (Sandy) Whitley all of Charlevoix; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Ivan and sister Patricia Dembinsky. Memorial contributions may be made to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, 425 Fisher St., Marquette, 49855.

Charlevoix County genealogy meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St.

Karla Buckmaster will present the topic, "Growing My Family Tree in the Midst of Blue Grass," which promises to be an interesting variation to traditional family history research.

Karla's family, who originated in Kentucky, were influenced and directly involved in the country and bluegrass music industry.

She will be sharing her approach to documenting the lives of these many cousins, including Harlan Howard, a famous Nashville songwriter and businessman who wrote many hit songs including "I Fall To Pieces" made famous by Patsy Cline in 1961.

The group will also host the second of several genealogical silent-auction book sales.

The presentation is free and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact JoAnn at (231) 582-9602.

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Rainbow turns 25

Help the Rainbow Shoppe resale store celebrate 25 years in business. Stop in at their new location at the old Brumm studio on Old U.S. 31 South between June 4 and 7 for specials, prizes, refreshments and balloons for the kids. The Rainbow Shoppe, which originally opened its doors on June 8, 1983, is a non-profit resale store sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. Their purpose is to sell to the needy at nominal prices.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Courtesy photo

Lions Club Scholarship winners

Along with Lions President Roger Nesburg and Charlevoix High School Principal, Suzanne Klinger (left) are the six college-bound Charlevoix seniors, winners of the Charlevoix Lions Club annual scholarship awards (from left) Alina Dhaseleer and Courtney Chamberlain, winners of the two Don Meggison Community Service Awards; Desi Faust and Cliff Jonas winners of the two Stewart "Irish" E. Coleman Awards; Kyla Jones and Emily Foster, winners of the two Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association Book Scholarships and School Superintendent, Lion Chet Janik.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teachey	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	1:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:15 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	
Church Office	547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Alman	588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Conie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODISE CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-4651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	547-6652

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
Corner Michigan & Waukazoo
Petoskey

Friday - Torah studies	7:00 p.m.
Friday Service (through August 10)	8:00 p.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
President Tom Johnson	487-1661

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Charlevoix County business

The following actions were taken by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners during their May 14 meeting.

- Item: Drug court grant

In brief: Charlevoix Probate Court requested to apply for a grant through the State of Michigan's Court Administrator's Office to pay for the program expected to cost $212,263. As much as $174,553.50 will come from grant monies, $2,000 from the local community foundation, $1,500 from the prosecutor's drunk driving fund, $200 from the Michigan Bar Association with the remaining $34,009.50 from in-kind contributions.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Transit agreement

In brief: County transit to provide transportation to commission on aging clients at a cost not to exceed $25,000 from May 15 to August 15.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Charlevoix Commission On Aging marketing proposal

In brief: Award Johnson Graphics with a contract of between $17,803 and $24,303 to provide marketing materials to the COA.

Board action: Measure failed in a 3-3 vote, all ties are automatic failures to pass

- Item: Prisoner housing

In brief: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians agrees to reserve two beds a day at $35 a day for 2008 whether the beds are used or not.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Prosecutor office laptop

In brief: Move to acquire a laptop computer at a cost of $1,700.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Nursing contract

In brief: Request by sheriff's office to contract with People to People Network Inc. for a nurse at the cost of $8 per hour regular and $57 per hour on federal holidays at the county jail.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Sheriff's department sewer line

In brief: Request to replace the underground sewer line to the sheriff's office at a cost of approximately $2,000.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Document scanning

In brief: County clerk's office needs 170,000 pages of court records scanned at a cost of $14,000 to be done by Graphic Sciences.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Creation of a new fund

In brief: Create the District Court Sobriety Court Fund for bookkeeping purposes and to ensure related proceeds and expenditures are solely used for said reasons.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

- Item: Grandvue operating transfer

In brief: Transfer $9,331 from capital depreciation fund to the operating fund.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

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Northwest Academy graduation

Valedictorian Lydia Welso accepts her diploma from Spanish teacher Cindy Romero during Northwast Academy's graduating ceremony last week.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy of Charlevoix salutatorian Tim Riley was ona of four Northwest students to graduata this year. Graduation ceremonies wera held Friday, May 23 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy Board of Education member Joni Olach was this year's featured speaker during 2007-2008 school year graduation ceremonies.

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In addition, the businesses have prepared a brochure that will guide people on the tour and relate some of the stories found on the Web site.

The idea for a Park Avenue Prowl was hatched following a meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society (CCHPS) in November.

The group held its holiday dinner at the Alcove Café, at 103 Park Avenue. The topic for the dinner was the building itself, which is owned by Chris and Georganna Monk of Horton Bay. Georganna Monk, vice president of the CCHPS, learned that it is probably the oldest building in Charlevoix.

Monk and Raechel Wright, owner of the Alcove Café, traced the history of the building and its many owners back to Philo Beers, who built his home in 1865.

Beers was Probate Judge, druggist, and the first postmaster in Charlevoix.

One of the CCHPS dinner's attendees was Jo Anne Beemon, who has a long-standing interest in historical preservation.

She had learned the building at 108 Park Ave., owned by the City of Charlevoix and site of the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy, was built in 1870 for Lena Beers Ingalls, daughter of Philo Beers and 21-year-old widow of Ammon Ingalls.

While researching the home at 106 Park Ave., the group learned that Elnora Ingalls, who with her husband Jackson built the home in 1868, was a survivor of the 1887 burning and sinking of the steamer Champlain just south of Charlevoix in Lake Michigan.

Today the building houses Carol Couture's Treasure Chest.

"We've learned so much about the people who lived here that we think of them as long-lost family members," Wright said.

Tony Duerr, who owns Pine River Books at 104 Park concurred.

"My property was owned by some of Charlevoix's most active, entrepreneurial and eccentric community leaders," he said.

Duerr began by researching the history of his property and before he knew it, was writing biographical sketches for the group's Web site.

"Many people have helped and encouraged us," said Georganna Monk. "And, we hope the entire community will enjoy the results."

The Park Avenue Prowl is designed to be a leisurely walk with parking, bathrooms, and other amenities available at several points along the route.

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Historical Society presents Channels, Piers, Lighthouses

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The restoration of Charlevoix's south pier-end light will begin within the next few weeks.

To honor the event, the Charlevoix Historical Society is presenting an illustrated history of the channels, piers, and three lighthouses that were instrumental in the development of the town from a once insignificant backwater to the leading shipping port of northwest lower Michigan.

The program will be presented by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles at the Depot, Depot Beach, at 7 p.m. on June 3.

Also included in the program will be images of the current state of the lighthouse, a navigational aid and not a lighthouse in the sense that one cannot live in it, both interior and exterior, that will illustrate why it needs to undergo extensive renovation to preserve the most noted symbol of Charlevoix for future generations.

After the program, the Society will introduce for sale a new publication titled "Charlevoix Pier Lights" an illustrated 24-page booklet that expands upon the content of the program. Retail price is $10 plus tax.

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Building riddled with grafitti

VANDALS

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windows were broken, no holes were put in drywall. We'll regroup but it won't be done by the end of the year."

Detectives with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix city police patrolmen and Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara arrived on scene just after 9 a.m.

Fanara said the school was "locked down" while detectives questioned students who discovered the vandalism early Wednesday morning.

Charlevoix High School principal Suzanne Klinger said all students were searched as law enforcement looked for paint remnants on their hands, pant legs, shoes and bottom of their shoes.

Fanara said that at this time the number of people involved is unknown. Law enforcement does have a suspect. It appears the perpetrator(s) gained access to the building through an unlocked window or an unlocked door.

Search warrants have been executed for a vehicle, clothing and a home.

With the information she currently has, Fanara said a possible charge stemming from this incident is malicious destruction of property over $1,000. This felony charge carries a possible penalty of five years in prison and/or a $10,000 fine.

When Klinger was asked whether this is believed to be a senior prank, she said, "I have no idea. The incident's under full investigation at this time."

"Obviously, when anything like this happens, it's devastating. In this particular instance, it's extremely devastating to Mr. Certa and the kids who dedicated their hearts and souls to the project out of good will for the Moms-n-Tots program. We have a lot of upset kids today and it's not a good way to end the year," she added.

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Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies stand guard while suspects were questioned about the malicious destruction of the Charlevoix High School building and trades class project. The building, set to be donated to the Moms-n-Tots center, was vandalized sometime before the morning of May 20. A reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit(s).

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

As the state goes, so go the schools

BUDGET

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nancial need waiver of the fee.

Janik said the participation fee has been one of the most talked-about aspects of the measures approved last week. He said he's heard a wide range of comments in the community ranging from people who think there should be no fee to people who think it should be more.

With an annual budget of $11.7 million budget, the district currently has about $1.7 million in reserves. But that won't last long with many deficit spending years like the one school officials are expecting next year.

Janik said as the board works toward approving its budget for the next school year sometime in the next month they are faced with three big areas of uncertainty: How much the state will be increasing the per-student aid payment, how many students will be attending the district, the contracts for both the district's teachers and support staff which are up for renewal this year.

Janik said the cuts and new fees were particularly disheartening for school officials in light of the fact that earlier this month district voters approved a $5.9 million bond proposal to pay for building improvements, technology upgrades and new buses.

"I think most people understand the difficult situation that the school board is in," Janik said. "There are no easy answers."

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Inventor's workshop

More than 30 business owners, inventors and people with ideas came together this week to learn the process and importance of protecting their intellectual property at the Inventor's workshop hosted by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Petoskey Regional Chamber, Boyne Area Chamber and East Jordan Chamber, and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

Charlevoix brothers: new invention, new business

MARCI SINGER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Bradley and Jody McGlinch, brothers from Charlevoix, have recently applied for a patent for the Poletector360, a protective wrap for utility poles.

"As a master electrician and part owner of an electrical company in Charlevoix, a good portion of my business consisted of installing light poles in commercial parking lots," said Bradley McGlinch, president of THIS Corporation located in South Lyon. "I was often asked if I had a product that had the ability to cover the ugly, referring to the concrete light pole bases."

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"We were fortunate enough to have people around us who believed in our product and our drive to succeed," Bradley said. "These investors have become an integral part of THIS Corp. and thus have played a vital role in the creation of the Poletector360."

Bradley said customers were quickly sold on the fact they would no longer have to paint the bases, saving them both time and money.

"Based in metro Detroit, auto dealerships became an instant and obvious fit," he said. "With parking lots being their sales floor, we found that dealerships were scraping and painting their light pole bases every six to 12 months. At an average of $30 per pole, it was not difficult to create an alternative for them that made for a good return on investment."

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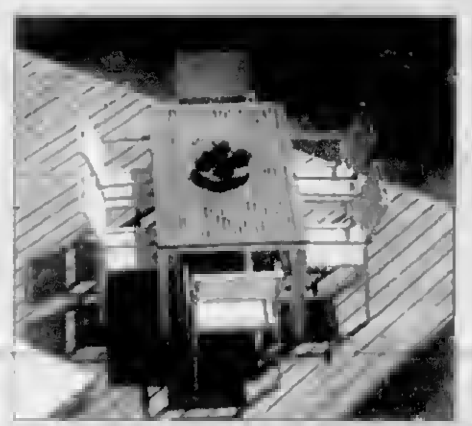

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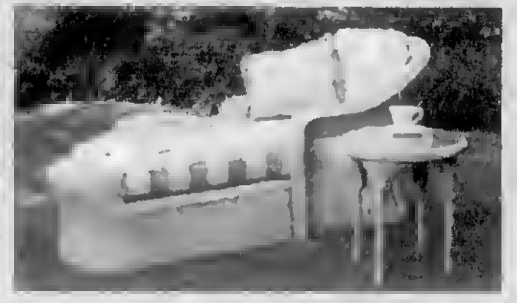

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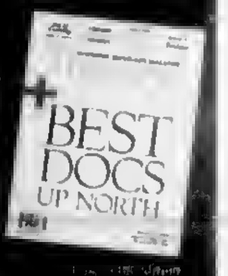

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MAY

Six rise to top at Charlevoix High School

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Six of the 112 class of 2008 Charlevoix High School graduates share top honors. They are pictured here (clockwise, from front), Nicholas Wimmer, Courtney Chamberlain, Elizabeth Kur, Alina Dhaseleer, Nicholas Williams and Shelby Goss. The six will deliver a speech at the school's graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, at Charlevoix High School.

Charlevoix High School's cream of the crop is a pack.

Six of the 112 class of 2008 graduates share top honors. Valedictorians are Shelby Goss, Nicholas Wimmer and Elizabeth Kur, each with a 3.994 grade point average. Salutatorians are Courtney Chamberlain, Nicholas Williams and Alina Dhaseleer, each with a 3.98 grade point average.

"We had a lot of really smart students in this class. Three vals, three sals — it's good to see," Cherie Helm, Charlevoix High School secretary and a graduation coordinator, said.

The six will deliver a speech at the school's graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 1 at Charlevoix High School.

Valedictorians at a glance

Kur is the 17-year-old daughter of Mary Beth and Steve Kur of Charlevoix. She plans to attend Kalamazoo College in the fall. During high school Kur's been involved with band and the cross country team and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Goss, 17, is the daughter of Randy and Sue Goss of Charlevoix. She participated on both the cross country and track teams and is a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to pursue an environmental studies degree.

Wimmer, 17, is Chris and Rebecca Wimmer's son. Like Goss, during high school he participated on both the track and cross country teams and is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Michigan Tech in the fall to study chemical engineering.

Salutatorians at a glance

Chamberlain, 18, is the daughter of Ron Chamberlain and Erica and Brent Marlatt of Charlevoix. She is president of the National Honor Society, yearbook editor, a student council member and participated in marching band and on the track and cross country teams. She plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to study secondary education, specializing in foreign language.

Williams, 17, is the son of Linda and Kurt Beuthin of Charlevoix. During high school he participated on the golf, skiing and baseball teams and is currently class president and a member of the National Honor Society. This fall he'll attend the University of Michigan to study aerospace or mechanical engineering.

Dhaseleer is the 17-year-old daughter of Carl and Cornelia Dhaseleer of Charlevoix. She is a member of the cross country and track teams, as well as the symphony and marching bands and is secretary for the National Honor Society. She will attend Aquinas College this fall to study to become an athletic trainer or to focus on environmental studies.

Who: Charlevoix High School
What: Graduation Ceremony
When: June, 3th at 2:00 p.m.
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Tips from top grads

What advice would you give to students who want to finish at the top of the class?

"Stay focused and remember your goal." - Elizabeth Kur, valedictorian.

"Work hard, be dedicated to your work and be willing to put in the extra time to study." Shelby Goss, valedictorian.

"You've got to be willing to focus your time and energy on your school work." Nicholas Wimmer, valedictorian.

"Take a deep breath, prepare to work hard and just enjoy the ride." Courtney Chamberlain, salutatorian.

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication," Nicholas Williams, salutatorian.

"Do your best and seek help before it's too late. Don't make it all about grades — balance your life or you'll stress yourself out," Alina Dhaseleer, salutatorian.

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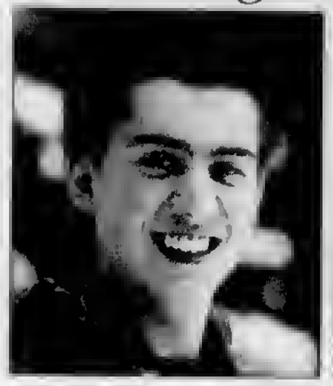
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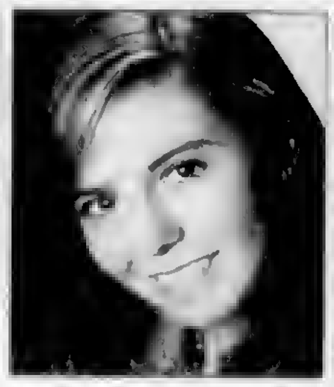
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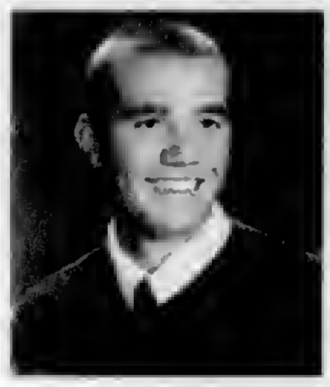
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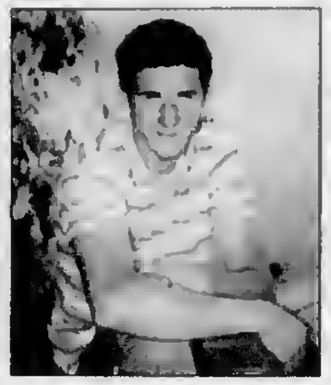
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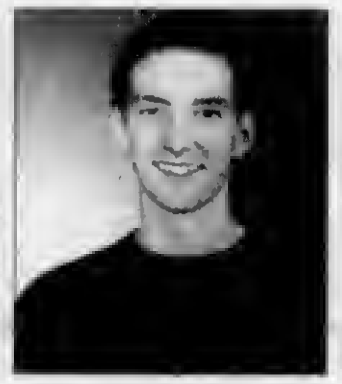
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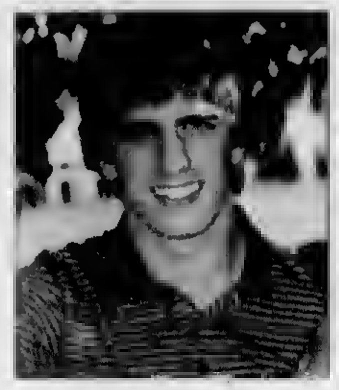
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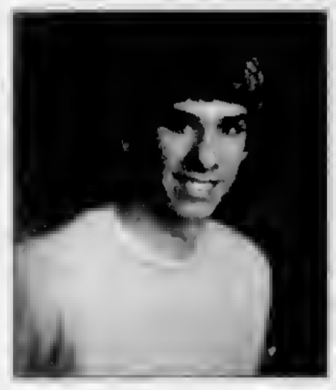
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Northwest Academy graduates six seniors

Northwest Academy's top graduates, Tim Riley and Lydia Weiso, joined their classmates at a graduation ceremony May 23. (Julie Witthoeft/Charlevoix Courier)

Who: Northwest Academy
What: Graduation Ceremony
When: May, 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
Where: 1st Congregational Church

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Lydia Weiso, Northwest Academy's valedictorian has raced through school.

As the 16-year-old class of 2008 valedictorian looks to graduation, she said she's ready to slow things down. Weiso started kindergarten at the age of four and skipped third-grade.

"It's a little freaky, I'd like more time to grow up before college but it's exciting," she said.

Weiso, who lives in East Jordan with her grandparents, Jack and Sandy Weiso, was a home schooled student who transferred to Northwest Academy to gain some social contacts. She said at the small charter school she's excelled academically and socially.

"It's small, you don't get lost in the shuffle. You're not just a number here. The staff pays attention to your personal needs and interests," she said.

Aside from her focus on academics that's helped her climb to a 3.72 grade point average, Weiso has participated in the band where she plays percussion and on the soccer team and is a long-time volunteer at East Jordan Public Library.

Weiso plans to attend Andrews University, a Seventh-day Adventist school in Berrien Springs in fall 2008. Her long-range goal is to teach high school history or math.

Graduating just fractions of a point behind Weiso is Northwest Academy's 2008 salutatorian, Tim Riley.

Riley, the 18-year-old son of Jeff and Denise Riley of Charlevoix, ends his high school career with a 3.35 grade point average. After six years at Northwest Academy, Riley is looking to take his commitment to academics to Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Ill. where he'll study to be an automotive and industrial mechanic.

During his high school career he participated in band, soccer, basketball, student government and scouting and is a volunteer firefighter with the City of Charlevoix.

While this ends his stint at Northwest, Riley said it's definitely not the end of his time in Charlevoix.

"I want to come back here. I've been south, east and west — this town has it's own feeling. It's home," he said.

Weiso and Riley are two of Northwest's four graduating seniors. The close-knit group will accept their diplomas at 7 p.m. on May 23 at First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

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Beaver Island Community School class of 2008 graduates are (above, from left) Daniel Runberg, Brenden Martin, Samantha Kuligoski, Andrea Moore, Brittany Crandall, Kevin Gillespie and Eric Albin. They will graduate at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at Holy Cross Parish Hall
(Frank Solle/Special to the Courier)

Graduates prepare for the mainland

Who: Beaver Island Seniors
What: Graduation Ceremony
When: June 7th at 1:00 p.m.
Where: Holy Cross Parish Hall

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Beaver Island Community Schools' top grads Andrea Moore and Brenden Martin are ready for graduation but aren't so sure about the next step — leaving Beaver Island.

Both are natives as dedicated to island life as they are to their studies.

When asked what makes his nervous about the next step, Martin said. "I don't get off the island too much. I'm nervous about living away from home, no parents there to help you. You're all by yourself. But everyone has to go through it."

Martin, the 18-year old son of Colleen and Joseph Martin of Beaver Island, is the graduating class valedictorian with a flawless 4.0 grade point average.

His advice for incoming seniors looking to claim valedictorian status is, "Quit slacking and complaining, do your work."

He is a member of the National Honor Society and during high school played soccer and basketball. He plans to attend Western Michigan University in the fall where he's considering a music major and may pursue a degree in education. He is employed at Powers' Do it Best Hardware.

Moore, the class salutatorian, is the 18-year-old daughter of Phyllis and Joe Moore of Beaver Island.

She played volleyball throughout high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, has worked on the yearbook for three years and student council for two.

She graduates with a 3.77 grade point average and plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall to study psychology.

"I'm looking forward to being off the island and experiencing something new," she said. "But I'm definitely going to miss the beaches, sunsets, basically everything the island is. I don't think there's another place like it."

When asked how she plans to spend her last summer on the island before leaving for college, Moore said, she plans to spend time with friends and work at Stoney Acre Grill to save money for school.

Martin and Moore will join their classmates and fellow islanders in a graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 7 at Holy Cross Parish Hall on Beaver Island.

Beaver Island Community School Graduates

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ohBOIX! *A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.*

- Amanda L. Boss of Charlevoix received Senior Nursing Award recently from Hope College and has been inducted into the college's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International during the annual Honors Convocation held on April 24.

The society was established to honor scholarship in professional nurses.

- Scotty Andrew Lee Bruce of Ellsworth, has graduated from Albion College with a Major in Economics and Management.

He was a member of the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management Concentrations as well as the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service Concentration.

He was also the recipient of the Michael A. Dively Leadership Award. Scotty also participated in the Elkin R. Isaac Student Research Symposium. During his time at Albion he was chosen to go to Washington DC and meet with Vice President Cheney. He is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Scotty will be leaving for London in August to continue work with the advertising company Making Waves. He has interned with Making Waves the past two summers.

Some may remember Scotty started his business adventure with his Mad Scotty Fried Ice Cream. He was a vender at many local festivals.

Scotty is the son of Raymond and Patricia Bruce of Ellsworth and the paternal grandson of the late Hilda and Dewey Bruce and maternal grandson Betty Boss and the late Frank Boss.

- Isaac Daniel Gilmore recently received the Bachelor of Science degree from Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois, in the school's 95th annual commencement on May 3. He is one of approximately 1,400 students to earn associate, baccalaureate, or master's degrees this year at Olivet. His major field of study was Christian Education. Gilmore previously graduated from NCMC receiving AA degree in Petoskey in 2005. He is the son of Don and Jackie Gilmore of Charlevoix. Isaac is continuing his studies at Olivet Nazarene University working on a Master's Degree in Religion.

Support the Circle of Arts

Several Charlevoix Circle of Arts Board members pose here in front of the former library building they hope will become an arts and cultural center.

Courtesy photo

The newly formed Charlevoix Circle of Arts has a mission – to promote the Charlevoix area as a cultural arts hub by providing community enrichment and support of the arts. The organization's Board, composed of local business people, artists and educators, are making plans to turn the former Charlevoix Public Library into a community art center.

"The building is stunning and the location perfect for an art center," said CCA chair, Rebecca Glotfelty. "We hope that this valuable resource can continue to be used by the community for art enrichment, education, and cultural events."

CCA has been talking with the building's new owner, Bob Grove, regarding a long-term lease of the building. "He has graciously allowed us to use the space for our initial fundraising event in June," said Todd Warner. "We feel the owner is working with us to help make our vision a reality."

In order to lease the building and achieve its goals, the CCA must raise considerable funds to cover expenses. The non-profit organization is planning several fundraising events, soliciting donations, and researching for grants to fund its activities. Anyone who would like to volunteer with CCA or make a donation can contact Rebecca Glotfelty at 547-2333 or via e-mail at realpeoplemedia@gmail.com

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayder soccer unstoppable

Charlevoix girls' varsity soccer beat Elk Rapids 3-1 to solidify their position in the semi finals today, Wednesday, May 28.

The Rayders won their fourth consecutive Lake Michigan Conference crown with a win over the Lady Elks on Thursday.

Charlevoix, currently ranked sixth in the state coaches poll, opened the scoring midway through the first half when Olivia Catt put away a bouncing ball in front of the net.

The Rayders went up 2-0 a bit later when center back Meridith Rich sent a through ball to Becca Madison who then buried the ball in the net.

The Elks got on the board early in the second half to cut the lead to 2-1.

Senior striker Ariel Ramsey then sent home a nice turn and shot off an assist from fellow senior Danni Bergmann.

Charlevoix out shot the Elks with 14 to six saves made by keeper Tammy Potter.

Senior Emily Foster played well defensively along with fellow defenders Meridith Rich and Marnie Greene.

Madison Way played a strong game and was named Rayder Player of the Match.

Elk Rapids played a very physical and intense game which will help prepare both teams for upcoming District Play.

The Rayders end the regular season at 15-2 overall and 13-1 in conference. Charlevoix travels to Harbor Springs today for a district semifinal match against the host Rams.

Leading up to their big win over the Elks, the lady Rayders stomped Boyne City 8-0.

Head Coach Carol Madison notched her hundredth career win with the conference victory at home against Boyne City.

The Rayders dominated throughout led by seniors Madison and Ramsey with two goals a piece and KC McCary with excellent passing and 4 assists.

Also scoring were fellow senior Bergmann and underclassmen Rich, Way and Abbey Barnes.

Other assists went to Catt, Bridget Peters and Taylor Smith.

Potter earned the shutout in goal, the Rayders 12th of the season.

Charlevoix junior golf registration: grab your clubs and carts

Official registration for this summer's junior golf instructional program is June 16 at the Municipal Course.

Area youngsters must be at least 8 years of age and no older than 17.

Registration requires a parent or guardian be present to provide a signature on the waiver of liability form and to learn of the family commitment necessary for youngsters to successfully benefit from the program.

Youngsters 11 to 17 years of age are to register at 1 p.m. and those 8 to 10 are signing up at 1:45 p.m.

There is a per-lesson fee of $5 or a $50 season plan option that pays for all scheduled lessons and play days.

This is the 13th year that the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's program has offered the program to area youth.

Sessions that teach golf fundamentals meet twice weekly and runs through July 21.

The program has drawn acclaim from the National Junior golf Association when they selected the local program as one of the top 15 such programs in the country and the program continues to grow and flourish.

Pros from local courses that will make up the teaching staff include: Steve Braun and Marty Joy from the Belvedere Club, Joan Waha from Ye Nyne Olde Holes, Mark Styles from the Charlevoix Country Club, and Scott Blechel from Municipal.

The emphases will again be on learning golf rules and procedures, proper fundamentals and techniques, and course etiquette.

Lessons rotate and will be held at each of the Belvedere, Charlevoix Country Club, Municipal, and Antrim Dells' Courses. In addition there will be Sunday evening "Fun" play with a variety of events for advanced players, scheduled for the Belvedere Course.

Director Dean Davenport also reminded parents, "We will again have scholarships available based on need for families where the fee may be a hardship with details available at registration. We also will again have loaner clubs available. We want every youngster to have this golfing and educational opportunity.'

Additional adult volunteers are needed to work in the Mentoring program so that whenever youngsters play a few holes to conclude each lesson they have an adult monitoring them.

Those new "mentors" should attend the registration session or call the City Recreation Department at 547-3253 for more information.

Camping a low-cost vacation idea

With today's skyrocketing gas and food prices, many Michigan families are re-evaluating their ability to take a vacation. If traveling to some faraway location is not in your family's budget this year, the Department of Natural Resources welcomes you to discover the wildness of Michigan at a state forest campground. The best news is that the cost of camping is still a bargain compared to staying in a hotel, motel or a rental cabin at a resort.

State parks typically are more developed, offering higher density camping with closer neighbors. But if you are looking for an opportunity to commune with nature or an escape from the maddening crowds at a cost that's easy on your pocket book, then a rustic state forest campground is the place for you.

In fact, some state forest campgrounds are so remote they can only be reached by a determined hike through the woods or by paddling down a scenic river.

There are 145 state forest campgrounds, all in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. These campgrounds contain more than 3,000 campsites and are spread over nearly four million acres of state forests. Each designated site campground contains between four and 50 campsites that are available for use on a first-come, first served basis. After arriving at the campground, select a vacant, non-registered site for use, return to the Information Station to register and pay the modest camping fee ($15 to $20 per night at designated campgrounds) and then return to the site with the camp card which is posted on the campsite marker post. It's that easy. State forest group campgrounds are $6 per person per night. State forest campgrounds and camps do not have electric hookups but they do have potable drinking water from hand pumps and rustic vault toilets. Most campgrounds are located on a body of water, such as a lake, river or stream. All offer multiple water-based recreation opportunities, so bring your canoe, fishing poles, swimming suit and sunscreen.

Sixty state forest campgrounds have nearby pathways for non-motorized trail recreation, such as hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and nature observation. Many people simply like to use the campgrounds as an easy means to access the surrounding forests for berry picking, mushroom hunting and exploring activities.

Though some people are tempted to "stake out" a campsite in advance, campers are subject to a ticket if they leave a campsite unoccupied for 24 hours. At least one member of the camping party must be present at the campsite during nighttime hours. Pets must be kept on a leash and never leave them unattended in a campsite at any time.

Excessive noise is not permitted either, meaning radios, generators and other amplified devices cannot be used in a manner that creates excessive noise. The designated quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m., meaning that peace and quiet must prevail during that time. Camp stays are limited to no more than 15 consecutive days in a campground.

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Charlevoix celebrates Memorial Day, honors soldiers

Marell Staffel walks her dog, Douglas, in this week's Memorial Day parade while holding a list of names of those who served in World War I.

Army veteran Bob Drebenstedt drove his old 1947 Cadillac in this year's parade. Riding shotgun with Drebenstedt is Joe Entienne the oldest veteran in the Memorial Day parade. Entienne served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

The local Boy Scouts of America troop was well represented in this year's parade. Overcast skies and cool temperatures were not enough to keep many dozens of locals and visitors from lining both sides of Bridge Street to watch the procession.

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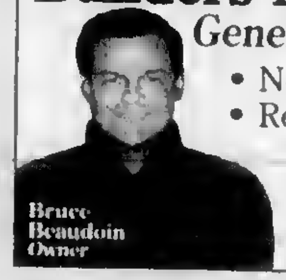

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Put some Panache in your life, and hair

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

With 15 years of experience and a salon bordering on artful, Susan Anthony recently opened Panache Hair Studio at 101 Park Ave. in Charlevoix.

Anthony was trained by Minardi Minardi of New York, Louis Lican of New York, Vidal Sassoon of Scottsdale and Toni and Guy of Scottsdale.

"It's unique," she said of her new shop. "It's almost like an art studio for hair."

Anthony added that her new business isn't just for the ladies, but men and children as well.

Her mission is to provide each client with excellence in style and to enhance their natural beauty with complimentary hair colors and fresh, updated custom hair designs and the name of her store "Panache" was no accident. In fact, one need only step inside to see it defined on the wall: Exuberant confidence of style or manner.

"I feel it is important to consider each person's profile and design a haircut to bring out the best in their feature," Anthony said. "It is equally important to consider the client's skin tone and eye color before applying a custom hair color service."

She added, "Mineral-based make-up lessons and applications are also available to finish their look."

Anthony discovered her love for the beautician's life while a junior in high school.

"We had a foreign exchange student from Belgium who couldn't afford expensive haircuts we were getting, so I started cutting her hair and her friends would come over to the house and I would cut their hair."

Anthony eventually received a scholarship to cosmetology school before going on to study with some of the nation's top stylists.

"My make-up philosophy is to bring out the beauty of the person while correcting the flaws with my services," she added.

Clients of Panache will enjoy gourmet coffee and biscotti while they are pampered in what the owner calls "an eclectic mix of art and nature. The atmosphere here is really cool."

"I look forward to continue to serve the Charlevoix community with my services," said Anthony, who eventually hopes to train a couple stylists to work under her.

Anthony moved here from Grand Haven with her husband over a year ago.

Following are Panache Hair Studio's hours of operation:

- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
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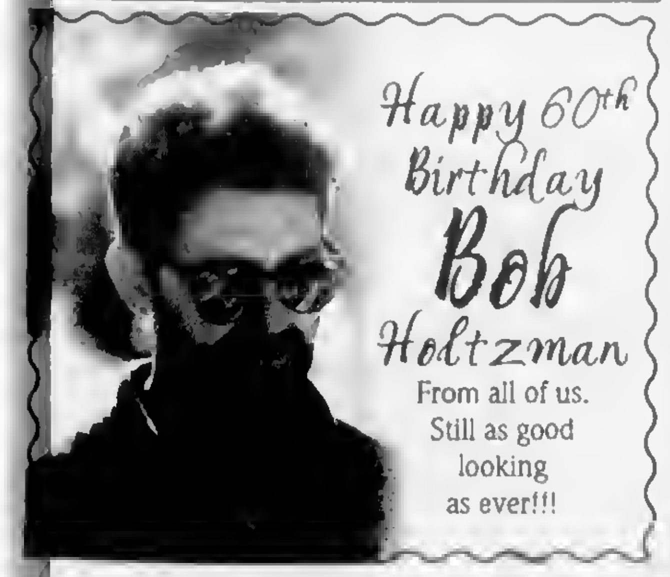

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June 9, 2008

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The budget concerning estimated revenues and proposed expenditures will be submitted for consideration at this meeting. The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection after June 1, 2008, by calling Marlene Golovich, Clerk at (231)547-9452.

(L-5/28)

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Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the South side of Mill Street South 75 Degrees 40 minutes East 11.61 chains and South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 48 feet from the initial point of Boyne Falls Plat, thence running South 75 degrees 40 minutes East 5.25 chains along the South margin of Mill Street to a stake in fence being the Point of beginning of this description, thence South 57 degrees East along fence 29 one-half links to the East boundary of Cedar Street, thence South 46 degrees 15 minutes East 1.58 chains (also recorded as South 42 degrees 11 minutes East 102.3 feet) to the Southwest corner of the former August Moshenske's twelve acres, thence South 21 degrees East 1.29 chains to what was formerly described as 12 Inches maple tree, thence South 24 degrees West 3.26 chains (also recorded as South 25 degrees 28 minutes West 188.8 feet) to a point (which has been described as being located from a point on the North and South one-quarter line of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West and at a point 33 feet South of the North one-quarter post and for thence South 2 degrees 15 minutes West 928.5 feet and North 86 degrees 20 minutes West 1212.3 feet and North 16 degrees 30 minutes East 169 feet and South 66 degrees 32 minutes East 55.1 feet) thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes West 71 links (having been recorded as North 66 degrees 32 minutes West 55.1 feet) to what has been described as a tight board fence) thence South 14 degrees 30 minutes West 4.655 chains down a hill to stake in brook, thence North 75 degrees 30 minutes West 248.39 feet to a point 175 feet from grove Street measured along said course, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East, parallel with Grove Street 130 feet, thence Northwesterly to a point on Grove Street which is 135 feet Northerly for the extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 11, Block 4 of the Village of Boyne Falls, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East along the Southeasterly line of said Grove Street to a point 150 feet South 14 degrees 30 minutes West from the Southeasterly corner of the Intersection of Mill ang Grove Streets, thence South 75 degrees 15 minutes East 200 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 50 feet, thence North 75 degrees 15 minutes West 50 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 100 feet to the Southwesterly line of Mill Street , thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Mill Street to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 2581 Grove Street, Boyne Falls Mi 49713.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241e, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241e(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 6, 2008

HSBC Mortgage Services Inc,
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates,
P.C. 811 South Blvd.
Suite100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of EVELYN I. GOODRICK, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 01/21/1908

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Evelyn I. Goodrick, the decedent, who lived at 11857 Old Dixie Highway, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on February 12, 2008. There is no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to James C. Fox, Successor Trustee of the Evelyn I. Goodrick Living Trust Dated August 31, 1981, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Dated: May 6, 2008.

James C. Fox, Successor Trustee
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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 13th day of June, 2003, by Michaeline A. Lukes, a single woman, and Robert Williams, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 8, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 553, page 053, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT AND 76/100 DOLLARS ($72,468.76) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 13, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 32 North, Range 4 West described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence North 89°00'48" West along said Section line 2303.78 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 89°00'48" West along Section line 159.58 feet; thence North 0°30'32" West 1297.42 feet; thence South 89°29'59" East 160.39 feet; thence South 0°28'20" East 1298.76 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241e, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: April 25, 2008

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 08-011227-NC

In the matter of Zoe Marie Anderson.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose address(es) are unknown and whose interested in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulheuser (P28895) for the following purpose:

To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Doretta Maria Brodin requesting the name Zoe Marie Anderson be changed to Zoe Marie Brodin.

Dated: May 14, 2008

Doretta Marie Brodin
427 Crein Street
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(L-05/28)

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PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 08-011229-DE

In the matter of Donald J. Kidder (deceased intestate)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Nancy Rogers, Harry Richards, Meo Richards, Hugh Richards, or the descendants of any of these individuals, any other unknown descendants of Donald J. Kidder, any descendants of the unknown paternal grandparents, and any known heirs whose addresses are unknown.
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser
P28895 for the following purpose:

To consider Petitioner Michael A. Bennett's Petition for Probate and/or Appointment of Personal Representative in which petitioner requests that he be formally appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald J. Kidder without bond and requesting an order determining heirs.
Date: May 28, 2008
Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State St. Ste 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4059
Michael A. Bennett
05272 Carson Road
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231) 536-2449
(L-5/28)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KENT
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION ON HEARING

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
In the Matter Of Naomi Anna HELFERICH
Case No.: 08-51885-NA-101173901
Hearing. July 16, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
Judge Carpenter, 9th Floor, Courtroom 9A
An initial and/or supplemental child protective petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition, including a permanency planning hearing, will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Family Division, Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The permanency planning hearing will result in the child(ren) being returned home, continued in foster care, or the court may order proceedings to terminate parental rights. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that you personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above and exercise your right to participate in the proceedings.

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MAY

Saltonstall calls for further review of Alba well plans

BY RYAN BENTLEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

In a recent press release, Democratic House candidate Connie Saltonstall of Charlevoix noted that she'd sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional environmental manager in Chicago seeking a full environmental impact study for Beeland Group's proposed injection well.

Sensing some unresolved questions about a controversial injection well proposed near Alba, an area candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives is calling for more study of the plans by environmental regulators.

Beeland is a subsidiary of Jackson-based CMS Energy, which is responsible for controlling the seepage of caustic shoreline contaminants along parts of the Bay Harbor resort corridor.

CMS, a former partner in Bay Harbor, has installed collection lines in affected shoreline areas to capture seepage before it enters surface water. Having paid to dispose of the seepage at other parties' sites, CMS would like to develop its own well to allow better control of costs and the disposal process. For the longer term, the company hopes to create on-site systems that would treat the seepage before releasing it into Little Traverse Bay.

The well would be used to inject seepage some 2,100 feet into the ground, into an area that's separated by rock and hundreds of feet from drinking water sources above.

The proposal has prompted concerns from some Alba residents, environmentalists and local officials. Though CMS has noted that the well would include safeguards to prevent contamination, critics have questioned whether groundwater and nearby river watersheds would be fully protected.

"They're disposing of (contaminants) in a place where if there's a problem with the well, it goes into our watershed, our groundwater," Saltonstall said.

Nick Choate, press secretary for U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, said last week that Stupak also favors a full environmental impact study concerning the well plans.

As of last week, EPA regional spokeswoman Phillippa Cannon said the agency hadn't received any formal requests for such a study.

"I was also told that the permit review process for this well was the functional equivalent of an EIS," she added. "EPA has already completed its permit review and issued a final decision. The matter is now under appeal with EPA's Environmental Appeals Board."

EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality announced in February that they'd approved permits for the well. Several groups — including Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Star Township and Antrim County — have filed to appeal the permits at both the state and federal levels.

Democratic candidate Mike Webster recently indicated he'd be dropping out of the 105th District race, so Saltonstall won't have an active challenger for this August's Democratic primary.

Incumbent State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, recently dropped his candidacy for the state Court of Appeals and decided to seek re-election to the House seat. Other GOP candidates have withdrawn from the race.

Elsenheimer has raised his own concerns about the Alba well, indicating that the $40,000 bond which MDEQ is requiring Beeland to post for it is inadequate to cover cleanup if environmental problems arise.

But MDEQ has indicated that its rules for injection well permits don't leave latitude for a higher bond amount. Citing the considerable time it would require, agency spokesman Bob McCann said DEQ isn't inclined to change the rules as Elsenheimer recently sought.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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FY 07/08 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

The Charlevoix Public Library will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at the library, 220 W. Clinton St., for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning an amendment to the budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 and the annual budget for fiscal year 2008/2009. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the annual budget for FY 2008/09 will be the subject of this hearing.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit comments. The library budget is available for review prior to the public hearing at the Information Services Desk of the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., Charlevoix, Monday through Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Cytology Specialty Lab Technician, Nicole Marquis, BS, using the ThinPrep® Imaging System.

"Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is committed to providing our patients with the best new technology to detect disease early and the ThinPrep® System enables us to do that," said Judith Hoschner, MD. "Using the ThinPrep System offers significant improvements over previous screening technologies. Making this technology the standard in our practice was simply the right thing to do."

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Mary Ivey, MD, of Charlevoix Women's Healthcare, is currently using the ThinPrep collection method for her patients and sending specimens to the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Laboratory for analysis. "Although we know that the original pap smear test has decreased the death rate for cervical cancer," said Ivey, "the increased accuracy of ThinPrep has significantly helped to identify abnormalities early for prompt treatment and follow-up."

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NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Alwilda, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodheck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodheck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

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Opening Reception of "Reflections of Northern Michigan" featuring watercolors by professional artist Betty Bea Washburn of Bellaire

The event is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on May 17 at the Cycling Salamander Art Gallery located at 02217 US 31 South, Charlevoix. Call 547-2333 for more information.

ART ON DISPLAY

Reflections of Northern Michigan is featured from May 18 through June 26 at the Cycling Salamander.

MAY 29

Thursday Night Open Mic from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc. at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. Call 547-2651 for more information.

MAY 31

Heaven Sent Adoption Services Inc. will be presenting a domestic adoption informational meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Charlevoix Public Library's meeting room "A." This meeting will allow families considering building their family through adoption to understand the adoption process and ask questions. Call 237-9880 to reserve your seat.

JUNE 4

Margaret Duerr Book Award presentation, honoring Gordon Van Wieren at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

The evening's presentation will feature Alyce Riemenschneider, the Charlevoix Public Library's interior designer. Her presentation will focus on her inspiration for the interior design of the new library. Gordon Van Wieren will be honored with the sixth annual Margaret Duerr Book Award. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated an interest in the preservation of the history of Northern Michigan. A reception will follow the presentation. Sponsored by the library's Michigan Room Committee.

JUNE 4-7

Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix celebrates 25 years of service providing low-cost furnishings, clothing and kitchenware to area residents.

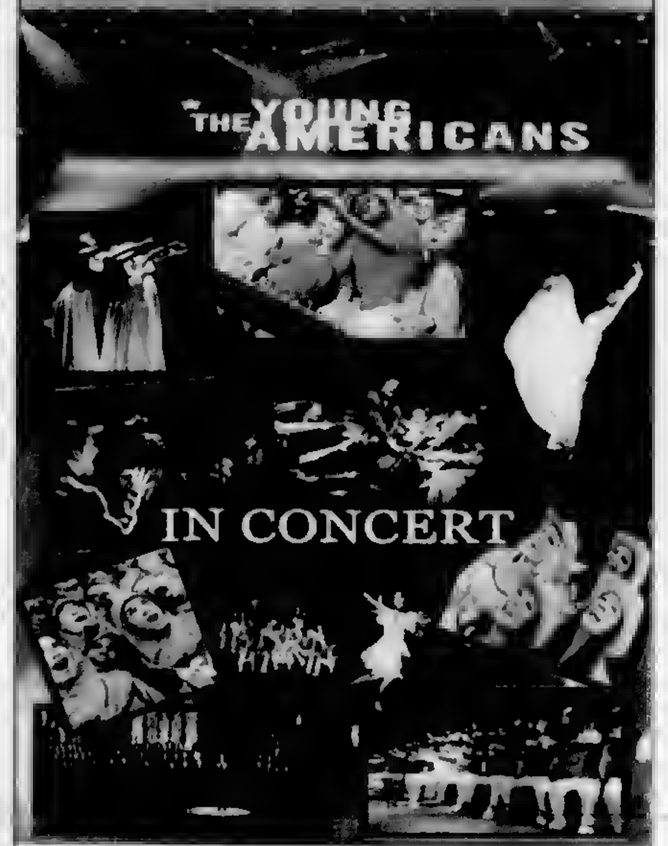
Stop in for deals and special events.

PAWS FOR A STORY

Come read to a dog starting June 7 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 west Clinton St. Call 237-7350 for more information.

JUNE 14

Vacation bible school kickoff from 1 to 4 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Activities include an inflatable slide and treats like hot dogs and snow cones. All are welcome.



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JUNE 16-20

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Nazarene vacation bible school

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning June 16 and lasting through June 20, The Charlevoix Ministerial Society offers vacation bible school at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Ages pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call Kelly at 547-4908.

JUNE 21

Sixth Annual Pink Ribbon Ride begins with registration at 7 a.m. on June 21 in Veteran's Park in Boyne City. The ride is open to all. For more information on pre-registration, call Sue Morris at 536-7066 or e-mail penhryn@charter.net

AUGUST 9

Art Demonstration Day is from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of hands at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St, and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

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FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547 6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant .

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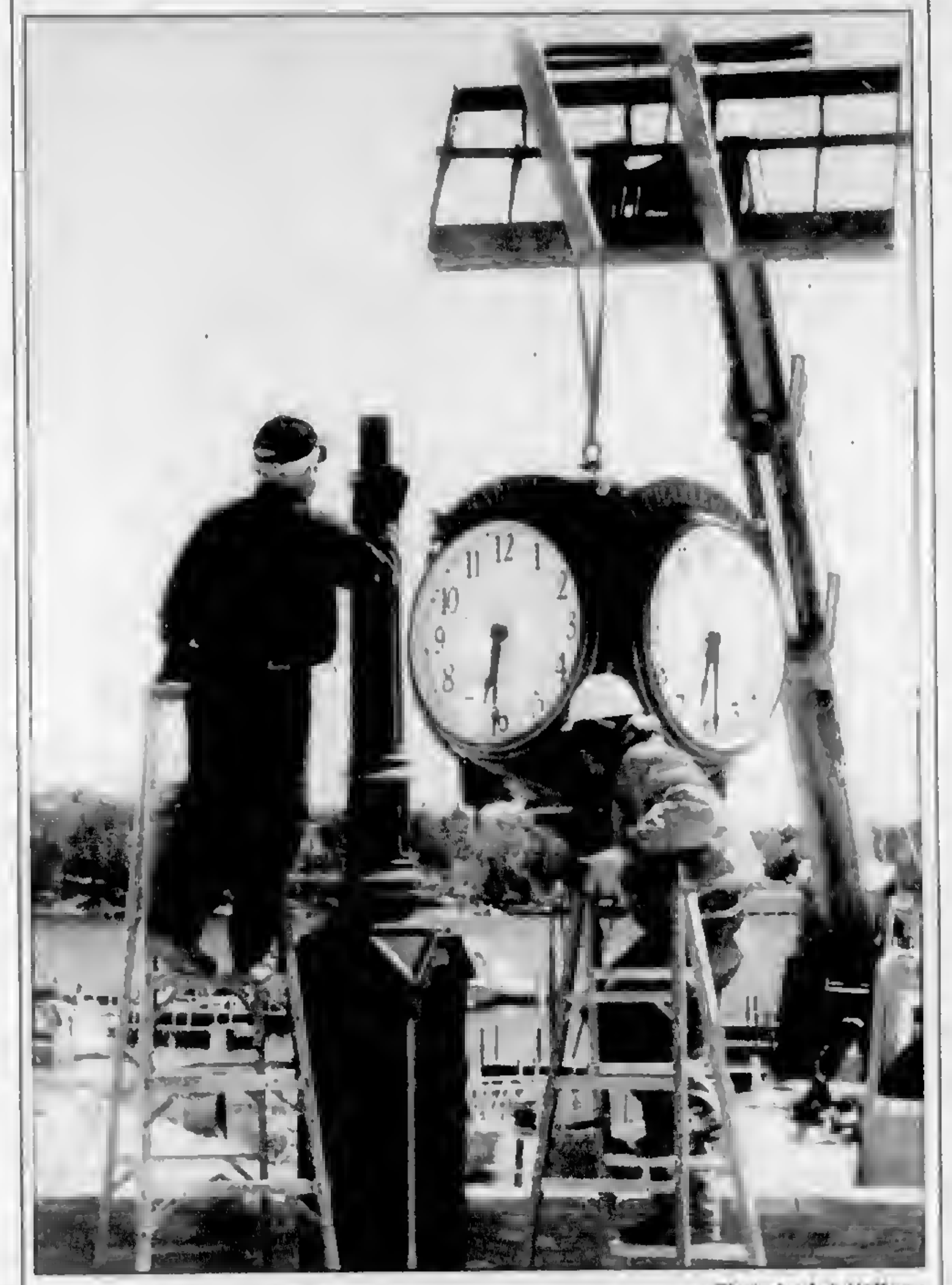

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Tick tock

The Chicago Club donated a free-standing, four-sided clock to East Park. *See related story on page 3.*

Memorial scholarship, ride honor fallen biker

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

"If it had a motor, he was into it."

The words of Randy Saddison's daughter Katrina Saddison briefly sum up her father's love of racing.

"He'd only been interested in motorcycles the last six years or so, but he's been involved in the racing community for a long time," said Saddison of her father who was killed in a car-motorcycle crash on July 13, 2007.

Helping organize the Motorcycle Memorial Tour in memory of Randy Saddison are the owners and operators of Maxwell Brothers Cycle Shop in Charlevoix.

Tickets, a $20 minimum donation per person, can be

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Courier welcomes new staff writer

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Fresh out of college, fresh out of Midland and ready to bring you the news.

A.J. Hoffman, a recent Central Michigan University journalism major, joined the Charlevoix Courier staff on May 27.

"I've always wanted to be a writer," he said. "I was probably in high school in my freshman year when my grandfather suggested (I would) make the most money in writing via journalism."

Hoffman added, "After I began studying journalism, I found a lot of heroes in the field like Hunter S. Thompson, Edward R. Murrow, gosh, just all kinds of people. Even some of my favorite writers: Kurt Vonnegut, Capote, they started out as reporters."

Hoffman, who enjoys playing guitar, photography, music and stand up comedy, said his number one goal is to tell his readers the truth

"I'd just like to get out alive and not cause too much trouble

See HOFFMAN, page 24

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

New Courier Staff Writer A.J. Hoffman took over the spot vacated by Benjamin Gohs when he was promoted to editor. Hoffman, a former resident of Midland, recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's of Science in Journalism.

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DISTRICT COURT
THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Teresa Marie Matela, 22, Boyne City, MI. License suspended/rev/denied/allow - $200 fines

Cherie Lynn McNiel, 36, East Jordan, MI. Operating while intoxicated - $650 fines

Travis Alan Murray, 19, Charlevoix, MI. Minor pur/con/poss al 3rd $350 fines

Henry George Archey, 53, Boyne City, MI. Operating while intoxicated - $650 fines and 36 days in jail with credit of 1 day

Timothy Paul McBee, 23, Boyne City, MI. Sex offender fail to register - $350 fines or 15 days in jail

Benjamin Joseph Kondrat, 20, Boyne Falls, MI. Minor pur/con/poss alcohol - $250 fines

Brandon Tyler Mock, 19, St. Joseph, MI. Charge #1: Disorderly person/drunk; charge #2: Minor pur/con/poss alcohol - $250 fines

Carly Ann Hoffman, 22, Lansing, MI. Operating while intoxicated - $650 and 36 days in jail with credit of 1 day

ASSUMED NAMES
THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

C.J.K Builders, PO Box 1124, East Jordan. Christian Kolp

I B Roofing and More, 623 Maple St., East Jordan. Isaac B. Caverly

Jordan River Action Group (JRAG), 451 Water St., Apt. 11, East Jordan. Sherman Thomas, Thomas Breakey, Tressa C. Youmans

Raymond Home Improvement & Remodeling, 3833 Homestead Ln., East Jordan. Richard Raymond Jr.

MARRIAGES
THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Richard Earl Herrmann, 47, Boyne City and Susan Jeanne Slough, 52, Boyne City

Daniel Leonard Merriman, 51, Beaver Island and Katherine Elizabeth Adams, 54, Beaver Island

Donovan Lawrence Swanson, 23, Charlevoix and Rachel Dena Wyniawski, 22, Charlevoix

Aaron Douglas Wilkin, 26, Charlevoix and Amanda Jane Green, 23, Clarkston

Ray Alan Alward, 57, Ellsworth and Cheryl Ann Nelson, 45, East Jordan

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Logan Gene Marsh weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 21 to Leigh Anne Figiel and Jason Marsh from Alba.

His grandparents are Ken and Steph Figiel of Elmira and Bob and Jeanne Marsh of Alba.

Elizabeth Jean Stoll weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 21 to Matt and Amy Stoll of Petoskey.

Benjamin Owen Strange weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 23 to Mike and Megan Strange of Ellsworth. His siblings are Avery and Olivia. His grandparents are Ron and Shirley Boss and Greg and Noreen Strange, all from Ellsworth. His great grandparents are Jean Drenth, June Boss and Polly Strange all from Ellsworth.

Mason Liam Kendzierski weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital on May 26 to Melissa and Scott Kendzierski of East Jordan. His sibling is Michael. His grandparents are Bud and Carol Chipman of Boyne City, Kathy and Harry Rodgers of Traverse City and Ron and Pat Kendzierski of Hale.

Beware new booster seat law

As of July 1, new Michigan law will require children who are under 8 years old and less than four feet, nine inches tall to be properly secured in a child restraint while traveling in a motor vehicle.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children," said Bert Notestine, who coordinates the local chapter of the SafeKids Coalition for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Seat belts are designed for adults. Booster seats, used along with seat belts, provide children with the best protection in a car accident."

Current law requires that children under age four ride in a child restraint. Legislation introduced by Senator Michelle McManus extends the requirement to include older children who also are not optimally protected by seat belts alone.

Partners for Child Passenger Safety (PCPS), conduct the world's largest ongoing study of children in crashes, and analyze actual crash data from 16 states, including Michigan. PCPS reports that the risk of injury for a four to eight year old child is reduced by 59 percent when using a child restraint. Children in seat belts alone are four times more likely to suffer head or brain injury as compared to those in a child restraint. States that have passed similar laws have also determined that child restraint use increases dramatically when required by law.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information on child passenger safety, call Notestine at (231) 347-5022 or visit www.michigansafekids.org.

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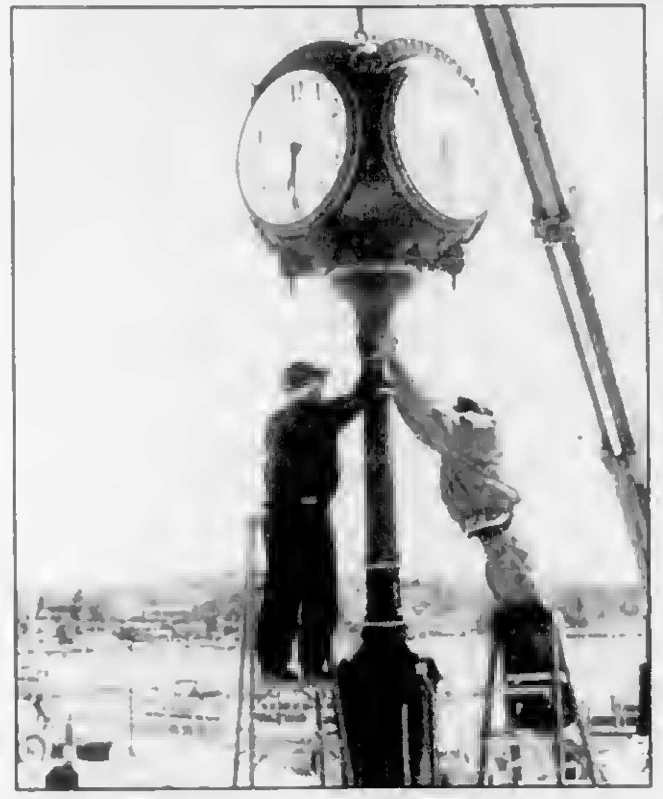

A four-dial clock was put up recently to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Chicago Club's existence. It was a gift from the Club to show the City of Charlevoix its appreciation. In both pictures, a worker from the Verdin Company (left) and a city worker (right) work together to install the giant timepiece in East Park on Wednesday, May 28.

Photos by A.J. Hoffman

CHARLEVOIX

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, May 28, the City of Charlevoix installed a 17-foot tall, four-dial clock on Bridge Street at the entrance of East Park.

The gift to the community, which is meant to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Chicago Club's existence, fits in well with the unique style of the rest of downtown according to city officials.

"We wanted to do something for the City of Charlevoix," said Jerry Balch, manager of the Chicago Club for the past 25 years. "It's a beautiful town and we wanted to give something back to it."

The clock was bought from the Verdin Company out of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The company custom builds these larger than life clocks and then sets them up.

Verdin has done work for the Walt Disney Company, the Smithsonian Institute and Notre Dame University.

To recognize the club's appreciation for the community, in 2006, it decided to raise separate funds to mark the occasion of the Chicago Club's anniversary.

"There used to be a huge four-sided clock on top of the National Bank down the street, but that bank isn't even there anymore," said Ginnie Cash, who has been a member of the Chicago Club for 50 years. "We ran through a number of ideas to celebrate the occasion, but this was the best one."

She added, "It was nice having people go through the city and know what time it was."

Members of the Chicago Club have contributed to numerous causes in Charlevoix, including the Chicago Club Fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) and the Quick Action for Kids program (QAK).

The Chicago Club is a summer resort association that was founded in 1881 by citizens of Chicago who enjoyed Charlevoix and saw it as a good place to vacation together.

The Club is also responsible for supporting causes such as the community swimming pool and giving over $200,000 in gifts to the CCCF.

East Park renovations are expected to be completed by the middle or end of June.

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EDITORIAL

You may be sick of hearing about high gas prices, Michigan's economy and what may or may not be the beginning of the end for the environment, but we urge you to support HR 6003, the Passenger Rail Investment Improvement Act.

HR 6003 could be the beginning of a revolution in energy efficiency, economic stimulus and yes, Al Gore, even environmental friendliness.

OK, so restoring Michigan's railways to their former glory won't be easy or cheap, but imagine what eventual statewide rail service could do to free congested highways, bring mass transit to underserved areas, invite tourists to our countryside for pennies on the petroleum buck and, for all you who think the next ice age is right around the corner, even decrease carbon emissions.

The Michigan Department of Transportation currently receives an annual sum equal to what Amtrak gets nationwide. That means while MDOT works to keep up on its crumbling roads, there are trains on tracks, many decades older, still safely operating.

The demand for railways has grown such that Michigan can no longer meet the need. It has the extra cars, but not the funding to make them rail ready.

To put the cost of all this in perspective, in 2007, the government handed out approximately $1 billion to Amtrak, $16 billion to the airline industry and $32 billion to the auto industry in subsidies.

It has continued this way since the auto boom of the early to late 20th century; coupled with cheap gas of decades past, trains have been largely ingnored as the superior mode of transport.

The steak days of cheap oil are over and, even if the hippies are wrong and peak oil has not yet been reached, it someday will, and with it our quick and steady descent into a Mad Max flick.

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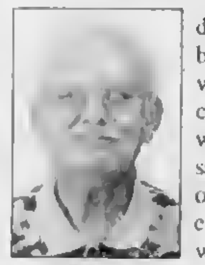

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

In the decades before the weather channel, it was necessary to rely on the accumulated wisdom of someone like the old fisherman, who had spent so many years watching the developing weather, that he could provide a reasonably accurate forecast by looking up at the clouds, feeling the wind and searching his memory.

Sometimes it was unclear what clues he might be using in his predictions, but he seemed to be able to see just a little way into the future.

Seeing into the future is at least difficult and, some would suggest, nearly impossible.

What clues could we possibly use to predict what might happen to our nation in the next decade or two? And more important, how could we know for sure what the clues mean?

A few authors, David Brooks and others, have suggested as a clue to the future that our society is fragmenting in ways that are politically and socially problematic.

But, they can't determine what the clues they see mean for the future.

Trying to predict the outcome of the nearing national elections engages and enriches a whole flock of pundits. The clues they see are often more interesting than in their predictions.

One of the most remarkable clues is in the distribution of votes in recent elections. With computers, it is simple to examine past voting records for all localities in great detail. If we look at voting by county across the nation, a remarkable pattern is emerging, like the distant clouds watched by the wise old fisherman.

In 1976, 26 percent of counties nationwide could be described as landslide counties. That is, one party so dominated the voting that the alternative party had no chance.

A landslide county was won by 60 percent of the vote or more. By 1992, 38 percent of all counties nation-wide were landslide counties, and in the 2004 election, 50 percent of all counties were won by a landslide by one party or another.

That is a big clue, but no one seems to know what it means for the future.

The total vote nationally is almost evenly split between the political parties, but the distribution is such that Republicans are completely dominant in some counties and Democrats in others.

In the last national election half the counties provided no contest, and one party dominated completely.

What difference would it make in our national character and our future if 75 percent of counties were so dominated?

Brooks and others have suggested that we are separating ourselves into regional and local groups, with each group so confident of its point of view that there is no discussion. We have simply chosen sides and aren't listening to outside opinions.

Exit polls from many of the recent primary elections seem to support that idea. We all know by now, on the basis of TV reporting, that each candidate has definite groups of supporters.

Clinton is supported by white, working class voters and Obama by the better educated and the young.

We hear almost constantly that Hispanic voters support this, black voters support that, female voters support this and young voters support something or someone else. What may be a mere majority in some young group is converted into something like a certainty. It confuses me, and I can only suppose that other voters and prognosticators are equally confused. The future seems murky indeed.

Where oh where is the wise old fisherman who could look at or interview a few voters, stare off in the distance and tells us that tomorrow is going to be a Clinton or an Obama day, or even a McCain day?

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Anxiety, excitement in this writer's life

A.J Hoffman

I have oneweek's worth of clothes stuffed into a duffel bag including a dress shirt and tie, a dress coat that's a little too big for me sprawled over the back seat, a six pack of beer, a cereal bar and a rack of CD's loaded up into my well used, yet durable, 2002 Saturn.

The car has over 104,000 miles on it and needs an oil change. Plus, there's an annoying sound coming from the back driver's side tire. It sounds like a tin can is rattling inside the axle and this is just one of the many things that scares the hell out of me as I drive 160 miles to Charlevoix.

I just graduated college, my girlfriend of two years is now my ex, my 15–year-old dog just recently had to be put to sleep, and that's not even half of the story.

All of this truly means the end of something for me. But, at the same time, I've been told that this is only the beginning of life for me as an adult.

I'm worried they won't like me, I'm worried the Pistons are going to lose to the Celtics, I'm worried I'll die on the way to Charlevoix due to all of the twists and turns along M-32, I'm worried that my ex-girlfriend has already found somebody new and that I have no chance at ever getting her back, I'm worried that the woman I'm renting a room from might be a serial killer because I've never met her in person.

Right now, I'm most worried that this column might be too random, like a Palahniuk novel.

I am afraid that I might accidentally put myself in a position where I have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

Fast forwarding to almost a week later, I see that there's more to be afraid of by looking back: My hometown, my family, friends, the economy, etc.

But looking ahead: The start of my career, a whole new town, new friends, a fresh start and a clean slate, the future is far more optimistic and it outweighs the past.

As a reporter here, I will do my best to be fair and accurate.

I think I'm being pretty accurate in saying that all of the people here are incredibly nice.

Kindness goes a long way with me and it's made me enjoy the job and the place for the short time that I've been here.

So, despite how scary this whole life changing experience has been for me, I think that even if my car dies here in Charlevoix, it wouldn't be a bad thing.

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LETTERS to the editor

GAS AND GASBAGS

Editor:

My goodness Mrs. Gennett, your emotional insight contributes to a lively opinion page. "Yes, we can shout from the rooftops that it's government driven. Why else would oil executives be brought in to map out the plunder of Iraq? Nothing gets done in America that doesn't pad someone's pocketbook. If war wasn't good for someone's profit we wouldn't go there."

Are you really that cynical? Could our leaders of business and government be that bad?

Why is a basic economic principle like the law of supply and demand so hard for some to understand? Perhaps it's because a scapegoat or villain like "big oil" or speculators are so easy to grasp.

Perhaps you noticed, Mrs. Gennett, that, when the Chinese communists adopted partial capitalism their economy starting growing like crazy. They buy and burn a lot of oil and gas. Economic growth in India is also very strong and they are actively breeding as well.

As free markets create wealth folks dump their Mackinaw Island type transportation in favor of more hydrocarbon fueled vehicles like your roomy comfortable PT Cruiser. That creates rapidly rising global demand for gasoline.

The bottom line is demand for oil is growing faster than supply. Has production of easy to extract crude peaked? We don't know for sure. What the market does know for sure is that it will. That will likely be sooner rather than later and it won't be pretty. We will look back fondly at our bargain $4 gas.

Our country desperately needs a real national energy policy. We need to conserve and provide economic incentives for alternative sources of energy. Here in northern Michigan wind has great potential. We also need to drill in some sensitive areas and use more nuclear power to generate electricity. It's time to compromise and gore all the sacred oxen.

Here on Beaver Island gas cost $5.20 a gallon. We buried the cynical blame game in favor of change. You ought to see all the electric cars, bikes, mopeds and new small fuel efficient cars. We plan trips more carefully. We follow the well known conservation tips mentioned in your column.

You said, "Consumers aren't in control of this, we are at its mercy." You're wrong. It's time to put the simplistic blame game aside.

If we reduce demand prices will decline in the short term. If we demand better government we can develop a national energy policy that jump starts the fossil fuel replacement process.

Steve West
Beaver Island

THANK-YOU

Editor:

The Roloff family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped make the 14th Annual Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit a big success again this year.

Thank-you so much for all the hard work and delicious food.

To all the businesses and everyone that donated all the items for the silent auction and door prizes, we certainly appreciated everything you did for us.

I would like to name each and everyone of you but I'm afraid I'll miss someone.

To all of you, we would like to say how much it means to us and just how grateful we are to you.

Thanks for being so generous.

A special thanks to our friends, family and everyone that stopped by to help us celebrate Bryan's Life and music. It certainly was a wonderful day: delicious food, lots of fun and the music was awesome.

Last but not least, all the bands: Miss Conduct, Peril, Soul Shine and Namus, this benefit couldn't have taken place without you.

Thank-you for being here with us again this year and helping us keep Bryan's memories alive.

You shall always hold a special place in our hearts.

Barry Loper, we must say "thanks" for coordinating all the bands this year. You did a great job and we appreciate it.

The Roloff Family
Charlevoix

ENOUGH WITH THE JUNK FOOD

Editor:

Do you know what kids at Charlevoix Middle School have for lunch everyday? Most likely it's junk food.

How can we help them eat better? Charlevoix Middle School and Charlevoix High School should have open lunches.

If we had open lunches kids would probably not have pizza and a cookie everyday.

They could have something different every day.

They also could have the same thing everyday if they chose to.

The point that I'm trying to make is that, if (the schools) had open lunches, kids would have a larger variety of what they ate for lunch.

The second reason that I have is that open lunches should help local restaurants.

The children would go and spend their money and that would help the restaurant. It could help a little or it could help a lot, but it would help either way.

The third and last reason that I have is that the school would save money.

If fewer kids ate at the school, the school could order less food, therefore saving their money.

They could then use that money for something different.

So, having open lunches would benefit the kids making them healthier.

It also would help the school and local restaurants money-wise. Clearly having open lunches is a good idea.

Ryleigh Knoop
Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

BE CAREFUL

Editor:

A word of caution:

As the weather warms up and walkers and bike riders come out in greater numbers, motorists need to be aware of their surroundings and use their mirrors, especially when backing up, or leaving a parking place.

Also they should avoid flinging their doors open without looking to see if anyone is alongside.

I, myself, have been a victim of this, and I assure you it's not fun to land on the pavement while trying to bicycle through town.

Another thing motorists should be aware of are the two crosswalks on Petoskey Avenue used by the golfers.

Let's all make it a safe summer for all who enjoy the outdoors and our town.

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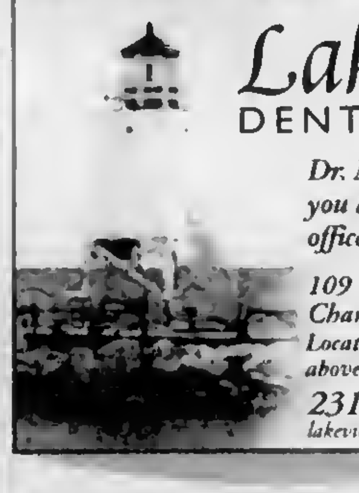

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COMMUNITY Charlevoix people

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ohBOIX!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

• Navy Seaman Lyle R. Sundelius, son of Tina M. and Scott A. Sundelius of Charlevoix, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Sundelius completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly Navy flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor. Sundelius is a 2004 graduate of Northwoods Baptist Academy of Charlevoix.

• Jacklyn Heckendorn, a graduate of Charlevoix High School, has received the Sterling G. Murray Memorial Grant from Michigan State University's College of Education. She was presented with the honor during the college's annual Awards Reception, April 18, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

A junior majoring in English, secondary education, with a psychology minor, Heckendorn realized her passion for teaching while working as a summer camp counselor for diverse high school students. A dean's list student, she was a tutor at Eastern High School and Pattengill Middle School in Lansing this school year. Heckendorn eventually hopes to teach overseas. Her parents are Kirk and Kathy Heckendorn.

• Lake Superior State University awarded Elyse Michrina recognition by awarding her a Summa Cum Laude Outstanding Business Graduate Associate's Degree. She also received the Summa Cum Laude medal.

• May 16, Michael S. Dupuis received his B. A. in finance from the Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Michael was a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He will be working for US Bank as an alternative asset funds manager in Milwaukee, Wis. He is the son of Mark and Molly Dupuis of Charlevoix.

Lauren Eldredge

• Lauren V. Eldredge graduated on May 3 with a degree in elementary education from Michigan State University. While attending MSU she was a member of ZETA Tau Alpha Sorority. She will be doing her internship in West Bloomfield in the fall. She is the daughter of Doug and Nancy Eldredge of Charlevoix.

• Lauren Dupuis, A 2007 graduate of Charlevoix High School finished her freshman year at the McDonough School of business at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. with a cumulative grade point average of 3.925. Lauren is studying international business with a minor in Chinese. She is the daughter of Mark and Molly Dupuis of Charlevoix.

• Following are Hope College Seniors who were candidates to graduate with bachelor degrees. Each student was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree unless otherwise noted:

Amanda Boss, daughter of Wilson and Judy Boss, awarded a Bachelor of Nursing/Nursing;

Shayna Drost, daughter of Chris and Danya Drost, awarded a Social Studies Composite;

Katherine Madison daughter of Herman and Carol Madison awarded a degree in English and Physical Education.

• Alma College announces Charlevoix Area graduates: Taylor Fisher of Charlevoix is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He is a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School and the son of William and Tori Inglis.

CCCF YAC awards

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) supports a variety of local programs to benefit young people.

YAC awarded 16 grants totaling $28,430 following are but a few of the award winners:

• Camp Daggett

$2,200 to purchase backpacks for summer camp

• Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc

$3,000 to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) unit

• Charlevoix Area Community Pool

$750 towards training equipment for the Stingray swim team

• Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan

$4,000 to provide scholarships for low income students to participate in 4-H programs

• $2,000 to support the Native American Mentor Program summer youth camp

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests. The next deadline for submitting a grant request is Oct. 1. For more information about grant making opportunities or the Community Foundation, call (231) 536-2440, or visit the foundation's Web site www.c3f.org

What's happening at the Library this week?

Margaret Duerr Book Award presentation, honoring Gordon Van Wieren
Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 pm
This evening's presentation will feature Alyce Riemenschneider, the Charlevoix Public Library's interior designer. Her presentation will focus on her inspiration for the interior design of the new library. Gordon Van Wieren will be honored with the sixth annual Margaret Duerr Book Award. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated an interest in the preservation of the history of Northern Michigan. A reception will follow the presentation. Sponsored by the library's Michigan Room Committee

Writers Group
Wednesdays, June 4 and June 11, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for an hour of support and sharing, published and unpublished all welcome.

First Gentleman, Dan Mulhern
Saturday, June 7, 2:00 pm
Dan Mulhern is the First Gentleman of the State of Michigan and an accomplished consultant, business coach, and motivational speaker. Mr. Mulhern will speak about "Everyday Leadership" in this second lecture of the Creating Aging Series. He states that "the second half of life offers us many opportunities to lead, mentor and volunteer." Mr. Mulhern will offer rich insights into how we can each make a difference in the lives of others and in our community

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Photo by Louise Nell

To support Neil Sauter's mission, make an online donation to United Cerebral Palsy by visiting www.stiltstory.org or mailing checks to United Cerebral Palsy, 4970 Northwind Drive, Suite 102, East Lansing, Mich. 48823. Sauter (above, left) is seen here on stilts, walking across Michigan.

Long legs and a lot of miles

BY LOUISE NELLE
NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

A very tall man recently came walking along US-31 in Charlevoix and Emmet County on his way to the Upper Peninsula.

Wearing 3-foot stilts, the man is Neil Sauter of Blissfield and he is on a mission to walk 830 miles across Michigan to raise awareness for United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan. And yes, he will be doing it all while wearing stilts.

Sauter, 25, began his trek May 5 in Lambertville on the Ohio-Michigan border. Although he could have worn regular shoes, ever since he began wearing stilts in parades one year ago he has enjoyed entertaining people and wanted to add a fun component to his walk.

Sauter passed through the Charlevoix-Petoskey area and after eight weeks of traveling expects to reach his final destination, Ironwood on the Wisconsin-Michigan border.

Throughout the eight weeks, because of a limited budget, he will rely on the generosity of others for some of his food and the chance to pitch his two-man tent in a yard.

Although his first week was slower because he was still getting into shape, Sauter said, "I'm getting stronger now and it's getting easier in some ways ... The hardest part really has been dealing with the wind. It blows me around a bit."

By week three, he said his trek was going well and he had already raised $8,000 to support the productivity and independence of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

However, some difficulties have already crept up, which is what he expected. Because stilts are not meant for long distances, they have already started to show some wear and tear, such as the pads, making his shins and calves sore. He admitted that stilts are not the most comfortable footwear for long distances. They are heavy, exhausting to use and he is not as agile when they are strapped to his legs.

Plus, the fact that he was born with a mild form of cerebral palsy makes his trek a little more challenging.

"It causes my feet to turn in when I walk and my calf muscles tend to tighten up," he said. "It makes it more difficult for me to get a nice even stride with the stilts."

Despite the challenges, Sauter remains positive and continues to put one stilt in front of the other. And as anyone can imagine, he has received various reactions

See STILTS, page 24

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, May 19, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L Carlson, Jr presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed affirming Council's intent at May 5, 2008 to redesign elements in East Park to preserve trees
- Motion passed to leave golf policy regarding minimum age to play at 8 years old.
- Motion passed awarding airport building demolition contract to Super M Excavating and Development in the amount of $159,000. [This is a federal and state funded grant project, the City's portion will be just under $4,000.]
- Motion passed awarding the purchase of snow removal equipment for the airport: snow removal tractor with attachments to Ginop Sales, $49,714; slip-in sander/spreader to Industrial Marketing, $103,210; sweeper attachment to Wolverine Tractor & Equipment $42,374
- Motion passed awarding Wastewater Treatment Plant digester cover repair to North Country Construction, $226,069
- Motion passed approving rate studies for water, sewer and electric utilities, $23,800
- Council generally agreed that the Manager could approve a tiki tent for adult beverages (beer, wine, coolers) in East Park during Venetian Festival
- Resolution 2008-05-01 adopted, waving launch/parking fees for the Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament, June 12-15, 2008

Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m

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OBITUARIES

Irene Endress Protzel: died May 25, 2008

Irene (Bugai) Endress Protzel, 85, left her earthly body on Sunday, May 25, 2008.

She had spent 21 months with the kind and compassionate staff of Tendercare nursing home, battling thyroid cancer and dementia.

She was born in Big Rapids, the second daughter of Joseph and Louise (Larson) Bugai.

She grew up in East Jordan where her father had moved his family for business.

After graduating second in her high school class at 16, Irene enrolled at Marygrove College in Detroit for one year.

Subsequently, Irene traveled to Los Angeles, where she worked as a window designer for the famous May Co. Department store, and then in the animation department of Disney Studios.

She also volunteered at the Hollywood USO, and after months of listening to the heartbreaking stories of the soldiers she served, she enlisted in the US Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

She transferred to the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia where she remained until her discharge at the end of World War II.

She then entered American University in Washington DC to pursue her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting.

While in college Irene met her first husband, Federico Alfredo Endress, from Chile. After the birth of their son, Eric, she moved with Alfredo to Caracas, Venezuela, where she became pregnant with their second child, Mary.

Her second husband was another American University friend, from Peru, German Protzel. They had a daughter, Michelle.

Irene worked as a teacher for 29 years, first in the Muskegon Heights elementary schools and then, after receiving her Masters degree in Education at Michigan State, in the Lansing School District as a Reading Specialist.

At retirement, she moved to Charlevoix for 11 years, and finally settled in Traverse City in 1996.

Irene's great loves were traveling and Lake Superior. Her homes were filled with hand picked stones, gathered over decades of endless treasure hunting. Her Dad's beloved cabin on the Two-Hearted River was her base for exploration all over the UP and the Superior coastline.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Louise; her brother, James (Buddy) Bugai; and her beloved daughter, Michelle Protzel (AKA: Mich Breighton).

She is survived by her beloved son and devoted caretaker, Eric Endress and her daughter Mary Endress (Eric Pearson), both of Traverse City; her sister Jean B. Muha of Ellsworth; nieces Lynn, Lori, Lisa, and Mary Jessica; nephews Michael, Jeffrey, David, Mark, and Gary; and loving friends: the Cihak family, Yenyun Wang, and Irene's "adopted grandson," Charles Wang.

There is no public memorial planned.

Eleanor D. Pancoast: died May 21, 2008

Jinx Pancoast died peacefully at her home in Windmill Harbour, Hilton Head, S.C. on May 21, 2008, surrounded by her children. She was born in Kalamazoo, MI and was the daughter of the late Velma R. and Wayne L. McCane. Upon graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in Education, she became a social worker for a Family Service agency. Following the start of her own family, Jinx's interests focused on community events and philanthropic pursuits. While living in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area of MI, she served on the board of the Junior Women's Symphony, Meadowbrook Women's Assoc., Pine Lake Country Club and The Village Club. Quick to volunteer her services, she had an incredible gift for getting others "enthusiastically" involved as well.

Jinx had a very successful career in Real Estate sales for a number of years. Following her marriage in 1978 to her beloved husband, the late Bob Pancoast, her talents shifted from the selling of homes to the selling of antiques and "worthy accessories". Antique shows and later a seasonal antique shop in the resort community of Charlevoix, MI became the vehicles in which to showcase her good taste and talents. Following the sale of Rose Cottage Antiques, and while still summering in MI, Jinx turned her attention to service on the Development Council of the Charlevoix Area Hospital and as a board member of the Friends of the Pool project, the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix Enrichment Foundation.

Jinx's service and commitment to her primary residence of Hilton Head, SC was unbridled. Jinx's community involvement included co-chair of the National Juried Art Show for the Hilton Head Art League, board member and special events chair for the Orchestra League and co-chair for its Musicales. She was a proud member of the South Carolina Yacht Club, serving as a board member and on the Membership and House Committees.

Jinx is survived by her children: Deb (Whitcroft) and Phil Harmon of Harbor Springs, MI; Lisa (Whitcroft) and Doug Olander of Alma, MI; Rick Whitcroft of Colorado Springs, CO; Rusty Whitcroft of Glendale, CA; Pat and Kimiko Pancoast of London, UK; Chris and Marilyn Pancoast of Golden, CO; Jim and Mary Pancoast of Dayton, OH; Curtis and Valerie Pancoast of Calera, AL, and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her cherished husband, Robert L. Pancoast.

A Memorial Service will be held at Windows on the Waterway, 5 Waterway Lane, Hilton Head Plantation on Wednesday, June 4, at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of the Low Country, P.O. Box 3827, Bluffton, S.C. 29910, or to charity of one's choice.

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

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Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**547-3899**

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Sunday Worship	[illegible]
Fellowship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9462**

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
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OBITUARIES

Memorial service: James R. McAlister

The life of James R. McAlister (Lt.Col.USAF-Retired) of Charlevoix and Jonesboro, Ark. will be celebrated in a service on June 16 at noon at the Community Reformed Church. His body was interred, with full military honors, at Arlington National Cemetery on January 7, 2008.

He and his family have maintained a home in Charlevoix since 1971 when he was stationed at the Bayshore Radar Auto Track Facility (Bayshore Bomb Plot). During this time, he served two tours in Vietnam. He was an Navigator and Electronic Warfare Officer with over 4,300 hours of flight in the B-52H aircraft. He died of a combat related injury on Nov. 9, 2007. All those who knew and loved Jim are invited to attend. His obituary was listed in the Nov. 14, 2007 Courier.

Zonta hosts Michigan women authors

The Zonta Club of Charlevoix hosted their annual Literary Delights featuring three Michigan women authors, including a former Charlevoix Courier reporter on May 17. This event was held at the public library to raise funds for Zonta's projects.

Carole Eberly, now of Elberta, near Frankfort, began her professional writing career at the Courier in 1966.

Since she was 5 years old Carole had wanted to write. She would say words and she and her mother would make them into poems. But, in 1966, she had just graduated from Michigan State University and of three journalism openings in Michigan, she decided to come to Charlevoix because she knew there was quite a bit of water around it.

In 1968, she left to become the first woman, at least for any length of time, to cover the Michigan Legislature. Later she wrote her first book "Michigan Cooking...and Other Things," obtained her MA in journalism, and a Ph.D. in American Studies.

She has traveled extensively in her career, had a position teaching at Central Michigan's Department of Journalism, and written many more books, usually with recipes included.

You can find the complete collection of Carol's books at www.eberlypress.com.

The Charlevoix Zonta Club uses Literary Delights as a fundraiser for college scholarships and Sights on Success program for sixth- through eighth-grade girls in the area.

Approximately one-third of services dollars collected by Zonta are used to financially support major international projects often set up in conjunction with the United Nations agencies UNICEF and UNIFEM.

The Zonta Club of Charlevoix presently provides $3,500 in scholarship money annually for women planning to attend or currently attending college.

The Sights on Success (SOS) program is a day-long event offered free of charge for sixth- through eighth-grade girls. The program focuses on activities that promote self-esteem, goal setting and confidence building.

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Former Charlevoix resident, and also a former Charlevoix Courier staff writer, Carole Eberly signs a copy of her latest book at the Charlevoix Public Library during Zonta's annual Literary Delights event.

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10 things you never knew about Leyland Barta

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Leyland Barta is the Office Manager at Winchester Funeral Home. He has lived in Charlevoix since 1967, though he is not a native. His wife's name is Sue and they have three children together: A daughter named Denise, 22, and twins Scott and Rachel, 20. They also have three pets, a dog named Molly and two cats.

Q 1. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

A. Ribs.

Q 2. What are your hobbies?

A. I umpire at softball games and referee volleyball games.

Q 3. What do you like most about Charlevoix?

A. The people. I can't walk down the street here in town without saying hello to about 12 different people.

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A: I would lose weight.

Q 5. If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A: Ronald Reagan.

Q 6. What is something nobody knows about you?

A. I chaperoned the high school band camp for the last eight years.

Q 7. What's your favorite movie of all time?

A. The Game, with Michael Douglas.

Q 8. How did you get into your line of work?

A: Ron was looking for somebody, and we were both substitute teachers. We had known each other and been friends for a long time.

Q 9. What book most influenced you?

A. The Bible.

Q 10. Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: Doing the same thing. I enjoy my life, so hopefully I'll still be doing what I do.

'Big Grin'

Jon Mulholland catches air at the Charlevoix Skatepark while doing a tail whip on his bike. Charlevoix Skatepark will be hosting the "Big Grin Skata" with registration at 10:30 a.m. on June 7. A preview of "The Exposure Project" will be shown. For information, please call 675-4505.

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Women's Giving Circle award reception planned

The Hestia Women's Giving Circle will award grants to seven local programs serving women and girls at its second Annual Meeting and Membership Reception planned for June 18.

"We are very excited to be able to provide nearly $42,000 in support and seed money to these promising projects," said Denise Simon President of the giving circle. "The Annual Meeting will give us an opportunity to announce and distribute these grants and also encourage additional women to join the Giving Circle."

The Hestia Giving Circle formed in 2006 with the leadership of Planned Parenthood staff and volunteers.

Its goal is to promote the economic self-sufficiency and well-being of women and girls in Emmet and Charlevoix County.

The circle is named for the Greek goddess Hestia, who expresses her love and concern for others through thoughtful acts.

The Giving Circle provides an opportunity for women to pool their donations to make a significant impact and to also educate themselves about issues facing women and girls in our community. Giving circles are a relatively new phenomenon that is improving the quality of life in communities, especially dealing with women's issues.

There are currently 22 members of the Hestia Giving Circle, and the group is actively seeking new members.

The annual membership fee is $1,000, and all of the funds received are distributed directly to local organizations serving women and girls.

The funds are held as a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which assists in the grant review and funds distribution.

"We set the membership at a high level because we hope participation in the Hestia Giving Circle will be a serious and intentional commitment for members," said Simon. "It is more than a donation; it is an opportunity to play a meaningful role in women's philanthropy and the status of women in our community. However, we've eased the financial burden by allowing the membership to be paid in quarterly installments throughout the year, and two women can share a membership and one vote."

The Hestia Annual Meeting and Membership Reception will be held Wednesday June 18.

Representatives of the seven projects receiving funding will each give a presentation on the work they are doing. Officers for the coming year will be elected and a short annual report and financial report will be presented.

"We welcome any women interested in learning more about the Women's Giving Circle and women's philanthropy to attend," said Martha Lancaster, Hestia Secretary "Because the reception is being held at a private home, we request those interested in attending to call 525-2326 by June 11 to confirm attendance and get directions."

For more information about the Giving Circle or to join, contact Lancaster at 526-2326 or Leah Cole at Planned Parenthood 347-3710 extension 15.

Trike-a-thon

Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School has once again broken a record. This year the children raised $1,400 for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This yearly event encourages exercise along with the spirit of giving. The children did roughly 50 laps around the parking lot's designated route which included stop signs, speed limits, and imaginary moving cars to be aware of. Bike Safety had been taught throughout the week, and tickets were issued for those who broke the rules.

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Former Charlevoix resident Karen Arnold, daughter of David and Linny Arnold of Charlevoix, is the bride elect to fiancée John MacFarlan, formerly of Redford Township. MacFarlan is the son of John (deceased) and Mary Ellen MacFarlan of Redford. The two expect to marry on July 5 in Franklin. The bride elect is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan Universities. Her fiancée is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

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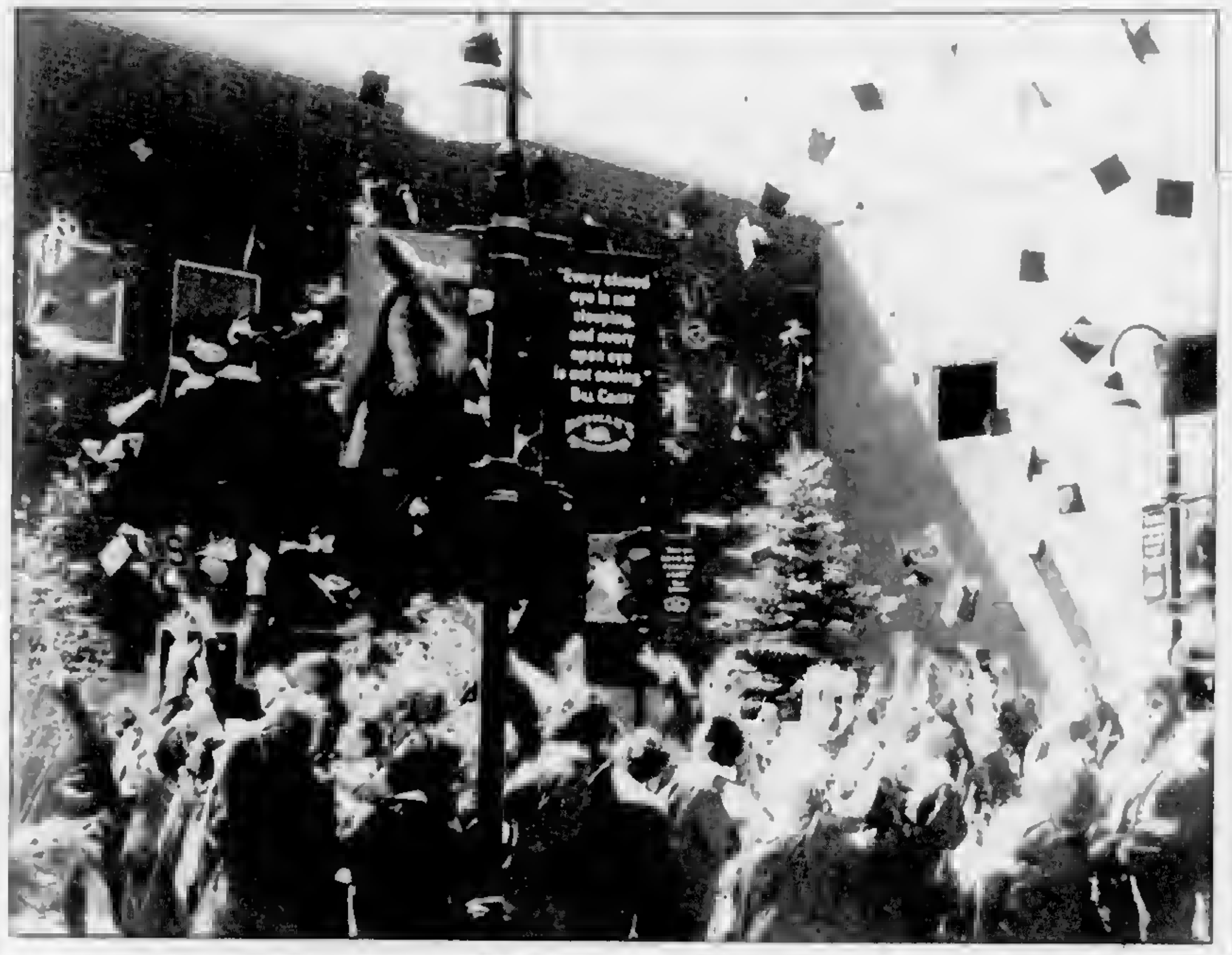
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Bill Cosby

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Hip hip hooray!

Dozens of ecstatic seniors toss their caps in the air following commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 1 at Charlevoix High School.

Elizabeth Kur, a Rayder valedictorian and Courtney Chamberlain, a salutatorian, shared the stage to give their graduation speeches to their fellow classmates at Charlevoix High School last Sunday. There were 112 Rayder graduates this year.

Nicholas Wimmer, valedictorian, and Nicholas Williams, salutatorian, share the stage to give their graduation speeches to their fellow classmates on Sunday June 1 at Charlevoix High School.

Aaron Smith, Director of Year-Round Hoops for the Detroit Pistons, gave the official commencemant address to the graduating class of 2008 at Charlevoix High School. Smith showed off his championship ring from the 2003-2004 season and told the graduating class to "find your passion, and don't let anyone laugh at your dream."

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S.A.N.E.: 'Prescription drug abuse on the rise'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

According to S.A.N.E. unit commander D/Lt. Ken Mills, drug enforcement has continued to remain a strong arm of law enforcement despite repeated budgetary reductions over past and current years.

"The difficult economic times for our state have continued. This, along with word of projected grant reductions, may effect the way S.A.N.E. is funded in the future," Mills stated in his annual report. "S.A.N.E. has generated a good amount of money through forfeiture the past couple of years, but becomes more reliant on these dollars each year."

He added, "It is unfortunate that S.A.N.E. relies so heavily on forfeiture funds to operate, but with each entity facing difficult budgetary decisions, it is necessary."

During a recent telephone interview Mills spoke of the largest threats he sees to the people of northern Michigan.

"We've really seen a lot of prescription drugs," he said. "We feel like it's the biggest problem we're facing up here."

Mills said cocaine availability seems to be decreasing.

"We have had some good success getting into these groups (cocaine dealers)," he said. "It's still out there, but we'd like to think we've had an impact on the availability of it."

Some of the more serious investigations of note, according to S.A.N.E. officials, include a case involving suspects from Cheboygan purchasing cocaine from suspects in West Branch with the intent to sell said contraband throughout northern Michigan.

"S.A.N.E. followed the Cheboygan suspects to West Branch and, with help from the drug team in West Branch STING, witnessed the transaction and identified the suspects," Mills stated. "S.A.N.E. contacted the Cheboygan suspects and seized the crack cocaine."

He added, "Three people were arrested in this investigation."

Other drug busts include seizure of more than two ounces of crack cocaine, one ounce of powder cocaine, prescription drugs, a handgun, digital scales, cash and surveillance equipment from a home in Emmet County. Both the suspect and his girlfriend were arrested in the case.

Last March, S.A.N.E. personnel arrested four suspects, two from Charlevoix County, two from Emmet County after an investigation which led to the discovery of the sale of powder cocaine in Charlevoix.

More than three ounces of powder cocaine, two pounds of marijuana, scales and cash were seized.

In August, 2007, S.A.N.E. seized 247 marijuana plants through 17 investigations in the following counties: Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Mackinac and Otsego. Nine people were arrested in conjunction with these cases.

S.A.N.E. serves the seven northern Michigan counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac and Otsego.

Drug arrests totaled 203 in 2007.

Following are some of the drugs picked up during S.A.N.E. busts, amount of each seized and the street value of each drug:

- 218 grams cocaine - $23,991
- 82 grams of crack cocaine - $9,020
- Six doses of ecstasy - $180
- 686 marijuana plants - $686,000
- 202 pounds of marijuana - $202,095
- 196 doses of methadone - $979
- One dose of methamphetamine - $100
- 96 doses of morphine - $4,290
- 156 doses of OxyContin - $3,120
- 185 doses of Vicodin - $18,500

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema said, while cocaine, marijuana and methadone continue to pose problems in the area, it is medicine which seems to be the fastest growing choice of drug dealers and abusers.

"One of the biggest things I've seen as county prosecutor is prescription drugs," he said. "I've realized a big spike in prescription drugs from doctor shopping all the way down."

Jarema warned citizens to remove labels from their medicine bottles before discarding them to help prevent misuse of the information by criminals.

"Be cognizant when throwing prescription bottles out and shred them," he said. "And, report any suspicious activity."

Jarema added that buying and selling prescription drugs illegally carries the same penalty as dealing in any controlled substance.

There were 200 complaints originated last year with 326 intelligence reports received. There were 30 search warrants executed in total in 2007.

Of the 507 arrest counts charged on the 203 suspects arrested, the most numerous counts include: cocaine delivery including crack, 87; maintaining a drug house, 98; delivery of marijuana, 103; possession of marijuana, 31; delivery of synthetic narcotics, 33; and delivery of opium or a derivative thereof, 59.

Total revenue was $519,894.23 with total expenditure of $473,749.03.

Charlevoix ranked second for most complaints with 39, just under Chippewa County's 44, and Charlevoix came in second in the number of arrests with 34, just under Chippewa County's 55 arrests.

S.A.N.E.'s yearend balance is up from 2006 with $188,949 last year, compared to $146,275 the year before. The lowest balance in 10 years was 2004 with $79,771. The highest balance was in 1998 with $328,331.

Anyone suspecting illegal drug activity is advised to report it via S.A.N.E.'s toll-free

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Two Republicans vie for First District Congressional seat

Goldthorpe

Hooper

Linda Goldthorpe of Luce County and Don Hooper of Iron River are both seeking to unseat Bart Stupak in the upcoming congressional race for the first district of Michigan.

• Goldthorpe lives on the site of her great-grandfather's resort in Luce County with her husband of 19 years, George Miller (United States Marine Corp.) and their sons, Isaac and Joshua.

A third-generation graduate of Northern Michigan University, she also attended Lake Superior State University and Ferris State University before obtaining a law degree at Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Concern for people fuels Linda's campaign. Upper and northern Michigan residents should matter as much as the environment, and their lives and livelihood require immediate attention.

Goldthorpe envisions northern Michigan supported by local industry with jobs for all, and sees the free market with fewer regulations as key to development. As a pro bono attorney, Linda has watched the decay of our liberties and privacy with real concern, and seeks to halt the devaluation of our dollar and expansion of top-heavy government. She also believes that limiting government to its surprisingly small Constitutional role would accomplish much towards these goals.

"As a child, I remember singing 'God Bless America' in a two room schoolhouse, and waving to police officers with happy confidence. Since then, I've watched our freedom, and subsequently, our trust in government, decline dramatically," she said. "Our government ignores its own Constitution, while simultaneously spouting the necessity to spread democracy abroad."

Goldthorpe is pro civil liberty and privacy, pro second amendment rights, anti oppressive taxation, pro border security and against the death penalty.

For more information, visit www.goldthorpeforcongress.com

• Hooper was born, raised and educated in Iron River. He served in the United States Aviation Engineers during the Korean War. Honorably discharged after tour of duty.

He is married with four children.

Hooper was educated at North Park College in Chicago where he majored in English literature and a minor in speech.

He has served as an intermittent lay preacher for Grace Covenant church, intermittent lay pastor in a church in Northern Wisconsin, served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent at Grace Covenant in addition to time as a bible camp director at Hagerman Lake.

Hooper has also worked as an underground miner, headed a trucking company and worked in retail and wholesale in the grain and farming industry.

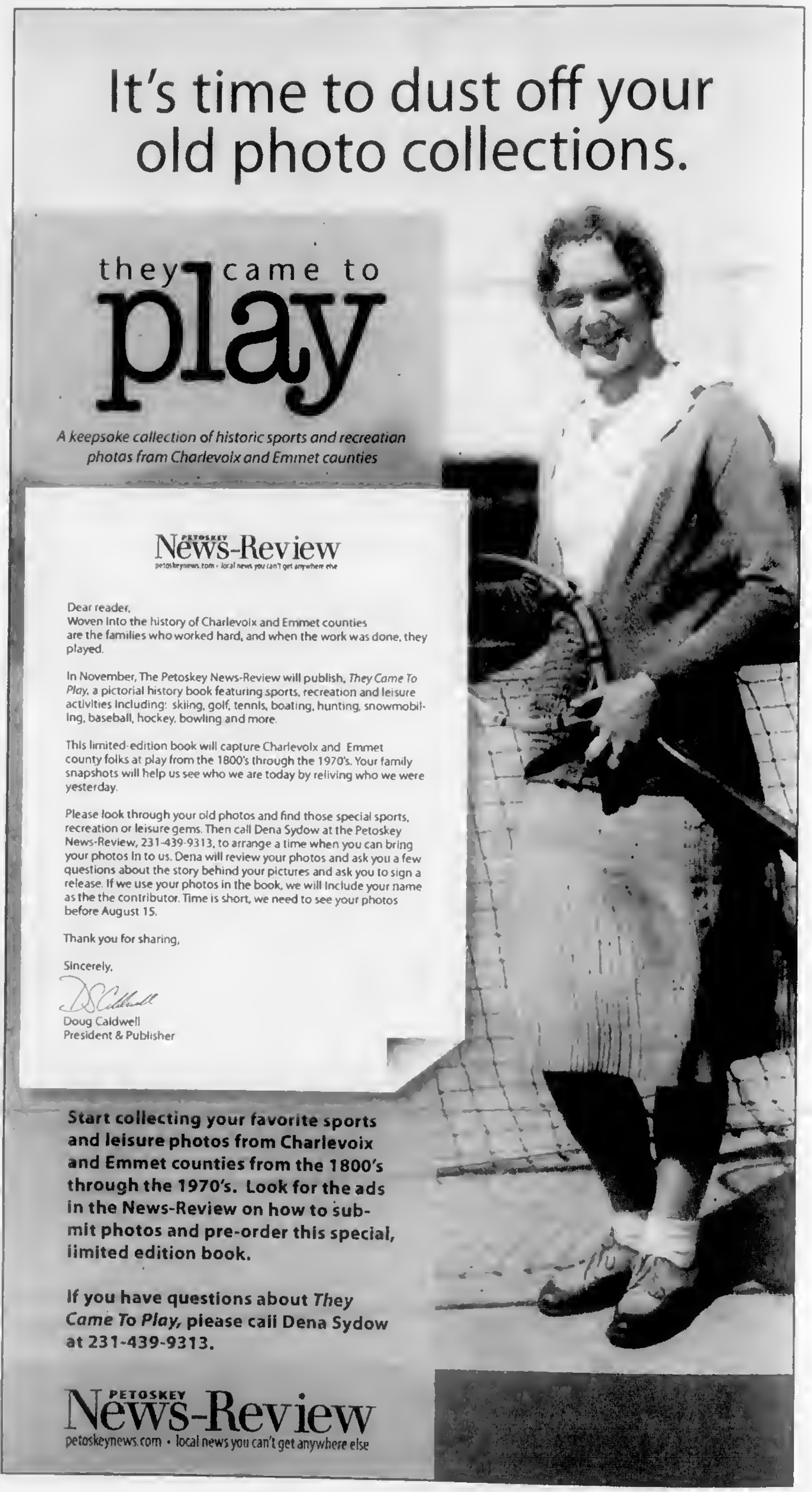
According to his Web site, Hooper also lists the following accomplishments and membership to various organizations:

• Co-Founded the first deep water search and rescue organization (SCUBA) in the State of Michigan, before State Police provided. Rescued and recovered individuals from rivers, deep lakes, and mine shaft sump about 1,800 ft. under ground.

• Iron County Chairman of Republican Party for three years, member of National Republican Party, congressional candidate for First District Rep. in U.S. Congress 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

• National Rifle Association since 1987, on board of directors for A.C.E. (Americans for Constitutional Enforcement)

For more information on Hooper, visit his Web site at www.tenne.com/hooper



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Helping hands

Josh Kruzel (left) from Harbor Springs High School helps paint the inside of the Moms-n-Tots Home located at Charlevoix High School. Kruzel is in his third year of woodworking and drafting for Brad Reed's class. Reed's class volunteered to work with Brian Certa's class to fix the vandalized building damaged in recent weeks. Kole Slabaugh (right) also Reed's student, sweeps the floor. "It was a volunteer situation," Slabaugh said. "The teacher asked if anyone wanted to come out and help, so we did."

Photos by A.J. Hoffman

Courtesy photo

Pittman anniversary

Bob and Betty Pittman of 206 Prospect celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this week. They exchanged vows at the chapel at Midland Army Air Base in Texas on June 5, 1943 during World War II. Family and friends gathered to mark the occasion on Sunday afternoon at the American Legion hall in their honor. The couple retired to Beaver Island in 1984 and moved to Charlevoix in 1994. Four living children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren with the youngest being born on May 26, shared with them in their joy.

Kids at work

Harbor Industries observed "Take Your Kid to Work Day" on April 24. This year Harbor hosted 25 children, ages 9 to 15, for a pizza lunch and guided tour of Harbor's manufacturing facility. As always, Way Transportation brought over a big rig for the kids to climb in and blow the horn.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix baseball falls to Red Devils

The Charlevoix Rayders' baseball season ended in the district finals with an 11-0 loss to East Jordan.

The Red Devils won their second consecutive district crown.

Charlevoix reached the finals with a 6-3 win over Indian River Inland Lakes.

"It was too bad we had to end the season that way," coach Allen Telgenhof said. "We played so well in the first game against Inland Lakes, battling back to win. East Jordan really swung the bats well against us. We didn't have an answer for them."

The Rayders' ace Ty Telgenhof gave up three runs in the first inning to Inland Lakes but blanked the Bulldogs the rest of the way.

Charlevoix scored a run in the third when Sam Balasz singled, moved up on a hit by pitch and error, and scored on a Michael Heckendorn sacrifice fly.

Charlevoix took the lead in the bottom of the fifth when with one out, Kyle Jones walked and stole second. Jones scored on a single by Cliff Jones. After the second out of the inning, consecutive hits by Heckendorn, Jon Putman and Clayton Mitchell led to four more runs.

Telgenhof nailed down the win, striking out nine without walking a batter in the seven inning complete game. With the victory, Ty Telgenhof set a school record for pitching wins in a season with 10.

"Ty seemed a little jittery early on," Allen Telgenhof said. "But once he settled in, they couldn't really get much going against him. We played very strong, error-free defense behind him."

Cliff Jones had the only two Rayder hits, a single and a triple, against East Jordan's Scott Hansen in the championship game.

Drew Largent started and took the loss for Charlevoix

"It was sad to lose, but sadder to see six seniors, all starters, play their last game in a Rayder uniform. Ty Telgenhof, Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones, Balasz, Nic Williams and R.J. Moore have all been tremendous players and great people for our program. They will really be missed," coach Telgenhof added.

Ty Telgenhof and Cliff Jones were named to the 'All-Lake Michigan Conference team. Heckendorn received honorable mention.

Recent Charlevoix Little League results

Charlevoix's Little League, Junior Division, played a double-header on May 24 in Traverse City against Traverse City East.

The final score for the first game was Traverse City 9, Charlevoix 6.

Charlevoix hitters included singles by Will Jeakle, Jesse Drost, Tom Sutton and two singles by Jordan Farmer. Tommy Zipp had a double.

Nolan Ager pitched 3 and 1/3 innings with Jeakle completing the game.

In their second game, Traverse City bested Charlevoix, 13 to 1.

Charlevoix hitters included singles by Farmer, Jeakle and Alex Waha and three singles by Andrew Potter.

Pitching for Charlevoix was Andrew Potter, five innings and Thomas Sutton completing the game.

Lady soccer wins crown

Charlevoix bested Burt Lake NCMA 3 - 0.

Charlevoix improves to 17-2 with the win over the Eagles recently.

The Rayders got on the board early when juniors Meridith Rich and KC McCary combined with Rich assisting McCary for the score.

Charlevoix went up 2-0 in the first when Rich got her second assist on a corner kick which senior all stater Becca Madison volleyed home the shot.

The Eagles played hard and went to the ball all night, giving the Rayders all they wanted through midway in the second.

Danni Bergmann sent an assist to McCary who tallied her second goal of the night for the insurmountable 3-0 lead.

The Rayders had some other chances and had a goal called back on the offside call. Shots were 18-3 in favor of Charlevoix.

Defensively, senior Emily Foster again came through on several occasions to stop the Eagles attack.

Charlevoix keeper Tammy Potter earned a school record 14th shutout in the net.

Midfieleders Madison, McCary, Kaleigh Blanchard, Madison Way and Bergmann were able to control the play against the spirited Eagles.

Charlevoix then traveled to Holton on June third to play the Muskegon area District winner in the Regional semifinals. Results were not in by press time.

Leading up to their big win over Burt Lake, Charlevoix beat Harbor Springs 4-0.

The Rayders moved into a District Final match with Burt Lake NCMA with a convincing win.

Charlevoix came out motivated and dominated play throughout the beginning half. The first tally came when junior Olivia Catt headed home a long cross from senior co captain Ariel Ramsey. A few minutes later, centerback Meridith Rich wove her way through the Ram's defense and sent home an unassisted shot for the 2 nil half time margin.

Ramsey accounted for the Rayders' two second half scores assisted by Way and fellow senior co captain Madison.

Charlevoix managed 21 shots on goal to 3 for the Rams on the night.

Defensively, Charlevoix was led by keeper Potter who earned the shutout.

Senior co captain Emily Foster, junior Rich and junior Marnie Greene controlled play well from the defensive end.

Greene played her best game of the season.

Midfielders Madison, McCary, Bergmann and Kaleigh Blanchard also played well, taking the match away from the Harbor long ball attack.

This was an emotional win for Charlevoix after being stunned the previous two years by Harbor in the tournament.

It is very difficult to beat a good team three times in the same season.

The Rayders pulled it off this year, with a combined 15 goals for and none against in three games with the Rams.

Sign up now for Run Charlevoix

One of the participants in the June 28 Run Charlevoix Marathon couldn't even walk a block without stopping to rest before he got a heart transplant in 1996. Donald Arthur, 63, of New York City, N.Y. now regularly competes in marathons to draw attention to the need for organ donations and blood donors. You may call Arthur at (917) 647-3352 for further information about organ donation or his participation in the marathon. Run Charlevoix includes a full marathon, that is a Boston Marathon qualifying race; a half marathon; and a 10k and 5k event. Walkers and athletes with a disability are welcome. There are presently runners from 19 different states, Canada and England running in this event and presently there are over 240 runners with just under a month remaining to register. To register, visit www.redrockco.com on the web and search Run Charlevoix There is also a mail-in form available. Runners may also register from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 27 in Charlevoix's Bridge Park. For more information, call Ron Suffolk at (248) 437-4524. All registered runners will receive a commemorative shirt and the half and full marathon runners receive a long sleeved shirt plus a finisher's medal. There will be an awards ceremony after the event in Bridge Park with refreshments and a raffle.

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- Ye Nyne Olde Holles Golf Club, East Jordan

Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

The following actions were taken by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners during their May 28 regular meeting.

Item: Grandvue operating transfer

In brief: Request to transfer $2,439.95 from the depreciation account to the operating fund to pay Habitec Security $500 for an additional license for their System Link, All Med Medical Supply $1,800 for a new level of care system for new beds and Compass Communications needs $139.95 for breath call nurse call systems.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: COA marketing proposal

In brief: The Charlevoix County Commission On Aging requests $17,803 to pay Johnson Graphics to provide marketing materials to the COA

Board action: Passed 5-1, Joel Evans the lone dissenting vote

Item: Crime Victim Advocate grant request

In brief: Request to apply for a $30,300 reimbursement grant from the Victims Rights Grant, from which Charlevoix County has received funds for the past several years

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

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Riding to school

Three of approximately 30 high school students make their way to Charlevoix High School on bicycles recently in lieu of driving cars for a "Be Cool — Ride Your Bike to School Day." The brainchild of science teacher Tom Schultz, who started riding his bike to school a few weeks ago to save gas and for the exercise, was taken up by the students for the same reasons.

Hospice charity raffle

When Hospice of Northwest Michigan holds its annual auction benefit on June 6 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix, there will be added excitement at the end of the evening.

That's when they will draw the winning raffle ticket for a 2008 18-foot Four Winns H 180 boat and trailer.

"This new fundraiser will help us to care for people at end-of-life, especially those who have no insurance or very little income," said Lynda Bockstahler, Director of Home Care & Aging at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, who oversees hospice nursing, therapeutic, and spiritual services. "Raffle proceeds will cover hospice services for uninsured clients or for items not covered by insurance."

"Hospice of Northwest Michigan does not turn anyone away because they are unable to pay for services," she said.

"The extra funds the boat raffle is generating will really help us make our clients more comfortable," said Mary Robinson, Hospice Supervisor "We're very grateful to Four Winns for making the raffle possible."

Only 300 $100 tickets will be sold.

Winning ticket will be drawn at 9 p.m. on June 6 at the Hospice of Northwest Michigan annual benefit auction

The winner does not need to be present to win

Tickets are available at www.hospicenwm.org.

For additional information about the Four Winns boat raffle or the Hospice of Northwest Michigan annual benefit auction, call 231-582-8800 or visit www.hospicenwm.org

Library budget hearing

The Charlevoix Public Library will hold a Public Hearing at 4 p.m. on June 12 at the library, 220 W. Clinton St., for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning an amendment to the budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 and the annual budget for fiscal year 2008/2009.

• This hearing is open to all the public.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the annual budget for FY 2008/09 will be the subject of this hearing.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit comments.

The library budget is available for review during regular business hours prior to the public hearing at the Information Services Desk of the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

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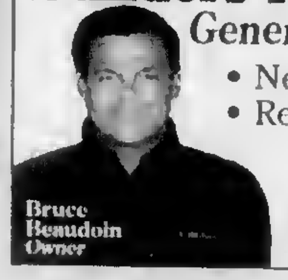

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Conservatory of Dance opens

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Debora Knight (above, left) dances with her daughter Ciarra who will be one of two instructors teaching dance at their Charlevoix location.

The Conservatory of Dance of Petoskey recently expanded to the Charlevoix area.

Having taken over the former Charlevoix Dance Studio building at South Side Gym, Debora Knight officially opened on June

"The Conservatory of Dance, Charlevoix will run year-round with classes being offered after school hours," Knight said. "Our curriculum includes ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, creative movement, lyrical, adult classes and some ballroom. We accept dancers from up to adult and offer intensive as well as recreational dance."

Knight's daughter Ciarra and former dance studio owner Shannon Pemble will be the two primary teachers.

"The cost of classes begin at $8.00 per class and we have many multiple family discounts available. Boy's dance for free," Knight said. "The Conservatory of Dance has a dress code for all dancers which can be easily purchased locally or online."

Knight, who began dancing at age 5, has been teaching many forms of dance for 17 years at her former studio in Manistee.

"My mother enrolled my sister and I in a ballet class. I loved it: mostly the costume and performance," she said. "I continued training in the greater Lansing area and became a dedicated Ballerina at the age of 10 when I became a member (of) Lansing's first city Ballet Company. Dance became my life. In my teen years, while continuing with the ballet company, I expanded my training to include jazz and tap and became a principle dancer for an international folk troupe which gave me a taste of performing in so many different settings."

She added, "Performance remains a strong part of our curriculum to this day."

Knight has had numerous dancers continue dance in professional careers, some in dance and others in various performing arts. Some of her students have even gone on to perform in Hollywood, for the Young Americans and the Boston Ballet to name a few.

"The Petoskey (and) Charlevoix areas offer so many wonderful things to the community," Knight said. "And, having a solid dance training center will add to the already rich performing arts community. I am so happy to be able to bring our experience to this beautiful area."

Knight and her daughter are not the only ones in the family who enjoy tapping and prancing.

"I raised two sons, Jacob and Ryan ... in the Manistee area where I directed the Conservatory of Dance. Both sons danced through school, attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Ballet ensemble for four years on full scholarship," she said. "Jacob has continued his training as a dancer for the Traverse City Youth ensemble, principle lead in many regional companies and core dancer for Traverse City's first professional dance company Michigan Dance Collective."

Knight added, "Ciarra has also attended Blue Lake Fine Arts on full scholarship and continues her training."

Classes will be held at the Southside Gym for all ages teaching ballet and hipnagazz. For further information call (231) 510-0481 or e-mail debora.Knight@gmail.com.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael O Finstrom and Paula M Finstrom, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Crevecor Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2005 and recorded September 6, 2005 In Liber 702 Page 893 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents ($236,522.94) including interest 8.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on June 13, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the South side of Mill Street South 75 Degrees 40 minutes East 11.61 chains and South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 48 feet from the initial point of Boyne Falls Plat, thence running South 75 degrees 40 minutes East 5.25 chains along the South margin of Mill Street to a stake in fence being the Point of beginning of this description, thence South 57 degrees East along fence 29 one-half links to the East boundary of Cedar Street, thence South 46 degrees 15 minutes East 1.58 chains (also recorded as South 42 degrees 11 minutes East 102.3 feet) to the Southwest corner of the former August Moshenske's twelve acres, thence South 21 degrees East 1.29 chains to what was formerly described as 12 inches maple tree, thence South 24 degrees West 3.26 chains (also recorded as South 25 degrees 28 minutes West 188.8 feet) to a point (which has been described as being located from a point on the North and South one-quarter line of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West and at a point 33 feet South of the North one-quarter post and for thence South 2 degrees 15 minutes West 928.5 feet and North 86 degrees 20 minutes West 1212.3 feet and North 16 degrees 30 minutes East 169 feet and South 66 degrees 32 minutes East 55.1 feet) thence North 67 degrees 30 minutes West 71 links (having been recorded as North 66 degrees 32 minutes West 55.1 feet) to what has been described as a tight board fence) thence South 14 degrees 30 minutes West 4.655 chains down a hill to stake in brook, thence North 75 degrees 30 minutes West 248.39 feet to a point 175 feet from grove Street measured along said course, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East, parallel with Grove Street 130 feet, thence Northwesterly to a point on Grove Street which is 135 feet Northerly for the extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 11, Block 4 of the Village of Boyne Falls, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East along the Southeasterly line of said Grove Street to a point 150 feet South 14 degrees 30 minutes West from the Southeasterly corner of the intersection of Mill and Grove Streets, thence South 75 degrees 15 minutes East 200 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 50 feet, thence North 75 degrees 15 minutes West 50 feet, thence North 14 degrees 30 minutes East 100 feet to the Southwesterly line of Mill Street , thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Mill Street to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 2581 Grove Street, Boyne Falls MI 49713.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600 3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 6, 2008

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE

Estate of Patricia A. Seibold, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 01/11/1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia A. Seibold, who lived at 2012 Miles Road, Ellsworth, Michigan died on February 18, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joseph B. Seibold, co-Trustee, 2012 Miles Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729 of the Trust Agreement of Patricia A. Seibold dated June 19, 1995 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: May 27, 2008
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Public welcome to celebrate life of gearhead Randy Saddison

BIKER

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purchased at the Maxwell's shop or KRG Excavations in Harbor Springs. Children 15 and younger will be admitted for free.

The Motorcycle Memorial Tour for Randy Saddison begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday June 28 at the Little Traverse Township Hall on Pleasantview Road in Harbor Springs. The procession will make its way all over northern Michigan, including a ride through Charlevoix and ends at approximately 4 p.m. at the Saddison residence at 4524 LaCourt Road in Harbor Springs.

A celebration and fundraiser event will then occur from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

During the celebration and fundraiser portion of the event, following the tour which is open to all riders of motorcycles or cars, there will be plenty of food and activities for the whole family.

All proceeds benefit the RSM Scholarship Fund and help offset cost of food and refreshments.

The money raised will go towards two $3,000 scholarships for trade school students.

For more information, please visit www.randysaddison.com or call Katrina at (231) 838-6867.

Tickets are available at KRG Excavations, Inc. in Harbor Springs or at Maxwell Cycle Shop in Charlevoix.

Donations can also be sent to: First Community Bank,

c/o RSM Scholarship, 200 E. Main St., Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Look for tour maps and further information in future editions of Charlevoix Courier.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Dick Bearup, a mechanic at Maxwell Brothers motorcycle shop in Charlevoix works on a bike. The Maxwell brothers, who were good friends with Randy Saddison, are helping organize this year's memorial motorcycle ride and scholarship benefit dinner.

From Midland to Charlevoix

HOFFMAN

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or anger too many people," he said. "At the same time, tell the truth. As I've learned over the last couple of days, they're not always going to be happy with what you have to say, but as far as journalism goes, I just hope to be accurate."

While Hoffman worked toward his Bachelor's of Science in journalism, he wrote for the Saginaw Review, the Delta Collegiate and CM Life and has traveled all over the United States.

"It's a much more beautiful area than Midland, everywhere you turn there's water or some sort of lake," he said. "I've been to New York before, Las Vegas, Florida, and the people in Charlevoix are the nicest people I've met."

Hoffman added, "I look forward to working with everybody here."

Statewide stilter

STILTS

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from drivers. Sometimes, people stop to say hello and give him food and water. Other times they stop, take a picture and drive away. Some just give him a strange look.

And then there are a few drivers who have called the police. So Sauter has taken to notifying communities in advance to let them know he is coming.

Overall, though, most drivers have been courteous toward the nearly 9-foot man walking on the shoulder of the road. If you see him, stop and say hello because he loves speaking to people he passes to tell them more about his mission.

To learn more about Sauter's efforts and to see pictures from his trek, visit www.stiltstory.org.

Watch future editions of the Charlevoix Courier for photos of the stilt man passing through this area.

Contact Louise Nelle by e-mail at lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

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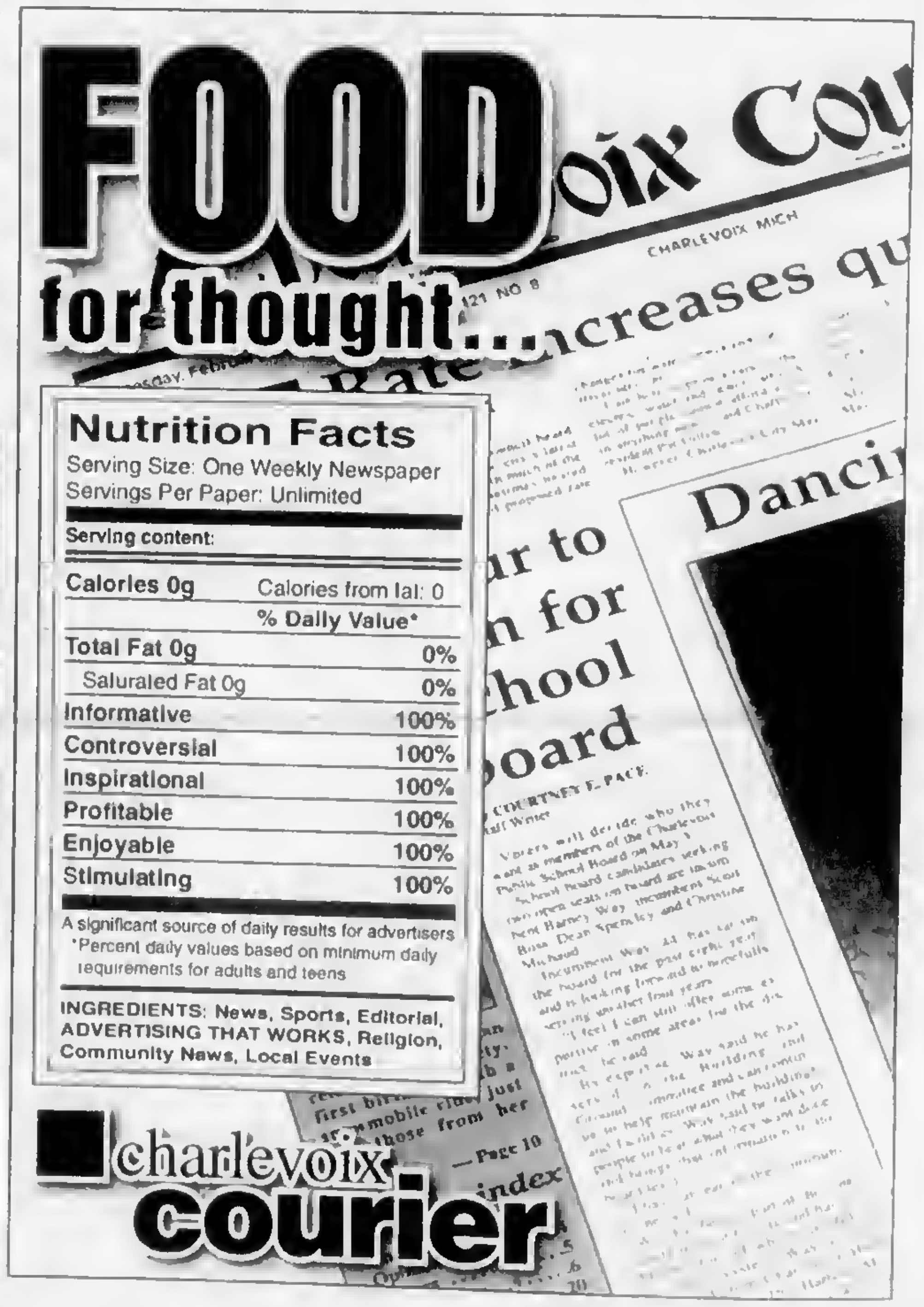

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Senior bussing program

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and County Board of Commissioners in collaboration with Charlevoix County Transit Oversight Committee are doing their part to assist seniors with the increased demand of the high cost of gasoline by providing free transportation for seniors 60 and over by Charlevoix County Transit bus system, including use of Transit bus on Beaver Island.

Free rides for senior customers will start June 2 and last for three months.

This is a pilot program to provide more senior-friendly transportation and alleviate the cost of driving your own car, thus decreasing global demands for gasoline.

Seniors will still need to call ahead to arrange for transportation at 582-6900.

The free rides will be limited to within the county for any activity such as shopping, senior center activities and out-of-county to medical appointments, which are not reimbursed, only by using the Charlevoix County Transit bus system.

The new transit director Ray Leach and Charlevoix Commission On Aging director Sue Bergmann are striving to make Charlevoix County a senior-friendly county and to improve services provided to its elderly residents.

Cost of this program is funded by the Charlevoix County senior millage.

Cvx pool programs

Mail registration to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 US 31 North, Charlevoix 49720 or fax them to 547-1754.

Brochures are available at the pool, or you can check out the programs online at www.charpool.org.

A brochure can be mailed if you don't have Internet access.

• Camp Freestyle: The second annual Camp Free Style will begin July 10 and end July 31. Camp will take place on Thursdays from 1-5 p.m. for four weeks. This program includes but not limited to, playing water games, learning Junior Life guarding techniques, and tie dying-t-shirts. Participants must be at least 10 years old. The fee is $50 per participant.

• Swim School: Sessions start June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2 for Saturday classes. Tuesday class sessions begin June 10 and July 8. Classes are Red Cross certified and meet once each week for four weeks. Students must be at least 12 months old. The class is also available for adults who would like to learn to swim or improve their swimming skills. The fee for the four week course is $30 for district (Recreation Authority District includes Hayes Township, Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix) and $33 non-district.

• Stingray Swim Team: Three week sessions start on June 16, July 7 and July 28. Swimmers can sign up for one, two or all three sessions. The Charlevoix Stingrays are a year round age group swim team. This is a competitive swim program designed for ages 7 to 18. Swimmers meet Monday and Friday from Noon to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Swimmers may choose to come just on Mondays and Fridays from Noon to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Swimmers may choose to come just on Mondays and Fridays. Fees range from $40 to $55 District and $55-$58 Non-district for the three week sessions. Swimmers from the Elementary School and those coming from Petoskey start when they can get to the pool. Swim meets are optional but swimmers are encouraged to participate when possible. Upcoming meets are the 9th annual Venetian Festival Swim Meet and possibly a meet with the Bay Harbor team. We usually have 10-12 meets during the school year, starting in October and ending in March. Swimmers can start at any time.

• Aqua-Aerobics is offered six times each week. These classes meet on Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Participants can drop in for $5 (district) or $5.25 (non-district). A one-month pass is $37 to $50 district/non-district, respectively.

• Semi-Private Swim Lessons: Sessions start June 16th, June 30, July 14, July 28 and Aug. 11.

These lessons will be offered on M-W-F between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The lessons will be 30 minutes long and there will be a maximum of four students per class. The fee for the six session class is $69 (district) per swimmer, and $73 (non-district). We are trying some Tuesday evening lessons starting June 17 and July 15.

• Water Safety Instructor Course: An American Red Cross certified course for those interested in becoming swimming instructors will be offered this fall if there is sufficient interest. Students need to be at least 17 years of age and have an intermediate swimming ability. Call the pool for more information and to be put on an interest list.

• Lifeguard Training: An American Red Cross certified course for those interested in becoming lifeguards is being offered in December if there is sufficient interest. Students need to be at least 15 years of age and be able to swim 300 yards. Call the pool for more information or to register.

• Public Swim Times will include Open Swim (all ages) M through F from 6-8:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dollar nights will continue on Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dollar nights will be only Monday through Wednesday starting in the fall. On Your Own (OYO for adults) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and lap swimming Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (two lanes), Saturdays from 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The OYO swimmers share the pool with rehab patients from the Charlevoix Area Hospital. The pool will offer water polo from 8-9:30 p.m. on Monday nights. Swimmers must be at least 14 years of age. Women's Only Recreation will be on Tuesdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Snorkeling for Kids: This program will be offered this summer if there is sufficient interest. Students will be divided by age and ability.

• Masters Swim Team: MST is a competitive program for those 19 and older, which is offered on Wednesday nights from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Written workouts to be followed during lap swim are also available for those who want to practice more than once a week.

• Twinges in the Hinges, Arthritis Foundation class with Molly Tate is offered three times each week. These classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to Noon. This class is designed for those with arthritis. Molly is a certified instructor and the pool is accredited with the National Arthritis Foundation. "Twinges in the Hinges" is a year round program.

More information at www.charpool.org or call 547-0982.

Charlevoix Children's House golf scramble

June 22 at Charlevoix's municipal golf course, teams of four will play in a shotgun style golf scramble.

Teams must register and pay $50 per person in advance to reserve their spot.

Check-in begins at noon. The scramble begins at 1 p.m.

An awards picnic is planned for around 4 p.m. at the course.

Food and soft drinks are included in the registration fee. Beer and wine will be available by donation.

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Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open noon until dusk on Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday through Friday until June 9 when it will be open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 6

Four Winns boat and trailer is being raffled to support Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Only 300 tickets for 2008 will be sold for this 18-feet-long 1180 Four Winns boat and trailer. Tickets are $100 and available at www.hospicenwmi.org. The winning ticket will be drawn at 9 p.m. at the close of the annual hospice auction benefit on June 6 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. You need not be present to win. For more information, call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 582-8800.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Alwilda, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

Weekly at library
Held at the Charlevoix Public Library
220 West Clinton St.
547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. Every Saturday night starting on May 17. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

JUNE 4

Margaret Duerr Book Award presentation, honoring Gordon Van Wieren at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

The evening's presentation will feature Alyce Riemenschneider, the Charlevoix Public Library's interior designer. Her presentation will focus on her inspiration for the interior design of the new library. Gordon Van Wieren will be honored with the sixth annual Margaret Duerr Book Award. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated an interest in the preservation of the history of Northern Michigan. A reception will follow the presentation. Sponsored by the library's Michigan Room Committee.

JUNE 4-7

Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix celebrates 25 years of service providing low-cost furnishings, clothing and kitchenware to area residents.

Stop in for deals and special events.

PAWS FOR A STORY

Come read to a dog starting June 7 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 west Clinton St. Call 237-7350 for more information.

JUNE 14

Vacation bible school kick-off from 1 to 4 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Activities include an inflatable slide and treats like hot dogs and snow cones. All are welcome.

JUNE 16-20

Avalanche Ranch vacation bible school is from 9 a.m. to noon, June 16 through June 20 at St. Mary of Charlevoix. Cost is $20 per person. Call Anell at (231) 881-3528 or St. Mary School at 547-6438 for more information.

NAZARENE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning June 16 and lasting through June 20, The Charlevoix Ministerial Society offers vacation bible school at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Ages pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call Kelly at 547-4908.

JUNE 21

Sixth Annual Pink Ribbon Ride begins with registration at 7 a.m. on June 21 in Veteran's Park in Boyne City. The ride is open to all. For more information on pre-registration, call Sue Morris at 536-7066 or e-mail penhryn@charter.net.

JUNE 28

Artist Reception
Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m. at Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

JULY 19

Artist Reception
"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at Cycling Salamander.

AUGUST 9

Art Demonstration Day is from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to home-bound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

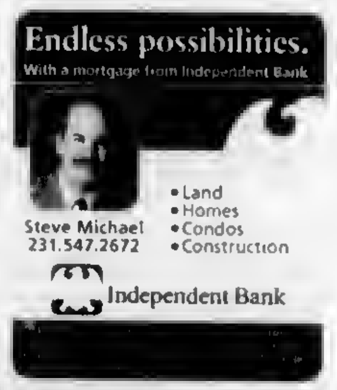
The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.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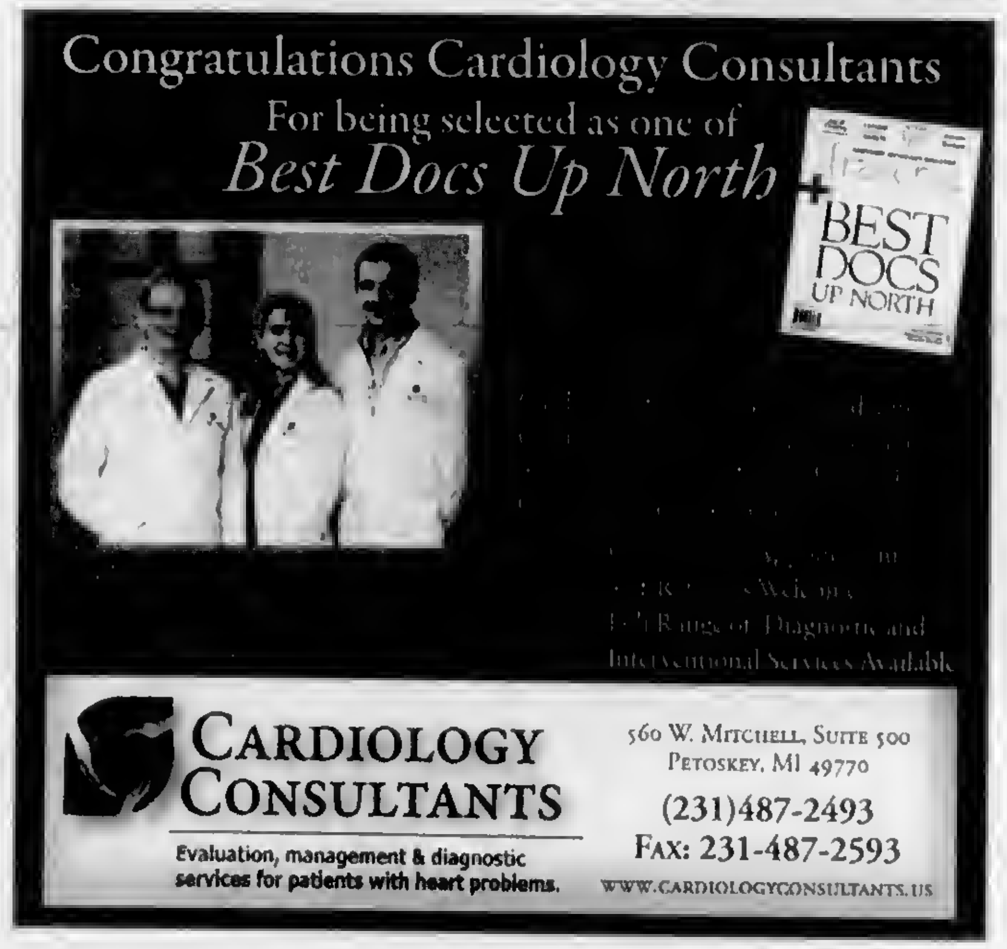
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SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

CHURCH GROUPS

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284

American Legion, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

HOSPITAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of February, April, June, September, November and December in the meeting room of the hospital. The July meeting is a picnic at Lake Michigan Beach. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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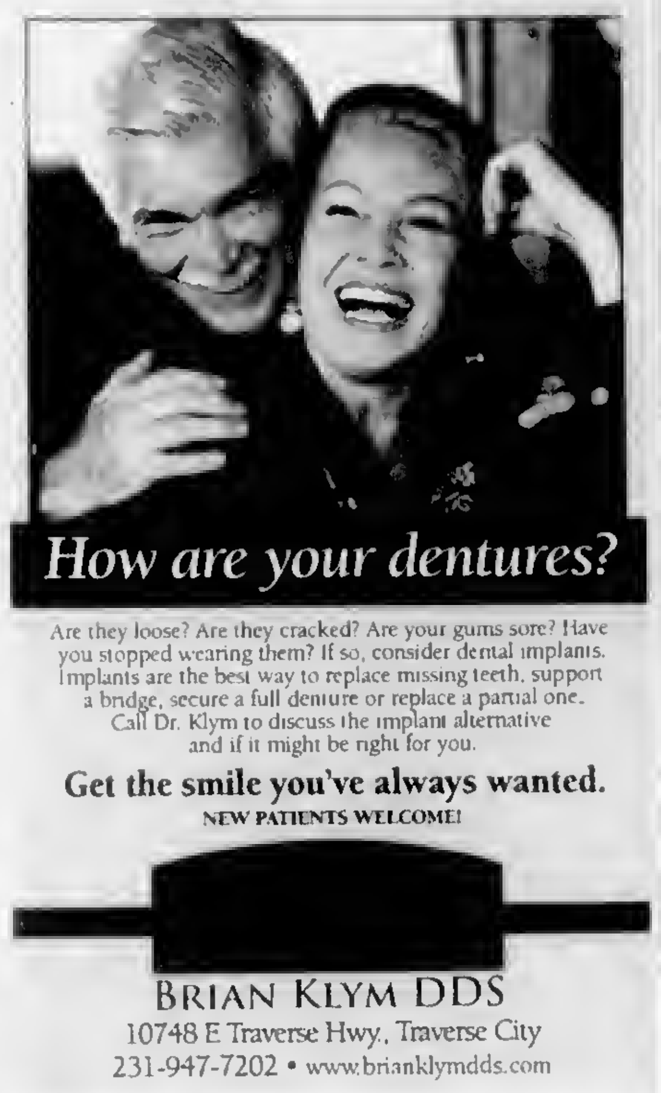
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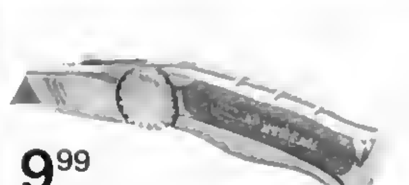

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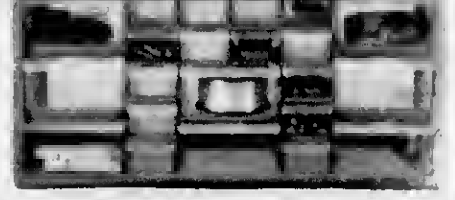

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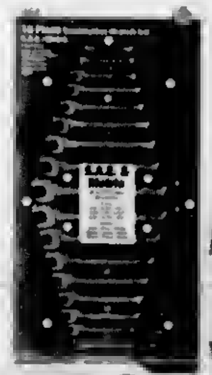

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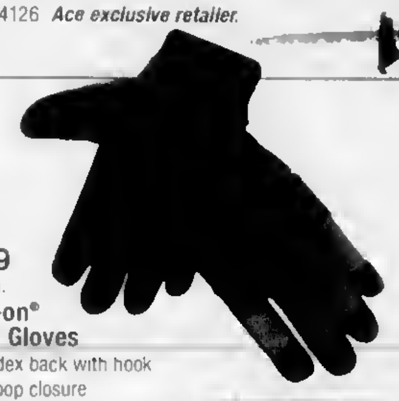

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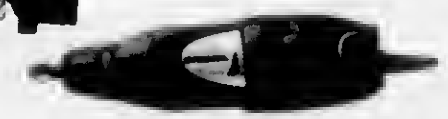

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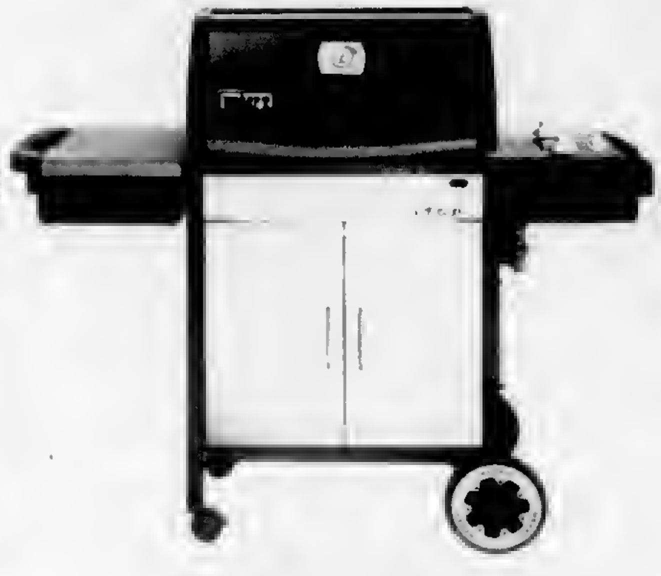

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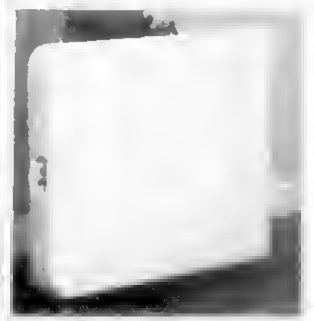

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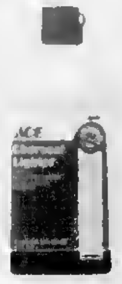

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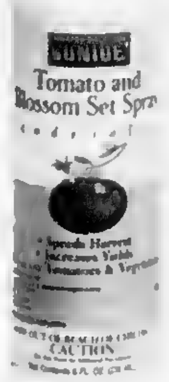

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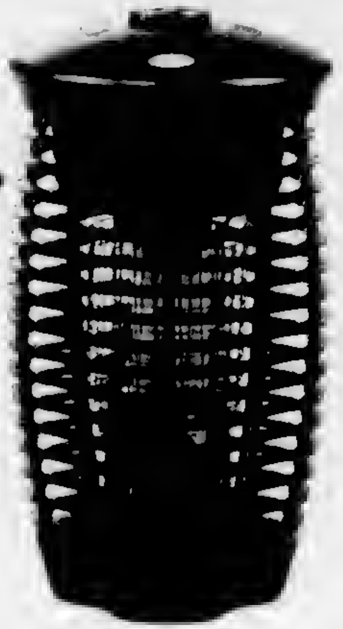

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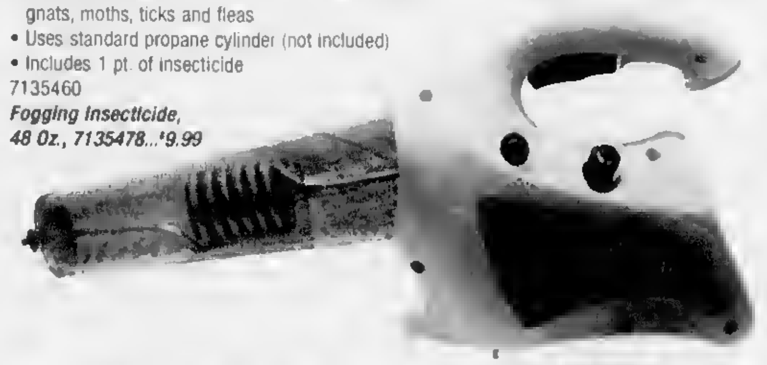

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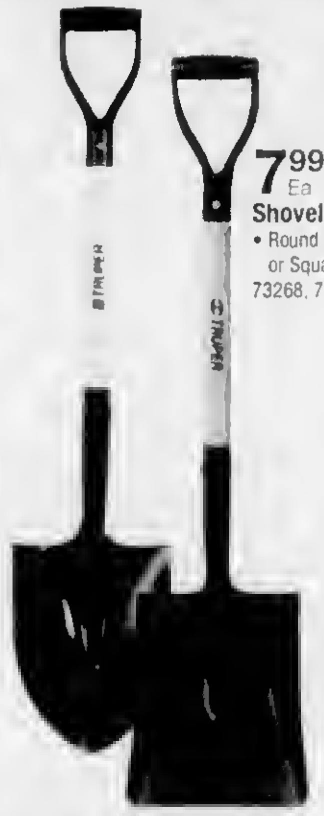

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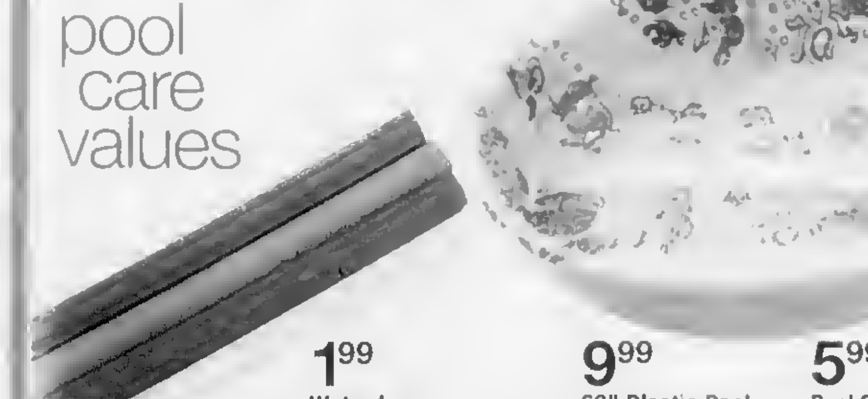

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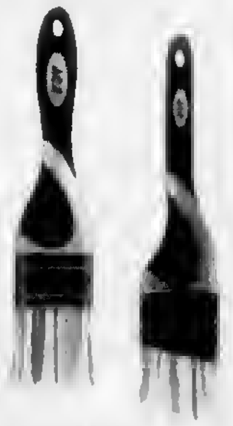

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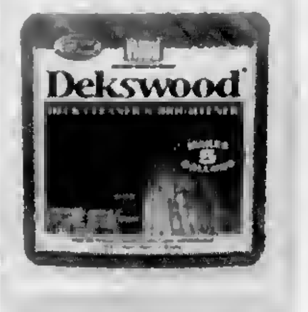

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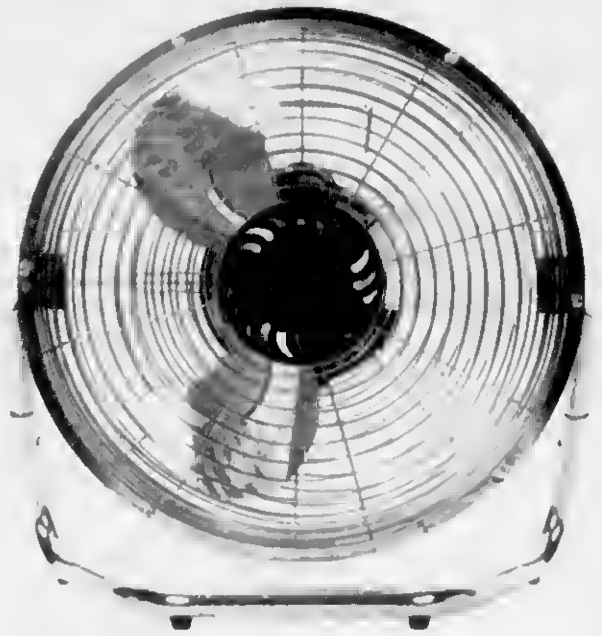

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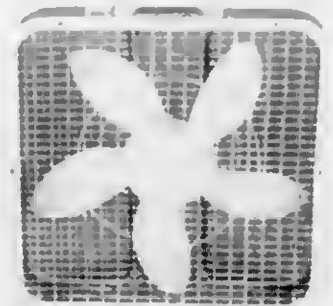

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Closer to Le Griffon

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

After years of legal wrangling over salvage rights to what may be a 17th century ship, explorer Steve Libert now has at least some assurance Michigan officials will not swoop in and pilfer 28 years of sweat equity and intellectual property.

Libert's Great Lakes Exploration Group (GLEG) won this most recent battle following the April 22 opinion of the U.S. Sixth District Court of Appeals of Cincinnati, Ohio, demanding the Michigan U.S Western District Court, Southern Division to correct its mid-March decision not to issue an admiralty arrest to Libert's GLEG, the lower court has issued the arrest.

"The court shall issue a conditional warrant for the arrest of defendant unidentified, wrecked, and, for salvage-right purposes, abandoned sailing vessel," stated Chief United States District Judge Robert Holmes Bell in the June 2 filing. "Upon the Marshal's execution of the arrest warrant the Court shall have jurisdiction over Defendant and no person shall seize, remove, take physical possession of, or otherwise disturb Defendant without prior authorization from the Court."

The justice further stated that GLEG, "Shall disclose to Intervenors Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Don't miss the Renaissance

Billed as the world's only accordion playing troll, Hob The Troll advertises his show at last weekend's Renaissance Fair at Castle Farms. ***See page 21 for the whole story.***

City leaders consider groomer

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Dwight "Ike" Boss, Recreation Director for the City of Charlevoix, brought discussion to the table about the possible purchase of a new groomer for Mt. McSauba at the June 2 Charlevoix City Council meeting.

A groomer is a piece of equipment that maintains good skiing conditions and minimizes icy surface conditions.

"It's so important that we have a reliable groomer or else we won't be able to continue keeping the place open," said Bo Boss, manager of Mt. McSauba. "Last February, the old groomer kept breaking down on us. To purchase a used groomer is not the best idea. A new one has a lifetime of about 7,500 hours and if you were to purchase a used one, you just never know what you're going to get."

According to the proposal, a new Piston Bully groomer costs $215,000. It is re-

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Boat Donated

This 16-foot Mackinaw-style cedar sailboat was recently donated to the youth of Charlevoix. The boat's donors, funded by an anonymous benefactor, hope to begin a shipbuilding and maintenance program right here in the city. ***See page 3 for the full story.***

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Mine once again contested

NORWOOD MINE OPEN, OPPONENTS APPEAL LATEST SUP

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Open once again, Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood Limestone Quarry may not be operating for long.

Legal representative for Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS) recently filed an appeal of the Norwood Township

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Bryan David Gates, 32, Boyne City. Fleeing and eluding of the third degree. Count 2: Fail to report accident to fixtures. Pay $1000 in fines and costs; serve 93 days in jail with credit of one day; serve 15 days of community service.

Alicia Lynn Hankins, 28, Boyne City. Operating with a license that was either suspended/revoked/denied second or subsequent offense. Pay $600 in fines and costs or serve 24 days in jail.

Emily Louise Rellinger, 45, Walloon Lake. Operating with a license that was suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Pay $160 in fines and costs.

Phyllis Ann Reed, 50, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $650 in fines and costs; serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Jeffrey Alan Perdue, 25, Harbor Springs. Operating with a license that was suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Kyle Joseph Daneff, 21, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $650 in fines and costs; serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

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MARRIAGES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Jeffrey Neal Moore, 52 and Stacy Lynn Wicker both of Boyne City

Brent Edward Ager, 26 and Jasmica Patrice Lewis, 21 both of Cordova, Tenn.

Thomas Robert Gokey, 29 and Margaret Elizabeth Backus, 28 both of Syracuse, N.Y

Michael Robert Karlskin Jr., 28, East Jordan and Carol Lynn Sanche, 27, Boyne City.

Timothy Earl Wilson, 36, East Jordan and Brenda Lee Moyer, 30, Boyne City

James Ryan Bence, 28 and Aubrey Geanne Pepper, 26 both of Dayton, Ohio

Straits Area Narcotic Enforcement team arrest made

The Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (S.A.N.E.) recently made the following arrest.

On May 19, a 27-year old male Charlevoix resident was arrested for one count delivery of Heroin, second offense.

The subject was lodged at the Emmet County Jail.

MDOT trucker maps

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) today announced that the 2008 state commercial trucking map is now available online.

The map is a free publication that is produced annually for truckers to use in accordance with state highway laws governing vehicle size, weight and load.

The map provides a variety of information intended to help commercial vehicle operators travel safely and efficiently in Michigan.

The map also lists structures with overhead clearances of less than 14 feet, to allow truckers to better plan their routes when over legal height transport is necessary.

In addition to explaining state highway laws governing vehicle size, weight and load, the MDOT Truck Operators Map also identifies routes with seasonal weight restrictions. Available at MDOT's Transportation Service Centers, region offices, and Michigan Welcome Centers, the map also is posted at state rest areas. The updated electronic version is available on MDOT's Web site at www.michigan.gov/truckmap.

Printed copies of the 2008 Truck Operators map can be ordered online or by contacting the MDOT Office of Communications at (517) 373-2160.

Commodity pickups

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey announces the following times and places for June food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

- 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., June 11 at Mancelona Community Lighthouse
- 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., June 12 at Pellston Village Hall
- 11 a.m. to – 12 p.m., June 12 at the VFW Hall in Harbor Springs

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program targets nutritionally at-risk mothers, infants, children and people aged 60 and older.

For further information about income guidelines and qualifying for this program, call NMHSA in Petoskey at (231) 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518.

Flag disposal time, date

Ernest Peterson Post 228, Boyne City American Legion, will conduct their annual Flag Disposal Ceremony 10 a.m. on Saturday June 14 at in Veterans Memorial Park, Boyne City.

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Sailboat to benefit local youth

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Thanks to the generosity of a benevolent benefactor and the hard work of some community leaders, Charlevoix now has a 16-foot, handcrafted cedar sailing vessel.

The Mackinaw style boat, which will be named by the local youth who work on her, has been donated by Seaports Great Lakes, a nonprofit group recently formed in the Upper Peninsula.

"Our intent is primarily youth oriented and exposing young people to the history of the great lakes maritime history through indigenous historical crafts such as the Mackinaw," said Seaports Great Lakes president, and longtime boat builder, Bob Schafer. "With a canoe-like stern, this style of boat was able to get off shore and back out sailing. It was very stable in the sea for moving family and cargo and fishing. It was a utility vessel for the day, the pickup truck of the water."

Aside from learning how the Native Americans employed this type of vessel, children of various ages will be able to learn the proper care and maintenance of a wooden sailboat, water safety and even how to sail.

"I was 14 when I first pulled an oar in a surf boat ... and at 23 I had my first command," said former U.S. Coast Guard Commander and one of several program effort organizers Dave Smith. "All of this comes from meeting and being involved with wonderful people such as Mr. Schafer."

The boat will likely be donated to a local nonprofit organization which will then hold the vessel in trust for the community.

"This is a teaching tool. Our intent is to donate it to a number of youth programs which could include Sea Scouts, Northwest Academy's Maritime Adventure Program and Charlevoix's family court for youth at-risk," Schafer said. "This is a new venture that is being philanthropically supported here in Charlevoix and my hope is to see youth go through an apprentice program here and in the surrounding communities."

The intent, Schafer added, is to establish a boat building program right here in Charlevoix.

"That's where Northwest Academy comes into the picture," said NWA Chief Administrative Officer Gary Stutzman. "Northwest is looking for a way to use the resources and the tremendous natural assets we have to expand our class offerings above and beyond the basic Merit Curriculum that is handed down by the state of Michigan."

He added, "We want to enhance the way we educate our youth."

Schafer got the idea to donate the boat while in a recent meeting with Northwest staff over another, as-of-yet undisclosed maritime project.

"I ... knew immediately that this is the perfect community and the perfect home for my hand-made replica of the Mackinaw," Schafer stated in a recent press release. "This group of Sea Scouts will have an opportunity to learn, first hand, the skills required to work in harmony with the elements. That's a lesson some people take a lifetime to learn."

While this first vessel is already built, there will be plenty of work needing to be done to keep it shipshape, according to fellow effort organizer Dale Hull.

"Every year, to get it ready for the season, we're going to need a whole lot of sandpaper, varnish, teak oil," he said. "All young people using the boat will be expected to participate and be involved in the process. They're going to be intimately involved with every inch of this cedar plank boat."

Students will work on the boat in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

"We really want to encourage the community to come down and inspect this vessel," Schafer said. "We want to get the youth excited about this new opportunity and really take ownership to see where this project can go."

This boat, fashioned after its 19th century cousins, will help students get out of their walled classrooms and into real world experiences.

"There are a lot of things young people can learn from sailing," Hull said. "You have to work in harmony with nature or you're going to lose. This is not a boat people often sail solo: it takes two or more crew, so working in conjunction for a common goal, that type of teamwork is enriching."

He added, "Few things are more rewarding than the skills which can be developed in sailing."

The public in general is invited to view the boat and chat with its workers over the next few weeks in Bridge Park.

NTCHS appeal second SUP

MINE

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Planning Commission's mid-April decision to approve Wynkoop's second Special Use Permit (SUP).

"Our arguments are still the same: we fully expect the court to rule against him (Wynkoop)," said NTCHS member and Norwood resident Bill Gnodtke. "When Wynkoop tried to get us thrown off alleging we did not, Norwood Township citizens, have any standing, the judge ruled against him."

The ruling came out of a Traverse City circuit court on May 2 by Judge Thomas Power, the justice who has overseen the cases against Wynkoop for the last couple years.

"It's the same stuff," Wynkoop said. "They make bogus claims and sign affidavits, but to this date they have never been able to prove the claims they make."

He added, "It's important to note that, last time the judge (Power, winter, 2007) voided the decision of the planning commission because he said there was a possible appearance of impropriety because I was township supervisor. I resigned and this time we got a favorable decision anyway. And, that's with one person on the planning commission who had signed a petition against (the mine) last year and had spoken against it, but found in my favor this time around. I think that says an awful lot."

In addition to the recently filed appeal, NTCHS members have been trying to tour Wynkoop's property per a court ruling.

"We were going to be on the property on the third of June, and that never came to reality," Gnodtke said. "Wynkoop's attorney keeps refusing to let us in."

While Wynkoop once had an "open door" policy pertaining to allowing the public at large to tour his property, he has altered that to, "protect myself."

"The rules changed when these people got malicious, destructive and started lying and cheating and trying to create trouble for me," he said. "That's the difference. On numerous occasions I have told the public to contact me and I will let them on to see what I have planned."

Wynkoop said he agreed to allow several NTCHS members and their experts on his property, but the opposition changed the plan and number of individuals set to tour his operation at the last minute.

"The judge, as of today, has not signed any order," he said. "It's not a matter of us not letting them on. The point is, the judge needs to sign the order."

Gnodtke hopes the judge will hear this most recent appeal soon and offer some closure to the matter.

"We continue to think it's pretty sad that the citizens of the township have to go to court in order to get justice on this," he said. "But, it's been pretty clear that the courts, every time we have wound up in court, we've been correct and the township's been wrong."

Twice this year the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has been told Wynkoop's mine has some type of violation and both times the inspectors have found no wrongdoing.

Wynkoop called the inspections an annoyance which only serves him in the end.

"They come out and see that there's nothing bad going on out here," he said. "When (are NTCHS) going to stop costing the taxpayers and wasting (MDEQ's) time? These inspections aren't free."

Wynkoop had still not been served with papers to appear in court by press time. Look for further updates on this case in future editions of Charlevoix Courier.

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If you have seen the plans for the park you may see the water fountains in the middle and a stream off in the corner. I like the stream but I think the water fountains are wasting the city's water.

For all I care, put the water into more drinking fountains around the city.

When this park is done, thousands of dollars will have been spent. That is money that could go to donations for the homeless or maybe fix up the local movie theater.

I just think that the park is not as important as other things.

Now don't get me wrong, I think that East Park will be a great addition to Charlevoix, but maybe not so much of the cities time, money and water.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my letter.

Lily Matchett

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

PALTRY PARKING

Editor:

Do you find yourself frustrated trying to find a spot to park in town? I have a solution for this! This town needs a larger parking lot. Not only would there be more space for cars and make us less frustrated, but also eliminate some parking on Bridge Street making it safer to cross the street because you can see cars coming.

If we had a larger parking lot in town, there would be more space for citizens to park, which would bring more customers to our cafes and shops in town. It would make the citizens of Charlevoix much happier.

If we eliminated some of the traffic on Bridge Street emergency vehicles could get to the emergency quicker. That would make our beautiful city safer.

So as you can see, I think it would be great to have a larger parking lot in town. Thanks for listening.

Mac McPherson

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SOLVE CMS MESS

Editor:

CMS made arrangements to have the City of Petoskey take the leachate from Bay Harbor and run it through the waste treatment plant.

CMS failed to live up to their agreements. When Petoskey refused to take the hazardous waste, CMS allowed the leachate to run into the Bay for eight months.

Leachate not collected by CMS lines runs into the Bay regardless. Another waste treatment plant was approached and declined to take the leachate, because of toxicity and the severe conditions placed on equipment.

Traverse City waste treatment plant takes some of the leachate. What they will not take is trucked to Johannesburg. Now CMS has plans to truck the leachate to an injection well near Alba to save money.

The leachate presents a problem much larger than CMS or TOM or the DEQ or the EPA solutions.

Friends of the Jordan is working to keep the injection well out of Alba to protect the Jordan River Watershed.

This is what the Friends of the Jordan is responsible for.

They do not have an answer to what should be done with leachate. As long as piles of CKD remain, surface and groundwater will travel through them in perpetuity, and into the Great Lakes. The CKD is a legacy of cement manufacturing that profited a few and provided jobs for others.

All of us in this area are responsible for taking care of the place were we live. CMS is looking out for the interests of itself and Bay Harbor.

These interests do not represent the interests of northern Michigan. All people of this area must come together to find an solution that does not just move the problem somewhere else.

Rick Beemon

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INDOOR SKATE IS GREAT

Editor:

Do you or your kids like to skateboard, bike, or blade? If they do, an indoor skate-park would be outstanding.

You would be able to skate, bike or blade all year-round if we had an indoor skate-park. Biking, skating and blading is good exercise, and can help you lose weight or get fit.

You could go skate or bike in the winter, spring, summer, and or fall. At the skate-park, you could hang out with your friends too. After school if you have homework, you can go to the skate-park. When you're done with your homework, you can go in and skate. You can also have competitions between you and your friends for some fun.

Last but not least you could work tricks and get better. You could practice grinding rails, doing tricks on jumps, or just ride around. It would be a lot of fun.

I don't know about you, but a skate-park would be nice. You could have endless fun all year-round.

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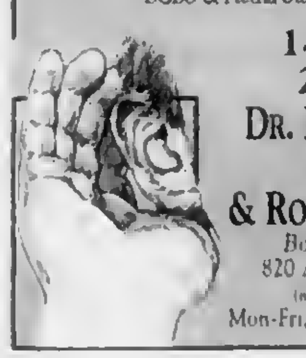

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If you have seen the plans for the park you may see the water fountains in the middle and a stream off in the corner. I like the stream but I think the water fountains are wasting the city's water.

For all I care, put the water into more drinking fountains around the city.

When this park is done, thousands of dollars will have been spent. That is money that could go to donations for the homeless or maybe fix up the local movie theater.

I just think that the park is not as important as other things.

Now don't get me wrong, I think that East Park will be a great addition to Charlevoix, but maybe not so much of the cities time, money and water.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my letter.

Lily Matchett

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

PALTRY PARKING

Editor:

Do you find yourself frustrated trying to find a spot to park in town? I have a solution for this! This town needs a larger parking lot. Not only would there be more space for cars and make us less frustrated, but also eliminate some parking on Bridge Street making it safer to cross the street because you can see cars coming.

If we had a larger parking lot in town, there would be more space for citizens to park, which would bring more customers to our cafes and shops in town. It would make the citizens of Charlevoix much happier.

If we eliminated some of the traffic on Bridge Street emergency vehicles could get to the emergency quicker. That would make our beautiful city safer.

So as you can see, I think it would be great to have a larger parking lot in town. Thanks for listening.

Mac McPherson

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

SOLVE CMS MESS

Editor:

CMS made arrangements to have the City of Petoskey take the leachate from Bay Harbor and run it through the waste treatment plant.

CMS failed to live up to their agreements. When Petoskey refused to take the hazardous waste, CMS allowed the leachate to run into the Bay for eight months.

Leachate not collected by CMS lines runs into the Bay regardless. Another waste treatment plant was approached and declined to take the leachate, because of toxicity and the severe conditions placed on equipment.

Traverse City waste treatment plant takes some of the leachate. What they will not take is trucked to Johannesburg. Now CMS has plans to truck the leachate to an injection well near Alba to save money.

The leachate presents a problem much larger than CMS or TOM or the DEQ or the EPA solutions.

Friends of the Jordan is working to keep the injection well out of Alba to protect the Jordan River Watershed.

This is what the Friends of the Jordan is responsible for.

They do not have an answer to what should be done with leachate. As long as piles of CKD remain, surface and groundwater will travel through them in perpetuity, and into the Great Lakes. The CKD is a legacy of cement manufacturing that profited a few and provided jobs for others.

All of us in this area are responsible for taking care of the place were we live. CMS is looking out for the interests of itself and Bay Harbor.

These interests do not represent the interests of northern Michigan. All people of this area must come together to find an solution that does not just move the problem somewhere else.

Rick Beemon

Charlevoix

INDOOR SKATE IS GREAT

Editor:

Do you or your kids like to skateboard, bike, or blade? If they do, an indoor skate-park would be outstanding.

You would be able to skate, bike or blade all year-round if we had an indoor skate-park. Biking, skating and blading is good exercise, and can help you lose weight or get fit.

You could go skate or bike in the winter, spring, summer, and or fall. At the skate-park, you could hang out with your friends too. After school if you have homework, you can go to the skate-park. When you're done with your homework, you can go in and skate. You can also have competitions between you and your friends for some fun.

Last but not least you could work tricks and get better. You could practice grinding rails, doing tricks on jumps, or just ride around. It would be a lot of fun.

I don't know about you, but a skate-park would be nice You could have endless fun all year-round.

Zach Tibbits

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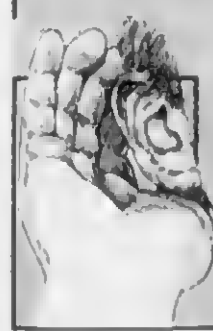

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Day of Caring planning, event

Planning is gearing up for the 5th Annual Community Wide Day of Caring, scheduled for Sept 16.

This event promotes teamwork and gives people a taste of volunteering, while making a difference in the community.

The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties who are in need of hands-on help.

We are kicking off the event with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on June 11 at the Charlevoix Library.

Representatives from businesses or other organizations interested in forming a volunteer team are invited to attend.

There is no charge to attend. Call 237-6202 to reserve your place.

In addition to providing Day of Caring information to potential volunteer teams, we will be thanking the 600 volunteers who participated last year.

• Volunteers Needed: teams from businesses, schools, agencies, faith communities, etcetera, as well as individuals are needed. Let us know your interests and availability.

• Projects Needed: non-profit agencies, schools and governmental programs can all benefit by requesting volunteer help on the Day of Caring.

To get a project request or volunteer sign-up form, contact the Day of Caring Committee at United Way 487-1006 or charemuw@sbcglobal.net

DAY OF CARING FOR SENIORS

Harbor Industries, Inc. of Charlevoix will dedicate a day to help local seniors with some spring clean-up.

Harbor has recently partnered with the Charlevoix Commission on Aging and wants to address the many needs of local seniors.

If you are interested in volunteering on June 19 for this one-day clean-up, contact Jennifer Archambault of Harbor Industries at 547-3280.

If you are a senior wanting to take advantage of this community endeavor, contact Gale Binstadt at (231) 237-0103.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy open house

Northwest Academy is holding an openhouse from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 14 to identify people interested in preschool for 3 and 4 year olds; k-6 registration will also be taken during the event hosted by Lite 96 FM. Detroit Tiger game tickets will be given away and refreshments will be served. Once all classes reach 15 student limit, applications for the waiting list will be taken. Call 547-9000 or visit www.nwa.edu. Joe Seidel (above) works on a folding wall to get the building located off M-66 just across from Kmart in Charlevoix ready for the upcoming open house.

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Judy Willey is seen here at last year's Chair-ity Auction. The Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction is to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 25 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. This is the fourth Chair-ity Auction sponsored by First Congregational Church of Charlevoix to benefit area organizations.

Chair-ity Auction

Edith Pair, known for her creatively painted furniture, and Judy Willey, self taught free spirit, are two of approximately 40 talented area artists who have donated their time to paint reclaimed and restored furniture for the Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 25 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

This is the fourth Chair-ity Auction sponsored by First Congregational Church of Charlevoix to benefit area organizations. This year's proceeds will benefit

Hiland Cottage, the new hospice house; Bay Area Substance Education Service, BASES; Northern Community Mediation; Challenge Mountain and First Congregational Church outreach. During the Silent Auction from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the Live Auction from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be an opportunity for guests to buy one of a kind pieces of hand painted furniture as well as an array of items ranging from car washes to diamonds.

Complimentary wine and beverages, hors d'oeuvres and dessert catered by Grey Gables Restaurant will be included in the ticket price of $25. Tickets are available at Chambers of Commerce in Charlevoix, Petoskey, and Boyne City and will be available at the door.

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Way signed to Cornerstone

Aubrey Way is pictured with CHS athletic director Doug Drenth, parents Mike and Chris, CHS principal Suzanne Klingar, Janna Way and coach Liz Grunch where she signed with Cornerstone University on a volleyball scholarship. Way won numerous awards throughout high school including: Rayder team MVP and all-conference, all-area, all-region for two years each and the Traverse City and Petoskey Dream Team for two years. Way plans to study business/sports management and Public Relations in hopes of getting a job with a professional sports club.

June 2008

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1	2	3 2 for Tuesday [illegible] 5-9pm	4 5-9pm	5 5-9pm	6 East Bay Blue Live on the Deck No Cover 5-10pm	7 Jamming with Jeff Woosley 5-10pm
8	9	10 2 for Tuesday [illegible] 5-9pm	11 Steak Special 5-9pm	12 5-9pm	13 Chuck Short Duo Live on the Deck No Cover 5-10pm	14 Jamming with Jeff Woosley 5-10pm
15 Father's Day Steak & Shrimp Special 12-9pm	16 5-9pm	17 2 for Tuesday [illegible] 5-9pm	18 Lunch 11-2pm Steak Special 5-9pm	19 Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Theater Ghost Story 5-9pm	20 Lunch 11-2pm Live Entertainment on the Deck No Cover 5-10pm	21 Lunch 11-2pm Jamming with Jeff Woosley 5-10pm
22 Bonnie & Francois Live on the Deck [illegible] 12-9pm	23 5-9pm	24 2 for Tuesday [illegible] 5-9pm	25 Lunch 11-2pm Steak Special 5-9pm	26 Lunch 11-2pm Dinner 5-9pm	27 Lunch 11-2pm Jamie Lee Willis Live on the Deck No Cover 5-10pm	28 Lunch 11-2pm Crab Boil $25 per person Jamming 5-10pm with Jeff Woosley
29 Wild Wille Live on the Deck [illegible] 12-9pm	30 5-9pm	Dinner Theater Every 3rd Thursday all Summer Long! This Month: Woman in Black, A Ghost Story on June 19th Doors open at 6pm for Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm Dinner • 8pm Show • $35 per person Reservations Recommended				

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OBITUARIES

George Baldwin: July 29, 1921 - June 2, 2008

George Edward Baldwin of Charlevoix died on June 2 at home after fighting a battle with cancer since November of 2003. He was surrounded by his wife of 59 years, Lue, and children, Beth (Timothy) Shields of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Catherine (Keith) Mohan of Milwaukee, Wis.; George (Penni) Baldwin, Jr. of Maggie Valley, and Laura (Scott) Stebe of Charlevoix.

He was born July 29, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio to George and Marie (Thompson) Baldwin, but was raised in Birmingham attending both Baldwin High School and Cranbrook. He attended Michigan College of Mining and Technology in Houghton, now known as Michigan Technological University, where he played hockey, until enlisting in the United States Army Air Force in 1942.

While in the service, he continued his education in engineering at The College of Mines and Metallurgy in El Paso, Texas. He was later transferred to the regular Army 12th Armored Division and sent to the American theater in Europe where he earned two bronze stars. He was also a veteran of the Korean War as part of the 297th Engineer Aviation. He remained active in the 12th Armored Division Association the rest of his life and was a charter member of the World War II museum.

On Feb. 19, 1949, he married Lula Delores Wilkins at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. They lived in Tawas, where they jointly ran an oil business. In 1959, they moved to Escanaba to build an oil refinery, but ultimately George became a pioneer in the cable television industry and developed the cable systems in Escanaba and Gladstone.

In 1966, the family moved to Charlevoix and built Lake Charlevoix Cable TV which served Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne City and Gaylord. Later they bought Grayling Cable Services from which they retired in 1985.

He enjoyed recreational boating and was the Commodore of the Tawas Bay Yacht Club. Other interests were lake fishing, hunting on the family property near Lewiston, RVing across the country, and traveling in general, including a trip to Herrlisheim, France, a town he helped liberate in 1945.

His curiosity and intelligence kept him young and interesting and his sense of humor endeared him to all those that knew him. He will be remembered for his devotion to his family, loyalty to his friends and lending a helping hand in all the communities in which he lived.

He belonged to the Knights of Columbus for 58 years and was a member of Charlevoix's Council 7172. Additionally, he was a long-time member of the American Legion and the Elks. He was one of the original promoters of Silver Valley in Tawas and led development of their ski area. His civic affiliations included membership in numerous organizations at Nettles Island, Fla., where he and Lue wintered for over 20 years.

George will be greatly missed by his wife and four children, as well as his grandchildren: Ben and Kathleen (Shields) Roussel; Kelly Shields and Timothy Shields, all of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Abby Mohan of Huntington Beach, Calif. and Colin Mohan of Ann Arbor; Tiffany, Tristan and Isabelle Baldwin, all of Maggie Valley, N.C.; Brennan, Cassidy and Erin Stebe of Charlevoix and his one great-grand child, Marybeth Roussel. He is survived by his brother Don Baldwin of Birmingham, and step-brother Mike Flannery of Ireland.

The family plans a memorial mass at St. Mary Catholic Church followed by a celebration of his life, on Aug. 2 in Charlevoix.

Closer to the date, further details will be announced.

Memorials can be made to the Mayo Clinic, Department of Development SI-9; 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905: note George Baldwin for urology research, which also received his body for medical research; St. Mary's Catholic School Angel Scholarship Fund, 1003 Bridge St., Charlevoix, 49720, or Angel Flight for Veterans, Mercy Medical Airlift; 4620 Haygood Rd. Suite 1; Virginia Beach, VA 23455, which provided George transportation to Rochester, Minn. for cancer treatment on many occasions.

Dorothy V. Clarke: Jan. 19, 1920 - June 6, 2008

Dorothy V. Clarke, 88, of Charlevoix, died Friday, June 6, 2008 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Rex Kibler, of the First Christian Church of Petoskey officiated and burial took place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Dorothy was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Petoskey to George E. and Bessie A. (Ehrhart) Paulus.

She was a 1939 graduate of Petoskey High School, and on Sept. 21, 1940, she married John R. Clarke in Petoskey.

They made their home in Charlevoix in 1947.

Dorothy worked at Allied Signal in Boyne City for 17 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Petoskey, the Marion Center Grange and the Barnard Grange.

Her husband, John, preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1995. Dorothy is survived by her three children: Joseph R. Clarke of Umatilla, Fla., Judith (Michael) Belfy of Conway, and Barbara (Richard) Gallant of Charlevoix; nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren; sister, Marge Taylor of Fruitland Park, Fla.

Dorothy's brother, George Paulus, of Rogers City also preceded her in death.

Dorothy's gentle spirit and kindness will be missed by her family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, 308 Monroe, Petoskey, MI 49770, or to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Helen Marie LaBlance: Died June 7, 2008

Helen Marie LaBlance peacefully passed away at the Sault Area Hospital with her family by her side on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the age of 92.

Loving wife of the late Emerald; Cherished mother of Michael (Andrea), Joseph (Cathy), James (Joan), Peter (Debbie), Shaun (Mary), Albert (Kitty), Catherine Mitchell (Tom), Robert (Marienne), late Paul (Micheline) and the late Margaret Beaudoin (late James); Much loved grandmother of 34 and great-grandmother of 48 and great-great-grandmother of 1.

Helen is survived by her sisters-in-law Barb Chambers, Sue LaBlance, Millie Withers and Mary Fotchman (Ed). Loving aunt of many. Friends called at the Barton & Kiteley Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 165 Brock Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 3B8, (705) 759-2114 on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 from 6 to 9 p.m.

A funeral mass was held at the Mother of God Church, Goulais River, Ontario on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 11 a.m. Rev. Don McMillan officiated. Interment at St. Mary Cemetery, Charlevoix, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations made to the Mother of God Church would be appreciated by the family. www.mem.com.

Beth Wickersham Richardson, 75

Beth Wickersham Richardson died on May 20, 2008. Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, Kalkaska, handled the arrangements.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6410

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Church Office 547-4121

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US 31 North
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office 547-9122

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12701 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North
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City hires new summer officer

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Libby Laviolette, 23, is not only new to the community, but she's also new to the job.

Fresh out of school, she's been hired as a full-time City of Charlevoix police officer for the summer.

"After the summer, I hope to land a full-time position somewhere, but for right now this is a nice job to have," she said.

With a bright smile and charming demeanor, it's hard to imagine that she'll be on the market for a job for too long.

"I have all this reading to do," Laviolette said of her second day on the job.

Not surprisingly, she looks forward to jumping head first into the job and getting to know the area the best she can.

Laviolette graduated from Mountain State University in Beckley, W. Va.

She decided to go there because it was the only hands-on forensics school she could find.

"I've always been interested in the forensics aspect of the job. That's what made me want to go into the field," she said.

One of her long-term goals, aside from finding a full-time position, is to eventually get her Master's degree in forensics.

Though she's moved around a lot, with her boyfriend living in the Petoskey area, the summer opening in Charlevoix was the perfect job opportunity.

Some of Laviolette's heroes include her parents, especially her father.

"My Dad started out at GM with practically nothing," she said. "He went from not having much as far as a job goes to working his way up and becoming second in command to the president in his department."

Laviolette said she looks forward to getting to know new people and getting more acquainted with the area.

"I'm just glad to be here and I hope I can do everything in my power to help everybody," she added.

CHARLEVOIX
POLICE

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Charlevoix's newest edition to its police force is Libby Laviolette, a 23-year-old graduate of Mountain State University in Beckley, W. Va. Laviolette will be working with the Charlevoix City Police throughout the summer.

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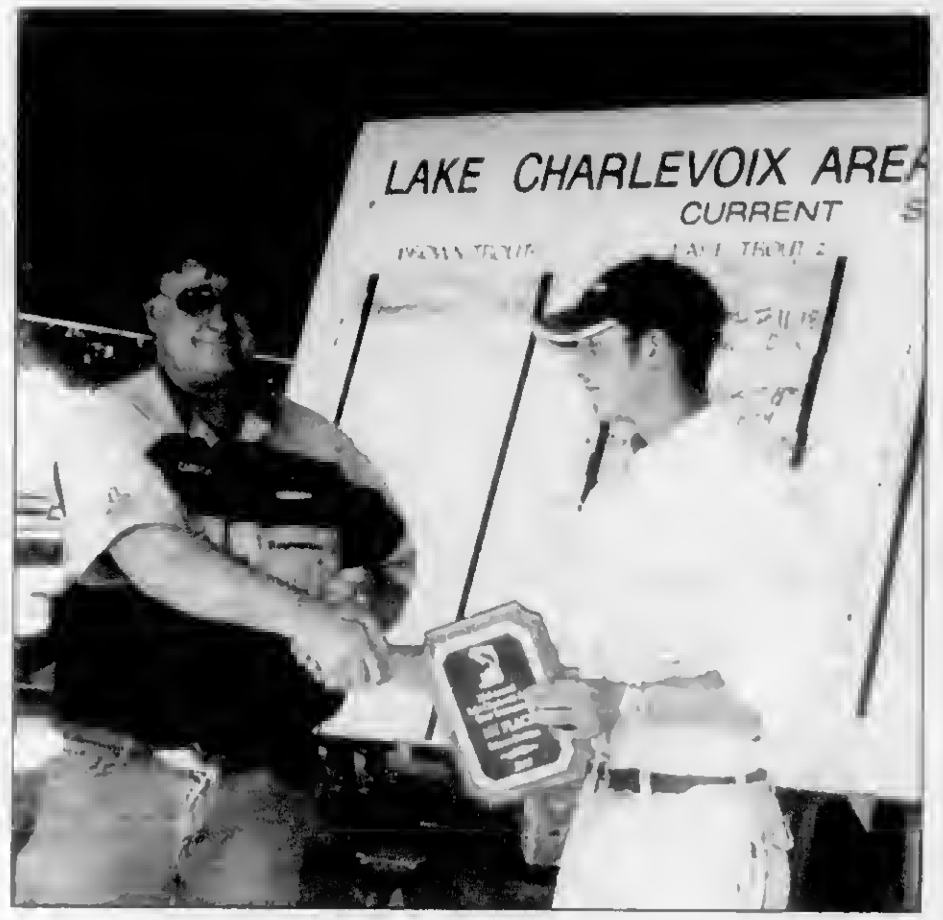

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Be sure to get registered for the upcoming 24th annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament. Seen here (above) is one of the winners from previous years.

There will be a Kids Fish Pond from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday June 14 at Ferry Beach. Each child participating in the event will get a free fishing pole.

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24th Annual
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Grab a pole and get fishing, it's trout tournament time

By: A.J. Hoffman
Staff Writer

Go fish.

The 24th Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament begins at 10 a.m. on June 13 and lasts until June 15.

Registration for the event will be from noon to 8 p.m. on June 11 and 12 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

"I've got cousins that have been coming in from New York and Chicago for years to this tournament, and that's the only time during the whole year that they get to fish together," said Dean Mikulski, an event organizer. "The spirit of the tournament is to just come out here and have fun. For most people, it doesn't matter if they win the top prize or anything, it's just an opportunity to get away."

He added, "When my sons were little, I used to bring them out and they'd participate too. Today, they're actually involved in the tournament."

- There will be a mandatory Captain's meeting at 8 p.m. on June 12.

The tournament will feature brown trout, steelhead, lake trout and salmon in the following divisions:

- Brown Trout 20 inches
- Lake Trout 24 inches.
- Steelhead 20 inches
- Salmon 24 inches

There will also be a Kids Fish Pond from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Each child participating in the event will get a free fishing pole.

- Prizes are as follow:

First place - trophy and $1,000.

Second place - $500.

Third place - $300.

Fourth place - $200.

Fifth place - $100.

Sixth through 10th places - $50.

11th through 20th places - $30.

- Following are bonus prizes:

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Special trophy will be awarded for the largest fish of the tournament caught on a Michigan Stinger Spoon.

First-place lake trout will be awarded the Rex Blanchard Memorial Trophy.

$100 Port Prize for the largest fish weighed in each day, sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Mikulski said Charlevoix's tournament, which is open to anyone, is more laid back than some.

"People like it because it's kind of informal. We don't check coolers or anything (to make sure people aren't cheating) we really trust that everyone is being honest. Over the years, we've had very few problems with that sort of thing," he said. "This tournament was founded on the idea of bringing people into Charlevoix and bringing people together."

He added, "Some people take it real serious and that's okay, but for other guys, it's just like going to deer camp. It's just about having fun. We wanted to keep it fun and affordable."

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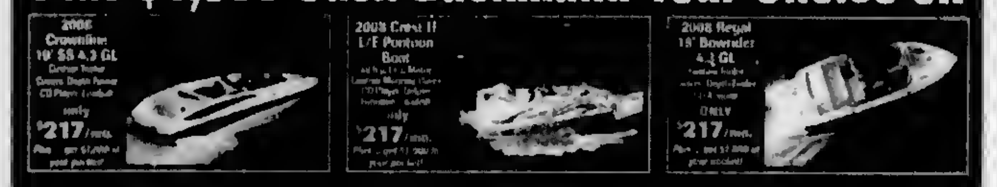
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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

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Taste of Charlevoix

Enjoy a day of good food, friends and fun during the 5th Annual Taste of Charlevoix Saturday, June 21 from 11am to 4pm. [illegible] specialties from [illegible] Michigan wineries and regional breweries [illegible] serving wine and beer in commemorative "Taste of Charlevoix" glasses. The whole family will enjoy a day of great food, musical performances, entertainment and activities in downtown Charlevoix.

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Pictured: Chamber Ambassadors and NWA teachers and staff

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Pictured left to right: Attorneys Christopher Turkelson, Roy C. Hayes III (Joe), and Travis Groat.

Summer Solstice Art Show

The 10th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show features high quality art displayed in downtown Charlevoix. Participating artisans are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many beautiful products on display. Show hours are Saturday, June 28, 10am to 5pm and Sunday, June 29, 10am to 4pm. Celebrate the arrival of summer at the Summer Solstice Art Show, where works of art and scenic views are just a step away!

Chamber Car Raffle

Don't miss your chance to win a 2008 Pontiac Solstice Convertible during the Chamber Car Raffle! The lucky ticket will be drawn on September 11 at the Belvedere Club Casino. In addition to the car, 3 lucky winners will take home cash prizes totaling $1000. Admission is free to ticket holders, and there will be great food and entertainment. Tickets are $100 each or three for $200.

Call the Chamber and reserve your lucky numbers today!

Silent Auction & Picnic

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Silent Auction is August 7 from 10am to 3pm. There are reasonable minimum bids in different categories like art, entertainment, fashion, home décor, jewelry and more. There's something for everyone, and while you're here, take a peek in our gift shop...unique and well-priced items for all. Also, anyone interested in volunteering for the Hospital is welcome to come to our picnic on July 14 at 11:30 at the Michigan beach pavilion. For information, call 547-8651.

Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9am-1pm, June 26 - October 2

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Jun 13-15	Lake Charlevoix Trout Tournament 237-9772
Jun 14-15	Renaissance Festival at Castle Farms 237-0884
Jun 15	Dhaseleer Event Barn presents Rachael Davis & Dominic John 547-6945
Jun 17	Char-Em United Way Annual Celebration Breakfast 487-1006
June 20-22	Charlevoix Fast Pitch Softball Tournament 547-3253
Jun 21	5th Annual Taste of Charlevoix 547-2101
Jun 21	Odawa Casino Resort presents The Temptations Review 877-442-6464
Jun 22	Dhaseleer Event Barn presents Jen Sygit & Spare Change 547-6945
Jun 24	History of the Charlevoix Public Library Presentation 237-7340
Jun 25	First Congregational United Church of Christ Charity Auction 237-9103
Jun 26	Downtown Farmers Market, 9am - 1pm 547-2101
Jun 26	Dhaseleer Event Barn presents Breathe Owl Breathe 547-6945
Jun 27	Run Charlevoix Spaghetti Dinner 547-5439
Jun 28	Run Charlevoix Marathon 248-437-4524
Jun 28	Strawberry Social at Friske Orchards 599-2604
Jun 28-29	10th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show 547-2101
Jun 28	Artist Reception of Cycling Salamander-Pastels by Heidi A Marshall 547-2333

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231 547-2651

Join us for Business After Hours, Thursday, June 12 from 5 to 7pm at Grey Gables Inn Restaurant. The cost is $5 for Chamber members / $10 for non-members.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on June 19 at the Chamber of Commerce.

September 5 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables.

Erin Bemis,
Executive Director

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Update: How far along is East Park?

East Park Construction Update as of last week.

• Harbor Master Building

Exterior stone veneer work continues. Glass block for the rest rooms is currently being installed. More of the glass for the lakeside windows has arrived, and is being installed.

General contractor Hallmark Construction Inc. is preparing the concrete ceiling for painting.

Temperature Controls is on site and working on the heating/cooling systems.

Mechanical and electrical work continues.

Approximately 95 percent of all duct work is complete.

Field measurements have been taken for the large door leading into the public bathrooms.

Efforts continue to determine the appropriate furniture layout with which to best locate the floor plugs in the lounge room.

The layout for the communication lines for telephone, Internet and new reservation system have been finalized.

• Performance Pavilion

Hallmark has formed all of the steps leading to the public rest rooms along with the floor for the maintenance room.

Standfest Masonry has been laying up the last of the glazed block in the rest rooms.

The stainless steel sinks are being fabricated. Haggard's Plumbing & Heating is working on the in-floor heat for the maintenance room.

Hallmark plans to pour the concrete sometime this week once temperatures get warmer. All but one of the hollow metal doors have been hung.

• General Site Work

Most of the site work is on hold for now, due to weather. The preliminary test results for the well that will feed the trout stream are very good. Both the flow and temperature appear to be adequate.

This weekly East Park Construction Update is provided courtesy of City of Charlevoix Street Superintendent Pat Elliott

The East Park Renovation Project by the Numbers

• 2,500 - Cubic yards of concrete have been poured.

• 100 - Tons of re-rod/re-steel has been installed.

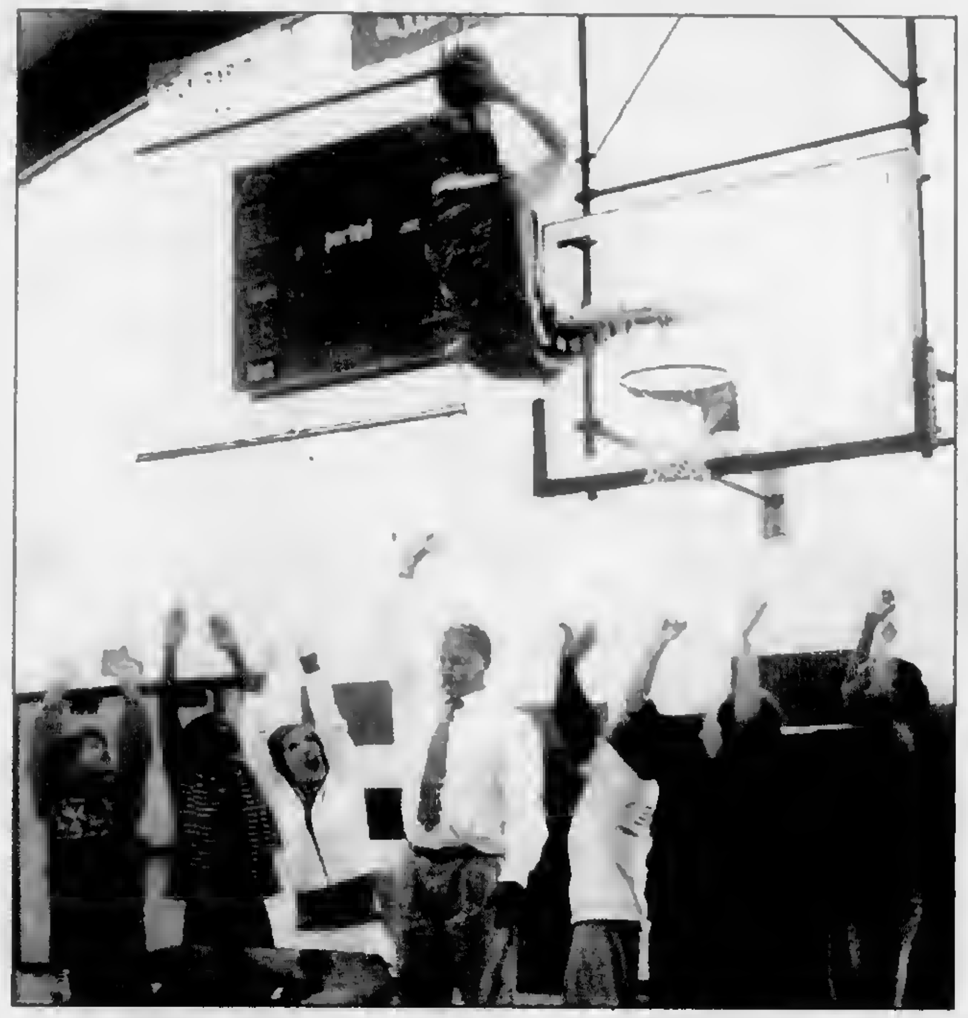
• 49,000 - Number of new brick pavers that will be laid. These pavers represent three full-length semi-truck loads and do not include reused pavers.

• 60,000 - Pounds of pavers that will be placed on the roof tops of the Performance Pavilion and the Harbor Master Building.

• 2,100 - Lineal feet of handrail that will be installed.

• 300 - Tons of Onaway stone to be installed throughout the entire project.

• 5,000 - Lineal feet of in-floor heat tubing in the Harbor Master Building and the Performance Pavilion.



High flyin'

On June 2, at Charlevoix Middle School, the Detroit Piston Flight Crew performed for students and faculty. Here (left) you see one of the high flyers getting ready to jam the basketball over the heads of middle-schoolers and Principal Keith Haske.

Courtesy photo

Get ready to dine on swine in Ellsworth

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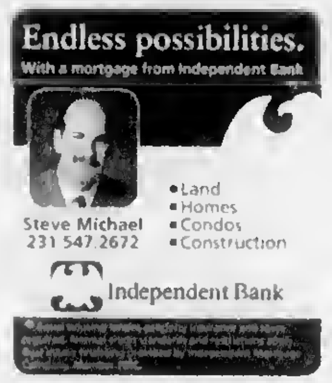

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Monday, June 2, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving a lease agreement with the Department of the Army for the use of the South Pier for the operation and maintenance of the Charlevoix South Pier Lighthouse
- Motion passed approving the quit claim deed with the United States Coast Guard of the purchase of the Charlevoix Light Station
- Motion passed approving the addendum for kiosk rental to the Sunshine Charters boat lease
- Motion passed tabling discussion of the purchase of a groomer for Mt. McSauba to the June 16, 2008 Council meeting
- Motion passed approving temporarily borrowing money from the Electric and Water funds for cash flow purposes, pending grant reimbursement from the State of Michigan

Council adjourned at 8.58 p m

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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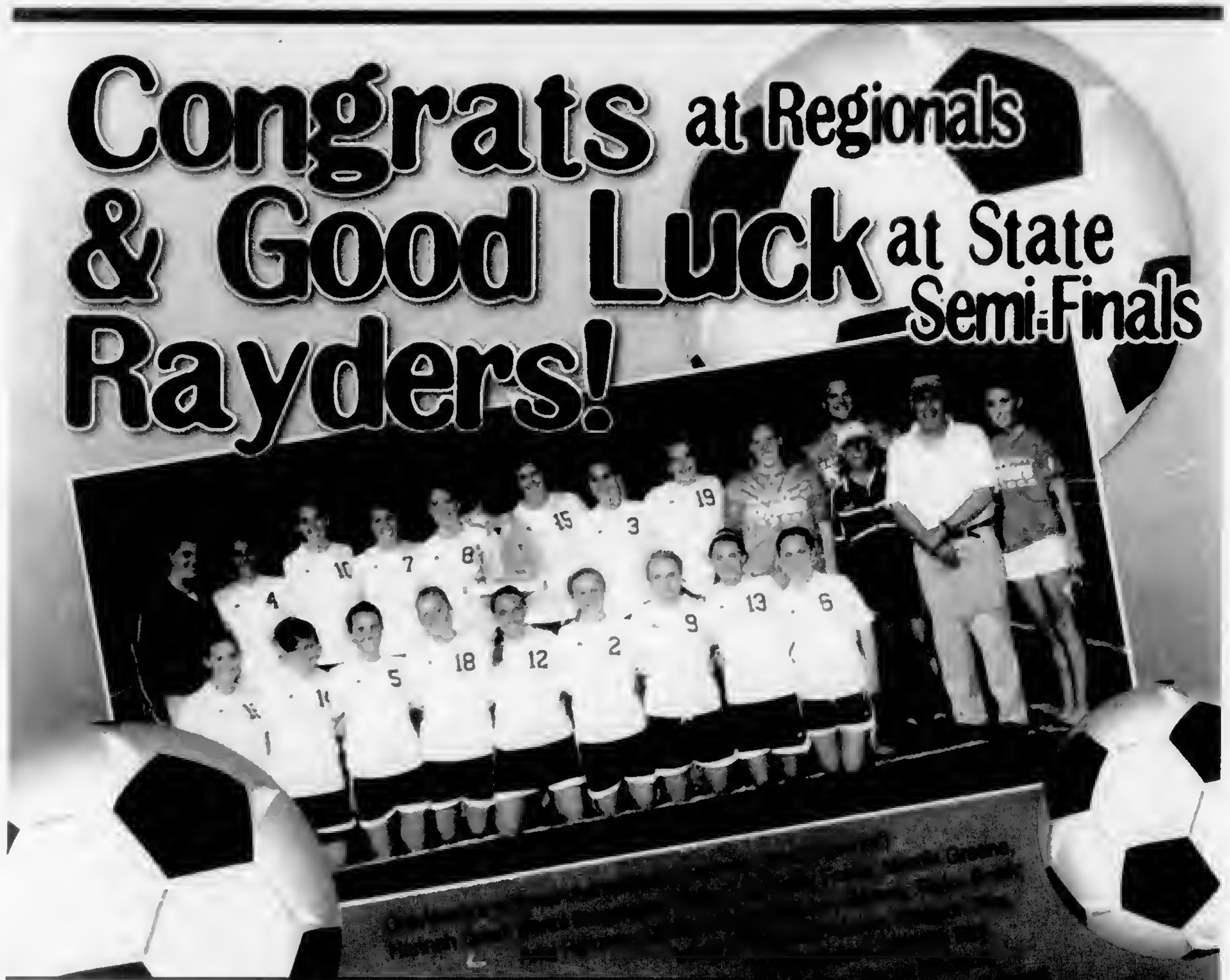

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Christian Counseling: healing for all

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The ABC's of the Rev. Stephen Guthrie's new business are agnostic, Buddhist and Catholic because, as he likes to say, "Grief, depression, anxiety: many different people have the same problems."

The former hospital chaplain and ordained minister has opened up shop as a pastoral minister who blends traditional therapy with healing prayer and life lessons straight from the bible.

"I borrow greatly from traditional counseling, but I add a layer," Guthrie said. "I also see what the scriptures say and I use healing prayer."

He added, "Prayer for healing, because we live in a world of televangelists, gets a bad name, but prayer for healing's ... greatest benefit is healing the human spirit. So much pain comes from abuse. There are so many burdens we carry with us."

Guthrie added that, "They would learn, for example, that Jesus taught to trust rather than worry and that the mercy and love of God comforts the human heart regardless of the circumstances."

Located at 203 East Upright St. in the Family of Faith Ministries building, Christian Counseling Services is a bargain at the donation rate of $50 per hour, when compared to the going rate of area therapists.

"There is also a sliding scale," Guthrie said. "No one will ever be turned away for inability to pay."

In addition to a master's degree in pastoral ministry with a concentration in counseling, and has completed the work to become board certified as a pastoral counselor through the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Guthrie has also completed training in conflict mediation through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

"This is a fulfillment of what I think God's purpose is for me," he said. "There are two indicators, when it is all done, of a life well lived: Who did you serve?; and the other indicator is creating something beautiful like a painting or a child."

Guthrie is excited about the prospect of serving the community in his unique capacity.

"Once word got out that this was coming together the phone started ringing. One day I saw two clients while the paint was still drying on the walls of the new office. The interest is an indicator of the human need throughout the community," he stated in a June 2 press release. "Life is hard enough, but these are difficult times for many people who are anxious and very much in need of a reason for hope. What makes us different is we offer practical solutions and guidance laced with the comfort and hope of the Scriptures."

Guthrie further stated, "(My) approach to counseling is to get directly to the heart of the matter, to identify what needs to change in the behavior or situation and move along with the process of teaching the client the skills and tools they need to bring about meaningful change. For some clients, it may be appropriate to involve other professionals and has established referral and consulting relationships with other medical and mental health experts."

The ministry operates on donations from clients and supporters. For more information, visit the ministry's Web site at www.christian-counsel.net or call Guthrie at (231) 675-4682 or e-mail him at guthrie.stephen@gmail.com.

Stephen Guthrie, an ordained minister and experienced Christian counselor has recently opened an office at Family of Faith Ministries. Guthrie hopes to serve the Charlevoix community by helping those with mental illnesses and grief cope and live a more fulfilling life.

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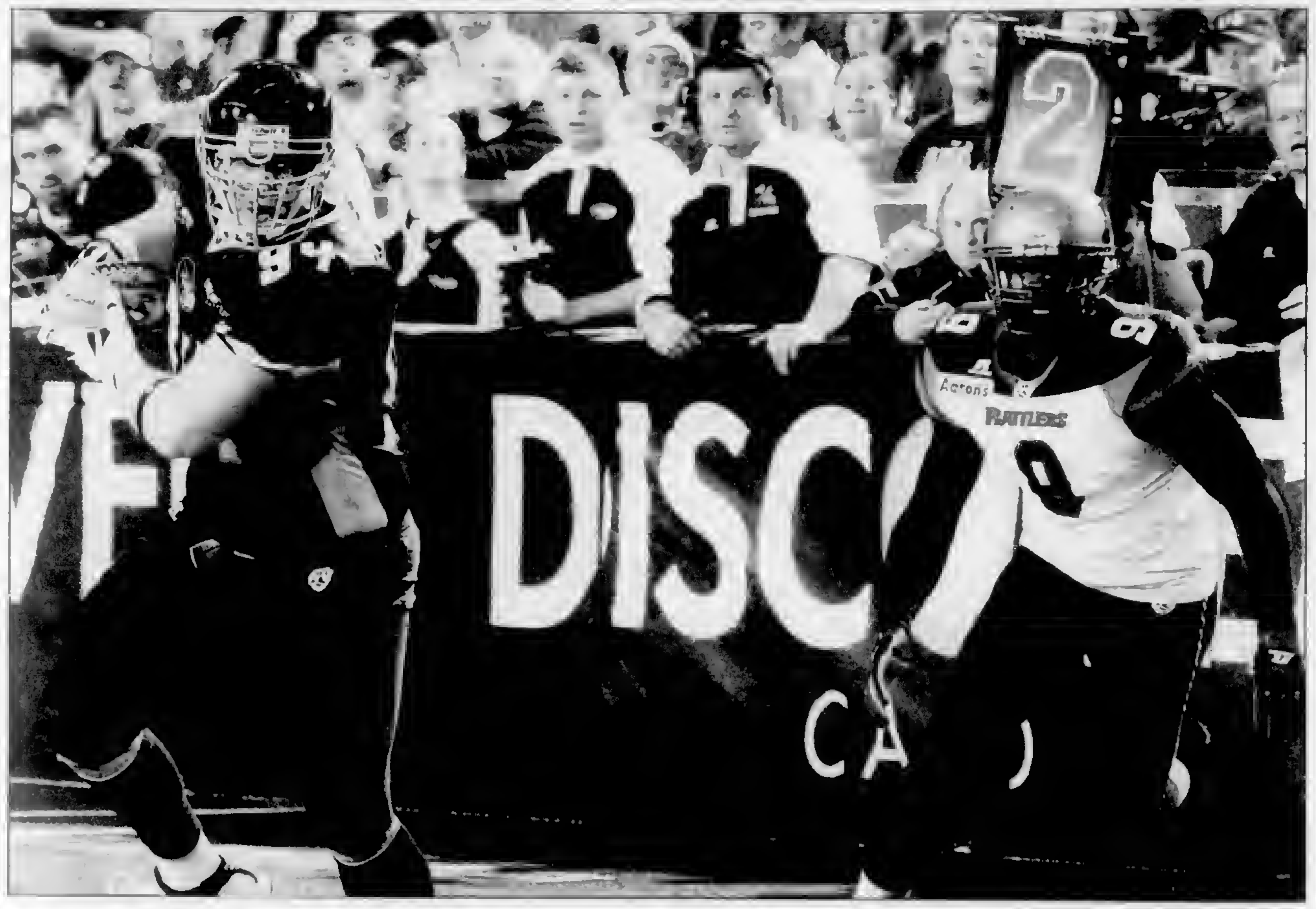

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Former Charlevoix son excels in Arena Football

When William "The Refrigerator" Perry ran the ball for a touchdown during Super Bowl XX it made headlines. But much like the Rubik's Cube and the VCR, offensive lineman running the ball is so 1980's. Fast forward to 2008 and Arena Football League offensive linemen are not just running the ball into the end zone but catching touchdown passes rather frequently. Charlevoix native and current Chicago Rush offensive lineman Robert Boss is accomplishing quite a feat in the Arena Football League. Boss (above, left) currently leads all offensive linemen in both receptions with 13 and receiving yards with 175. The average offensive lineman in the Arena Football League stands at six-feet, three-inches and tips the scales at 314 pounds, but their massive frames have done little to stop them. A whopping 36 touchdown passes have been caught this season by AFL big men who currently reside on a roster. Chicago Rush offensive lineman Robert Boss, six-foot, five inches, 296 pounds, from northern Michigan, leads all linemen in both receptions and receiving yards.

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Lady Rayder Soccer socks it to 'em

HISTORIC WIN FOR GIRLS

With a score of 2-0, Charlevoix bested Muskegon Pointe Christian for their first ever regional title on June 6.

In weather fitting D-Day, cloudy, humid and windy, Charlevoix earned the Regional title on Friday night. The wind was blowing 35 mph plus at 7 p.m. as the Rayders lost the toss and had to begin the game into the blow.

The seasoned Rayders didn't panic, went hard to the ball and stopped the Mustangs cold in one of the most heroic soccer efforts I've ever witnessed through 40 minutes of the first half. Facing NMC's fast and talented forwards, eyes squinting from the dust in the air, the Rayders held on and denied the flank crossing game for MNC. All Region goalkeeper, Tammy Potter came up huge on several occasions, staying focused on the ball and watching it into her hands.

The Rayders came out a little too relaxed in the 2nd half perhaps feeling that with the wind the going would be easy. The seventh ranked Mustangs (17-1-1 coming in), however, were anxious to return the defensive favor. Charlevoix had a few opportunities and Potter again had to make a stop to keep the match scoreless.

When lightning appeared in the far sky at 27 minutes remaining, the match was halted as required. About 45 minutes later, at 9:03 pm, played resumed and the Rayder took over with a mission. A ball was sent from the midfield down the right flank. Center forward, senior co captain and all state candidate Ariel Ramsey shot down the side. Teammate, junior Olivia Catt overlapped to the middle. Ramsey sent the assist across and Catt buried it home for the lead. Shortly after, Catt returned the favor to the team and sent a rolling ball across the middle. Midfielder KC McCary came streaking through, beat the last defender and scored for the insurmountable 2-0 lead.

This was a total team effort. The Mustangs were double and triple teaming midfielders McCary, Becca Madison and forward Ramsey. Madison and McCary fought through the defense to control the center. Center back Meridith Rich and outside backs Marnie Greene and senior Emily Foster stopped the Mustangs process on many occasions, sending the ball back in to the Rayders offensive end. Foster played the match of her life. Also coming up strong were outside senior MF's Kaleigh Blanchard and Danni Bergmann.

This was a victory for all the young women who have played soccer at Charlevoix since 1994. We got as far as the regional final in 2005. It took us 3 years to return and this year's team played with the heart and intensity to get the job done.

Charlevoix, now 19-2 on the season enters the "final four" with a semifinal match at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18 at the Holton Complex.

Leading up to yet another hard-fought blowout, the lady Rayders whipped Muskegon West Michigan Christian 3-0 on June 3.

Charlevoix 3, Muskegon West Michigan Christian 0

The Rayders took on perennial powerhouse WMC and came out victorious on Tuesday. Charlevoix came out strong and scored early on a corner kick opportunity. Center back Rich, who comes forward to take the Rayders' corners sent a nice ball to the front of the net. All stater Madison touched the ball over to fellow sophomore Way who sent it home for the early lead.

Play went back and forth through the first half.

The Rayders took the 2-0 margin midway through the second on another corner opportunity.

This time, Rich earned the assist when senior Bergmann sent the ball home.

The Rayders sealed the deal late when senior Ramsey sent home a nice shot off the assist from Catt.

The Rayders played great defense throughout, stopping the WMC all state attackers.

The Charlevoix defensive effort was led by Rich, Emily Foster, Marnie Greene and Hannah Doan in back and by midfielders Madison, McCary and Blanchard. WMC was unable to control the midfield and send the ball to their fast attackers.

Charlevoix's talented keeper, Potter turned back two breakaway opportunities stopping the WMC all state forwards in earning the shutout.

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Cvx Little League

The Junior Division, played a doubleheader in Grayling on May 31: Grayling 7, Charlevoix 4. Charlevoix hitters included: singles by Nolen Ager, two singles by Coby Herrimann and the first triple hit this season by Jordan Farmer. Charlevoix celebrated their first season win, 18-15 in their second game. Singles were made by Jesse Drost, and a double by Alex Waha, a single and two doubles by Herrimann, three singles by Farmer and a double by River Gauthier. A superb catch by Charlevoix's right-fielder, Waha, in the final inning with two outs and the tying run at bat wrapped the game up for Charlevoix. Pitching the game was Farmer, two innings, with Ager finishing the game. Last week, Charlevoix's Little League, Junior Division, played May 28 in Boyne City. The final score for the game was Boyne City 4, Charlevoix 3.

Author Ted Kluck to speak

What does it feel like for a 31-year-old husband, father and writer to take his last shot at living the professional football dream?

The book "Paper Tiger" is equal parts Bull Durham and Slapshot, taking viewers inside the gritty world of bus rides and turf burns that is the bottom rung of minor league sports.

Ted Kluck, a contributor to ESPN.com and three-time author, took his lumps and lived to tell about it in his book, "Paper Tiger: One Athlete's Journey to the Underbelly of Pro Football."

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to invite the community to meet Kluck, a 2008 Michigan Notable Author, at 7 p.m. on June 17 at the library.

Combining the behind-the-scenes journalism of Paper Tiger with the sports humor of Bull Durham, Kluck details his season as a long snapper with the Battle Creek Crunch of the Great Lakes Indoor Football League.

In this near-bottom rung of professional football, teams struggle to make ends meet and players refuse to abandon their love of the game in their fight for one last shot at gridiron glory.

Kluck's work has appeared in ESPN the Magazine, Sports Spectrum Magazine, ESPN.com Page2, and several small literary journals.

A bi-monthly column for Sports Spectrum Magazine entitled Pro and Con won the Evangelical Press Association award for best standing column in 2003.

Kluck has played professional indoor football, coached high school football and taught writing courses at the college level.

He lives in Grand Ledge with his wife Kristin and son Tristan.

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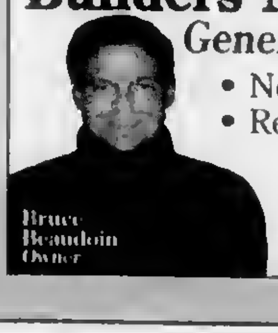

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puted to be the "Cadillac" of snow groomers by city documents, and would serve the ski area well for many years.

At this time, according to city officials, there has been little research done on lower cost equipement.

"I just think we should look at other options," said Mayor Norman Carlson.

According to Sherman Chamberlain of the third ward, there are other options. He pointed out information from Rob Straebel that showed a lower end model for around $180,000.

"We have not had any serious injuries with the old groomer, but if we don't get a new one, we might as well close up shop because we can expect people to get hurt and we won't be able to keep conditions safe for everyone," Bo Boss said.

Boss also explained that last season, he and his workers spent more time trying to get the old one to work that they hardly got anything else done.

"I'm proud of Mt. McSauba, but I don't think we can afford to take that much money out of the general budget," said Greg Stevens of the Second Ward.

Ultimately, the Council has two options: Fix the current groomer for the next ski season and research other types of less costly groomers to purchase and possible funding options such as grants and fundraising; or purchase the new Piston Bully groomer with a loan, possibly from the City's Water Fund at three percent per year for 20 years.

The problem with trying to fix the broken axle on the old groomer, according to Bo Boss, is that they aren't sure how much longer the groomer will continue to hold up after that.

He said it may last six months, a year, or if they're lucky, maybe two years.

An expense like this has not been included in the city's Motor Pool Capital

See GROOMER, page 25

Renaissance fair at Castle Farms this weekend

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Hooray Hooray The Renaissance Festival is finally coming to Charlevoix.

From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 14 and 15, the festival will be held at Castle Farms on 5052 north M66, just south of Charlevoix.

Gates will be open and the event will take place rain or shine.

Tickets are $13.95 for adults, $7.95 for children ages 5 to 12 and children 4 and under are free.

The theme is a "High Seas Adventure" and, throughout the day, patrons can catch shows such as jugglers, comedians, sword-swallowers, fire-eaters, tight-rope walkers and other various medieval entertainment.

For those not up for a show at a particular time, there are dozens of food vendors and souvenir merchants throughout the grounds.

Among the highlights of the festival is the always popular jousting tournament. According to the Web site, jousting was the Renaissance period's "most extreme sport."

In this event, knights, clad in full armor, charge at one another on top of horses and try to knock their opponent to the ground with a lance.

Promoters of the event expect the Renaissance Festival to be fun for the whole family.

For vendor or additional information, please visit www.castlefarms.com.

Meid Marlon greeted guests as they left 2008 and entered ya olden days at the Renaissance fair at Castle Farms on June 7 and 8. Be sure to catch the troupe as they perform a "High Seas Adventure" on June 14 and 15 at the Castle.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Randy Puroll, A.S.M to Alden State Bank dated September 12, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on April 10, 2008 in Liber # 0843 of Mortgages, Page 0794 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Six and 68/100($91,606.68) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County building, 301 State St. in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on July 18, 2008 at 11:00 O'clock in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 9.25 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

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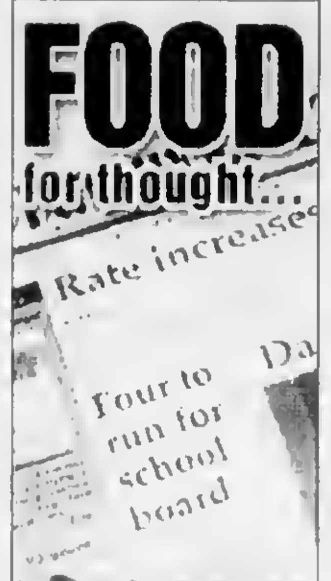
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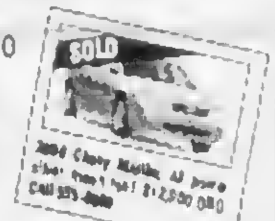

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JUN

Admiralty arrest next necessary step in hunt for ship

GRIFFON

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(MDEQ) and Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (DHAL) the precise location of Defendant."

According to Liben's attorney Richard Robol this was a necessary victory in the fight to identify the wreck his client believes to be Le Griffon.

"This is an historic victory, but it is not simply a victory for Great Lakes Exploration," he stated in an e-mailed response to questions. "It is a victory for the future exploration of the Great Lakes."

He added, "Great Lakes Exploration has been fighting to have the federal court issue the warrant of arrest since ... the suit was first filed over four years ago."

Though weary of the seemingly never-ending court battles with the State of Michigan, Libert was pleased with the most recent ruling in the hunt for what he believes is a ship built by Rene-Robert Sieur de La Salle, a man instrumental in securing the territory which would later become part of the Louisiana Purchase, which was lost sometime in autumn of 1679 most likely somewhere in Lake Michigan.

"That's exactly why we appealed," he said. "We have asked the federal courts to protect our rights and the interests of all concerned."

While Liben's main focus is retaining some rights to identify, record and document the potential gem of Lake Michigan, he is also concerned as a Charlevoix homeowner and taxpayer.

"It is not a question of money, per se, but the Attorney General resources defending the state's interest," stated Rusty Hills, Director of Communications with the Michigan State Attorney General's Office in an e-mailed response to questions. "Approximately 1,200 (to) 1,500 hours of attorney time have been devoted to the maner."

In e-mailed responses to questions, Libert wants to know why the State of Michigan "invested in such expensive legal proceedings when the identity of the site has never been scientifically established. To many involved in this professional field, their legal arguments seemed to indicate that the State of Michigan was claiming title and management authority over any shipwrecks on state bottomlands, submerged lands, whether a vessel proved to be abandoned or not."

He added, "The state's interests would have been much better served without such ill-conceived legal actions. The State of Michigan has spared no expense fighting our small, entrepreneurial company."

Liben feels the state's position that "the State has title to abandoned property in its bottomlands. If it's the Griffon, we believe it is abandoned. France has not made any claim at this point, and is presumably embedded in the bottomlands."

Hills also stated that Michigan has a right to any information GLEG has in addition to the right to investigate the wreck and defend claims to wrecks on its bottomlands.

"This political position, of course, is inconsistent with federal law and the current opinions of case law. Instead, it made more sense for the State of Michigan to cooperate with GLEG on establishing the identity of the site before wasting its limited public funds on the more complicated and future questions of title," Libert stated. "As in the past, the State is trying, after the fact, to justify its continuing waste of taxpayer's money. Great Lakes Exploration has always stated that it would provide the location of the shipwreck site once the vessel was arrested and placed under federal jurisdiction."

Hills' response follows public outcry after an opinion column in the May 14 edition of Charlevoix Courier chastised the State of Michigan for failing to address questions posed to it.

"DHAL and MDEQ are authorized under state law to enter into agreements with private parties for the exploration of wrecks and other items on state bottomlands. The agencies are and have been willing to enter into an agreement to jointly explore the wreck," Hills stated. "But, GLEG has demanded the recognition of its exclusive "right" to the data, video, information, etcetera from exploring. Again, if this is the Griffon, it is abandoned and embedded, and those rights belong to the State.

While Libert continues to cite the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987, which states abandonment and embeddedness, and potentially eligibility to be listed in the National Register of Historical Places, must be proved to "exert actual title and management authority over a shipwreck," state officials are confident they will prevail.

"If it is the Griffon, it is a part of the state's and France's history," Hills stated. "The State, subject to any interest or claim by France, should be controlling any investigation, retain title to the wreck and any artifacts, and decide what happens with any information gathered."

Liben said foreign states have not yet interceded because it is too early for such a move.

"Why would they (France) make any claims to title until the identity of the site is scientifically established? I am sure that their legal counsels view such claims as premature and not consistent with the procedures of admiralty law," Libert stated. "Under federal admiralty law, the State of Michigan might have the right to review certain information that 'would allow the state to investigate the wreck and defend claims to wrecks on its bottomlands,' but not any information. In addition, the State of Michigan would not secure ownership rights to such information provided by GLEG."

He added, "All we have ever wanted are the fruits of our labors. We invested our time, our money and our research. More importantly, we risked our lives at sea month after month, year after year: 28 to be exact. We found the shipwreck; The State of Michigan did nothing."

Robol added that Great Lakes Exploration hopes the State of Michigan will now abide by the law.

"Great Lakes Exploration has extended the olive branch to the State of Michigan and has invited the state to participate in a cooperative investigation of the shipwreck, along with expert scientists and archaeologists from France, Canada and the company's own team of experts," he stated. "We are hopeful that the state will take a new direction and will work cooperatively with all involved."

Great Lakes Exploration must now work with the U.S. Marshal's Service to ensure the arrest complies with the law.

For more information about the La Salle - Griffon Project, visit www.lasalle-griffon.org.

Benjamin Gohs can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

What's happening at the Library this week?

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Monday, June 16, 6:00 pm
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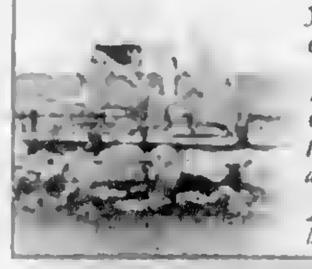

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McSauba officials: new groomer a safety issue

GROOMER

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Plan because last year the fund was almost $20,000 over budget because of increased gasoline prices according to Rick Brandi. Therefore, funds for either a down payment or service to the old machine would have to come from the general fund.

According to Bo Boss, a 24-month warranty comes with the purchase of a new groomer, but a new machine is expected to last for the next 20. Boss also estimated that they put aproximately 300 to 350 hours on a groomer per year. With the estimated life of a new goomer at 7,500 hours, that works out to aproximately 20 to 25 years of use if a brand new one is bought.

Ike Boss said he is willing to do fundraising, and he's willing to do it as soon as possible to get the word out.

"This town is so pro-recreation that we passed a bond issue on the school and the fountain at a time when they couldn't even do something like that at the state level," he said.

"I learned to ski there, my children learned to ski there. I think where there are children involved, we need to do something about it. We need to give them something to do in the winter," said Third Ward council member Jill Picha. "I just want the ski hill to be secure, I don't want it to be down."

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Rayder athletic awards

Receiving athletic awards at the senior athletic awards banquet Sunday, May 18, are Charlevoix High School seniors : (from left) Deel Feust the Stewart Irish Coleman award and the Loper award, Murphy Gillespie the Del Terrill award, Corey Gotshall the Ray Kipke award for football, Nate Tripplehorn the K. Dale Burge award, Sam Balasz the Doug Sloan leadership award, Nick Wimmar the Michigan Scholar Athlete award, Alina Dhaseleer the Michigan Scholar Athlete award, Bacce Madison the K. Dale Burge award and the Michigan Scholar athlete award, Emily Foster the Michigan Scholar athlete award, and Cliff Jones the Don Carey award for three sports, the Stewart "Irish" Coleman award, and the Michigan Scholar athlete award.

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Synopsis – May 28, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7 00 p m in Charlevoix All Commissioners were present

Minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Motion approved Resolution #08-050, Grandvue Operating Transfer

Motion approved Resolution #08-051, Award Marketing Proposal and authorized the Chairman to sign the Confirmation Agreement. Commissioner Evans voting no

Motion approved Resolution #08-052, Crime Victim's Grant Application and authorizes the Chairman to sign said document.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a m.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

• All musical acts listed without a location occur at the Dhaseleer Events Barn. The concert ticket information is as follows: all shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www. blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

The Charlevoix Skate park is open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Alwihta, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

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JUNE 14

Vacation bible school kickoff from 1 to 4 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Activities include an inflatable slide and treats like hot dogs and snow cones. All are welcome.

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From to 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 14, come read to a dog. Call 237-7350 to sign up for a spot at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

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From 10 a.m. to noon at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on June 14 at Pine River Apartments, for residents only, will be the next order date for discounted groceries. The delivery time and date is 10 a.m. on June 28 and the Nazarene.

JUNE 15

At 7 p.m. on June 15, Father's Day, at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix Rachael Davis & Dominic John with opening act by Jetty Rae.

JUNE 16

Book Talkers: The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak

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Nazarene vacation bible school from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning June 16 and lasting through June 20, The Charlevoix Ministerial Society offers vacation bible school at Church of the Nazarene, 12023 Waller Road. Ages pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call Kelly at 547-4908.

JUNE 17

Computer Basics II: Managing your Computer at 10 a.m. at the library. This program is designed for the beginning computer user, this class includes descriptions of the Windows XP environment and will describe how to create new files, new folders, and how to organize your computer.

Michigan Notable Book author: Ted Kluck

At 7 p.m. the library will present Paper Tiger: One Athlete's Journey to the Underbelly of Pro Football combines the behind-the-scenes journalism of Paper Lion with the sports humor of Bull Durham. Kluck details his season as a long snapper with the Battle Creek Crunch of the Great Lakes Indoor Football League. In this near-bottom rung of professional football, teams struggle to make ends meet and players refuse to abandon their love of the game in their fight for one last shot at gridiron glory. The Michigan Notable Book program is the Library of Michigan's annual selection of recommended books reflecting Michigan's rich cultural heritage, featuring high-quality titles with wide public appeal that are either written by a Michigan resident or about a Michigan-related topic.

JUNE 21

Sixth Annual Pink Ribbon Ride begins with registration at 7 a.m. on June 21 in Veteran's Park in Boyne City. The ride is open to all. For more information on pre-registration, call Sue Morris at 536-7066 or e-mail penbryn@charter.net.

JUNE 22

At 7 p.m. on June 22 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Jen Sygit & Spare Change with opening act by The Well Fed Kids.

JUNE 24

History of the Charlevoix Public Library

At 7 p.m. presenter Kay Heise takes the audience from the library's humble beginnings to its present-day splendor.

JUNE 26

At 7 p.m. on June 26 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Breathe owl breathe with opening act by Anna Ash & The Family Tree

and a special appearance by NorthWings (live birds of prey).

JUNE 28

Artist Reception

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

Meet the Author: Michael Lindley

From 10 a.m. to noon on June 28, meet Lindley, author of "On past Horton Creek" the sequel to "Seasons of the EmmaLee."

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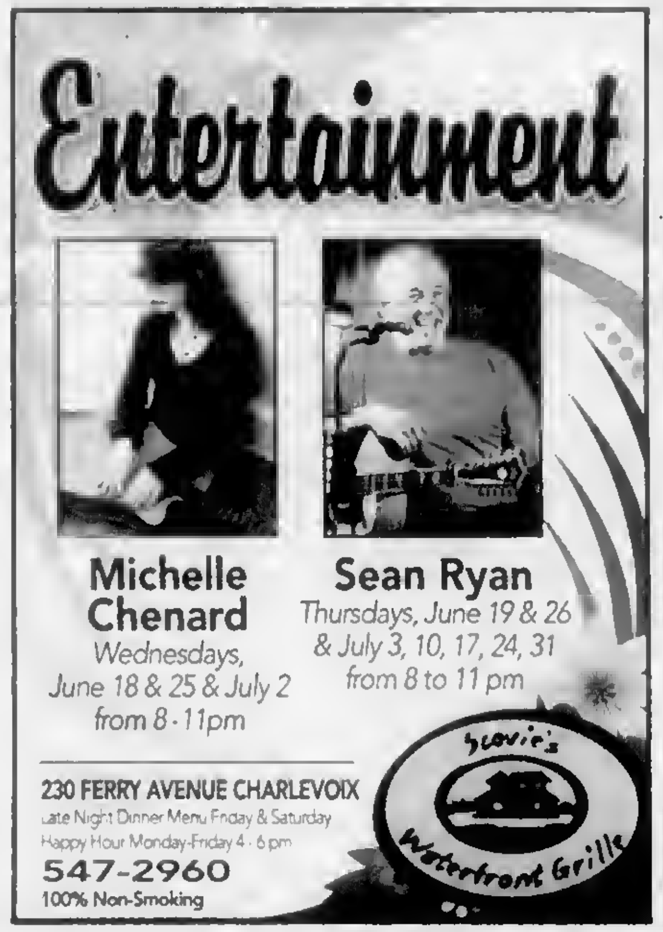
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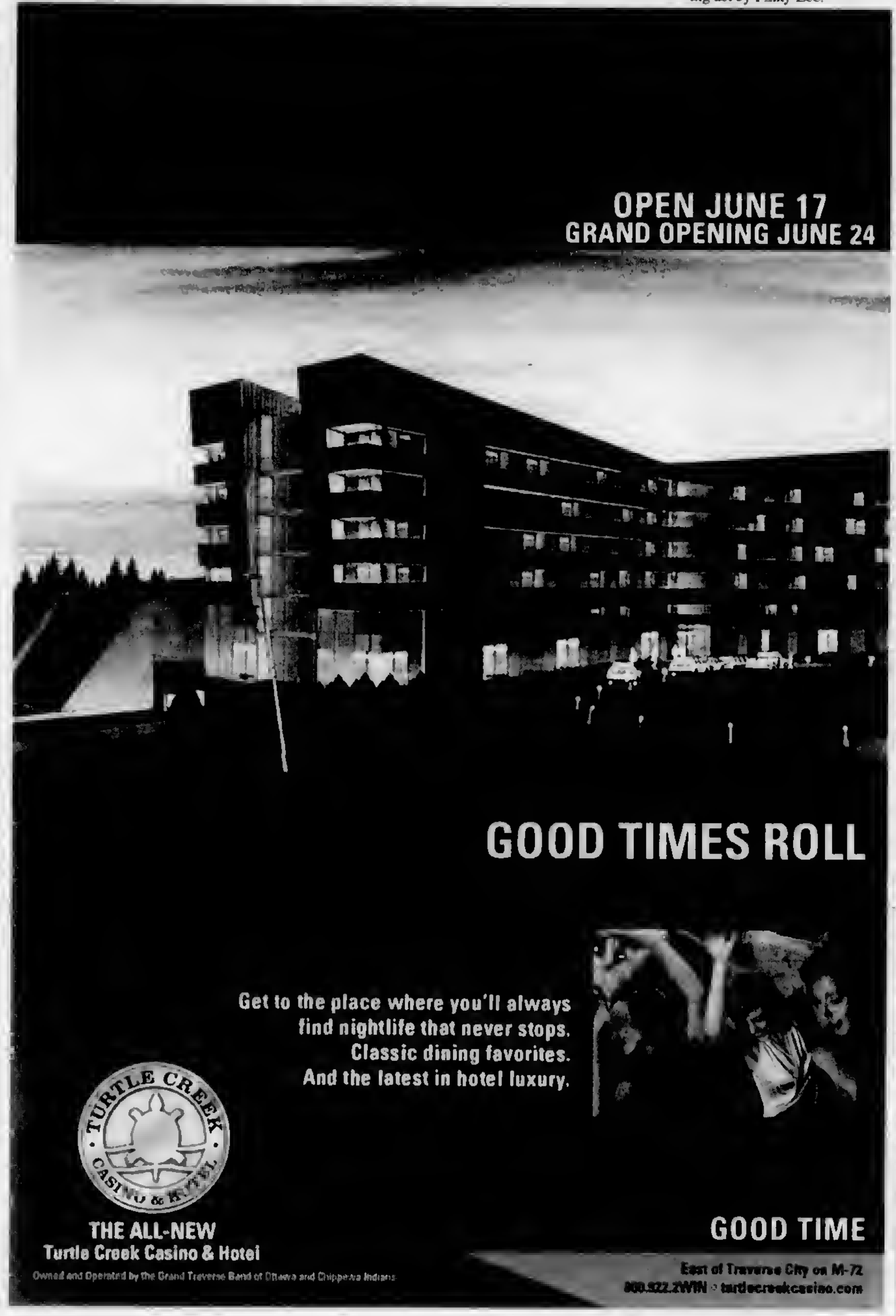
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Eric Clark (from left), Chris Peplinski, Willie Skrocki and Les McFarland are the winners of the 24th Annual Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament. Here the men stand holding thair winning fish at the end of the awards ceremony on Sunday June 15.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

File photo

Taste of Charlevoix

The annual Taste of Charlevoix event is this Saturday. *See page 6 for the full story.*

Charlevoix Schools rescind activity fee

Janik

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix School Board quickly waived an extracurricular activity fee at their June 9 board meeting.

The $40 fee garnered a lot of unpopular attention from all angles when it was initially introduced. The fee was rescinded during the meeting when it was announced that two donations, totaling $8,000, had been given to offset the cost of the fee for everyone.

"The fee was meant to cover the costs of travel and some food expenses, not just for athletes, but for any student participating in an extracurricular activity," said Chet Janik, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools.

Glen Catt, President of Catt Developments, said he has two children that go to school in Charlevoix and they both play sports.

"This is a small town, so the news about this got around pretty quickly," said. "My family lives in Charlevoix, but my companies really have no other business here other than the two bids we got for work on the school's bus garage and the administration building."

He added "So, we decided this would give us a good opportunity to give something back."

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Charles Curtis-Martin Evans, 22, East Jordan. Operating with a license that was either suspended or revoked Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Jessica Erin Keener, 19, Boyne City. Minor purchasing or in possession of a controlled substance. Pay $300 in fines and costs.

Cass Norman Dolbow, 23, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Count two: Operating with a license that was either suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Pay $1300 in fines and costs; serve 365 days in jail with five days of credit.

Dennis Ronald Hughey, 50, Boyne Falls. Open intoxication in a motor vehicle, passenger. Pay $400 in fines and costs; serve 60 days in jail with 12 days of credit.

Nelson Alexander Mount, 18, Rockford, IL. Minor operating with any blood alcohol level. Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Lonny John Chiapelli, 27, Farmington Hills. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $1500 in fines and costs; serve 93 days in jail with one day of credit.

Michelle Ann Kent, 26, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $850 in fines and costs; serve 41 days in jail with one day of credit.

John Howard Lowery II, 24, Elmira. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs; serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Ernest William-Alex Sulkowski Jr., 22, East Jordan. Check of non-sufficient funds under $100. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

Shannon Russell Gee, 38, East Jordan. Check of non-sufficient funds under $100. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Larry Neil Chew, 48, East Jordan. Operating while impaired. Pay $850 in fines and costs; serve 41 days in jail with one day of credit.

Raymond Roy Warner, 30, Gaylord. Operating while impaired. Pay $1000 in fines and costs; serve 93 days in jail with one day of credit.

Bryan Chad Sirmons, 22, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of personal property over $200 but less than $1000. Pay $750 in fines and costs; serve 180 days in jail with one day of credit.

Scott William Vlassis, 22, Gaylord. Operating while impaired. Pay $850 in fines and costs; serve 93 days in jail with one day of credit.

David Alan Mellios, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession. Pay $300 in fines and costs.

Franklin Deleanor Steinhoff, 55, East Jordan. Animals - abandon/cruelty. Pay $200 in fines and costs and five days of community service.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

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Squeaky Cleaners, 14524 Klooster Road, Marion, by Molly Zipp

E - B Specialty Services, L.L.P.C., 01872 Hetrick Road, Boyne Falls, by Elaine Denton

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E.J. Hodgson Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Harbour Market, 26235 Main St., Beaver Island, by Eric J. Hodgson

Brian Magill Painting, 538 Jersey St., Boyne City, by Brian Magill

Stackus Funeral Consultants, 417 Front St., Boyne City, by Eleanor E. Stackus

MARRIAGES

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Steven Michael Wojan, 33, and Kacey Lyn Stafford, 30, both of Boyne City

Brent Joseph Matelski, 26, and Jennifer Rose Newson, 25, both of Boyne Falls

Stephen Kirby Pond II, 35, and Patricia Jo Kavo, 39, both of East Jordan

Joseph John Cooper, 23, and Connie Michelle Leblanc, 33, both of East Jordan

Joel Anthony Heyboer, 24, and Ashley Elizabeth Bouckaert, 23, both of Boyne Falls

Craig Justin Carden, 28, and Roanna Rye Hays, 26, both of St. Petersburg, FL

Rick William Bucholtz, 42, and MaryJane Ruth Martin, 35, both of Beaver Island

David Arno Rooks Jr., 29, and Jennifer Lenora Rock, 27, both of Boyne City

Police work to reduce underage drinking

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will make underage drinking a special enforcement focus during the summer months as part of efforts to reduce teen alcohol use. Federal funding for overtime enforcement is being provided by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Deputies will be looking for underage drinkers at house parties and field parties. Deputies will also be utilizing non-traditional enforcement methods for tips on parties by searching Myspace.com, Facebook.com and other social network Web sites.

Effectively limiting the access and consumption of alcohol to teens not only directly reduces underage drinking, but also communicates a clear social norm in the community that underage drinking is inappropriate and unacceptable.

Enforcement is an important aspect of a comprehensive effort to reduce underage drinking. Parents are encouraged to talk with their children regarding alcohol use, and closely monitor parties and get-togethers. Teens often report it is "easy" to get alcohol, often taking it from home or approaching adults to purchase for them.

A reminder: Michigan law makes it illegal for drivers under 21 to drive with virtually any alcohol in their system. A motorist under 21 with a blood alcohol content above .02 violates the "zero tolerance" law. Teens can also face citations for minor in possession.

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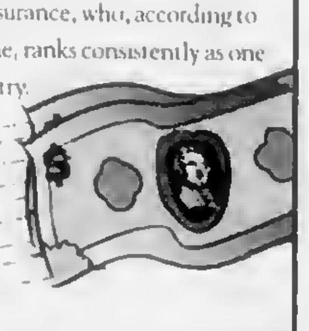

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Board may give local businesses primacy

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

In an attempt to help the local economy and better serve their taxpayers, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners have introduced a "think local" purchasing policy.

While contracts will not be guaranteed to local companies, Charlevoix County businesses will have first consideration when weighed against similar bids from entities from outside the county for various purchases including construction work, office supplies and maintenance.

"I think the unspoken word here is that something like this already exists to a degree," said District Two Charlevoix County Commissioner Chris Christensen. "This would just solidify that effort and actually ... induce the local businesses to want to participate more as opposed to just letting the larger corporations (bid)."

District Five Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt, who originally proposed the idea of what he calls a "think local" purchasing policy hopes to see the measure pass as soon as the next board meeting, June 25.

"If you live in this county, we tax you on your business, we tax you on your house and then we're going to go out of the county to hire another business?" he said. "That just isn't right. I've always been for the county businesses getting first choice. If the bids are the same or almost identical, then you have to give it to a local company."

On a cautionary note, Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon warned the commissioners to beware of implementing a policy with too narrow a focus and not enough guidance for potential bidders.

"It behooves everyone that would be doing this bidding ... that they have specs drawn up so that the parties are at least bidding on the same thing," she said. "Not with extras, not without, but absolutely, positively the same thing."

Christensen agreed that bidders must have precise guidelines on which to offer their services.

"Realistically we should have been doing that all along anyway," he said. "Not only to the people that are bidding on the project, but in fairness to the county so we can say 'You know what, we clearly stated what our expectations were and that's outside that.'"

Christensen added, "The ability to perform said bid has to be there ... and we're going to limit who is able to bid on whatever project due to the scope of the project."

When asked if they thought it was an excessive governmental move to consider passing this measure, Christensen opined that it was merely a matter of local supplier preference.

"Given the current climate and the economic situation ... I think it would be nice as a business owner myself in Charlevoix County to know that ... the people making these decisions are looking out for local people first," he said. "We're doing what we can to help you when times are tough. I think that you would see a few of the locals who may have wrote that off before saying, 'Oh I have a shot now.'"

He added, "We're regulating the county, we're regulating the government. If you're going to spend the taxpayer's money and that taxpayer's money is coming from Charlevoix county, look back at Charlevoix County first.

The document upon which the commissioners based their discussion came from Cheboygan County's policy on preference to local suppliers and contractors which states, "The Board of Commissioners hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any formality or irregularity in the bid, and to accept the bid that serves the best interests of the County."

Following are measures which may be implemented in Charlevoix County's purchasing policy if approved:

The County reserves the right to determine what serves its best interest through examination of a variety of factors, including but not limited to:

- The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to fulfill the requirements of the bid, including product knowledge and distance from the County.
- The ability and capacity of the bidder to fulfill the requirements of the bid in the time specified.
- The character, integrity, reputation and experience of the bidder.
- The quality of service the bidder has previously provided to the County.
- The previous and existing compliance by the bidder to all laws and ordinances which relate to the requirements of the bid.
- The resources (financial and other) available to the bidder, that will be required in the fulfillment of the bid.
- The ability of the bidder to guarantee, maintain and service the County after the requirements of the bid are fulfilled, including ready representation of staff.
- The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid
- To ensure local companies do not use such a policy as a means of profiteering.

Suppliers and vendors whose primary place of business resides within the County of Cheboygan may be selected over a business residing primarily outside the County, when the above factors are substantially equal and the price bid by the local vendor/supplier is no more than five percent over the lowest bidder from outside the County. It shall be deemed unethical and in violation of this policy to disclose prices or quotes from any vendor prior to the decision to purchase in an attempt to give preference or favored treatment to any vendor or supplier.

Employees or county officials involved in any purchase shall reveal to the Administrator any potential conflict, such as investment or employment with a vendor or firm, or a family relationship with a vendor or firm.

"I'm pretty excited about it because it's not reactive," Christensen said during an interview following the meeting. "I think we're doing the things we're supposed to be doing, finally. We've been bogged down sorting out previous issues, and now we're at a point where we can move forward."

He added, "I think that's good policy to represent the people. It's only fair."

CCHPS meeting

At 7 p.m. on June 23, the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society (CCHPS) will hold their monthly membership meeting at the Peninsula Grange number 706 in South Arm Township. The Grange is located at the corner of Looze Road and the South Advance Road.

Walt Murphy, Worthy Master/President, of the Peninsula Grange will explain the history behind Granges in America.

Anyone interested in membership in CCHPS for the 2008-2009 membership year should contact Carol Goodenough, President, at 582-7042.

Anyone interested in preserving the history of Charlevoix County is invited to join the Society

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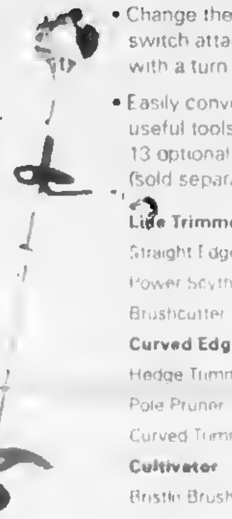

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Peril of blind devotion

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Now that the media frenzy around Scott McLellan's book "What Happened" has died down, maybe it is time to examine the idea of loyalty.

Mr. McLellan was mostly accused of disloyalty to the president for revealing what he thought about some of the decisions made by the current presidential administration.

A few of his attackers even suggested that such personal disloyalty should be a crime.

Other commentators indicated that if he objected to what was being decided, he should have protested or resigned.

No one seems to have accused him of dishonesty, only disloyalty.

Words are important to me, and when I use one I like to know as much as I can about what it has meant historically and what it has come to mean.

The word "loyalty" is derived from a word meaning legal, and originally meant to be faithful to the lawful government.

When the word was first used the government consisted of kings and princes, and loyalty to a government was loyalty to those individuals.

When America's founding fathers attempted to reinvent government in the 18th century, they stated that the government in a democracy consisted of the people.

The people replaced the king.

What had been the rights of kings and princes became the rights of the people, all the people.

The game animals in our country, which had been the property of the king in England and other countries, became the property of all the people.

Individual property ownership by everyone became a right.

Being faithful to the lawful government in our country means loyalty to the people, not to an individual.

We no longer have princes and kings as the symbols of government, or at least we should not.

A position of power, Theodore Roosevelt's "bully pulpit" for example, makes it possible to redefine words at will.

We properly label as propaganda all such attempts at obfuscation.

Words do have historical meaning, and we allow them to be redefined at our peril.

It seems to me that Mr. McLellan was loyal to his personal boss at the time when he was press secretary, since he did not contradict him in public.

Later his loyalty to the government of the people overcame his personal loyalty.

Blind personal loyalty seems less desirable than loyalty to a people's government.

Blind loyalty to an individual is often described in less than flattering terms. "Fawning," "obsequious," "boot licker" and even "sycophant" are less complimentary words for one exhibiting excessive blind loyalty to a person.

Scott McLellan is not alone in his understanding of loyalty.

In the late 1940s, loyalty was much on people's minds in our country.

We were so afraid of communists that our government tried to require a signed oath of loyalty from many.

Henry Steele Commager, a noted historian in the past century wrote this in Harper's Magazine in 1947: "Who are those who are really disloyal? Those who inflame race hatreds, who sow religious and class dissentions. Those who subvert the Constitution by violating the freedom of the ballot box. Those who press for special favors against the interest of the Commonwealth. Those who regard public office as a source of private gain. Those who would exalt the military over the civil. Those who for selfish and private purposes stir up national antagonisms and exposure to the world to the ruin of War."

I think Commager was right, and so is Scott McLellan.

Reach Roger Knutson by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

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74% of polled feel the city does not need a new groomer.

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Rec department pitches $215,000 groomer proposal

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Support your local skateboarders

EDITORIAL

While some communities continue to shun kids on skateboards as mischievous punks, the Charlevoix community has taken the initiative and employed the good sense to realize a teenager exercising on a board with wheels in broad daylight is better off than one getting high in his parents' basement or wasting away as a slave to a video game console.

In a time when childhood obesity seems to be a bigger threat to the safety of future generations than just about any past dangers, it's nice to know there is still a strong desire for many area youth to get out and get active.

The immense turnout at the recent Big Grin skate competition and the steady stream of youngsters enjoying Charlevoix's skate park on a daily basis is evidence enough that skateboarding as a hobby and sport is no longer an urban aberration of 1980s folklore, but a mainstream activity for any age or gender.

Nevertheless, some of us older types will always be suspicious and fearful of adolescents and their new slang, blue hair and music we choose to label as noise. But, we need not be. That group of skaters heading down the sidewalk isn't necessarily the brutal horde of Genghis Khan, but more likely some teenagers trying to perfect the latest trick they saw on X-Games last week.

We support Charlevoix for supporting such a healthy and downright cool activity like skating.

So the next time you see a baggy clothed kid with scabbed up knees and bruised elbows performing a stalefish or an ollie, fear not. For you are likely looking at tomorrow's doctor, CEO, lawyer or teacher.

Most of us who grew up listening to the Beatles, Elvis or Ozzy Osbourne made it out alive despite propaganda warning us of the inherent peril. And we've got to believe skateboarding cannot be nearly as harmful to one's health as Elvis' swiveling hips.

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LETTERS to the editor

ILLS OF MILLS

Editor:

Have you ever wondered where the dogs come from at pet shops? Well I did, and what you are about to read is very shocking. Puppy mills are where they come from.

Puppy mills are dirty. There is urine and feces every where. The dogs are constantly going to the bathroom on each other. Plus the dogs don't get bathed.

The owners of these mills area very cruel.

Dogs are kept in cages and small dogs are kept in rabbit cages and the cages are stacked on each other. The dogs at some puppy mills don't get exercise.

Not to mention that puppy mills are very sad.

Some dogs have never been outside or even touched the ground.

A lot of dogs have never been out of their cages. When the owners don't want the dogs they take them out back and shoot them.

I just wanted you to know.

One friendly tip. Don't buy dogs from pet shops, buy them from a pound or humane society. Please take my advice and put puppy mills out of business. If you do, thank-you. If you don't, well, you can't say I didn't try.

Allison Stripay

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

CHARLEVOIX THE BOUNTIFUL

Dear Editor:

How fortunate are we to live in a community that can plant five miles of petunias and collect 85 pints of life-saving blood for the American Red Cross on the same afternoon?

Charlevoix truly is beautiful.

Literally hundreds of volunteers were involved in these endeavors on May 22. I say congratulations, Charlevoix. I personally want to thank the volunteers and donors for the American Red Cross blood drive.

Thank-you to the Community Reformed Church for hosting the blood drive. The Charlevoix Lions Club members once again provided the help needed to take care of the Red Cross supplies.

The City of Charlevoix put up the banners. My volunteers baked lots of delicious treats and made many reminder calls to donors and worked their shift at the blood drive.

I'm grateful to all businesses who allowed posters in their windows and flyers on their counters. I am proud of each and every donor who took the time to make a huge difference in another person's life. I thank all of you. With summer and the expected blood shortages approaching, please remember to mark your calendars to donate blood on either July 17 at the Reformed Church or July 24 at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Ellen Breining

Charlevoix Coordinator

THE DIRT ON TRAILS

Editor:

With the gas prices these days most dirt bikers can't afford to go dirt biking which leads us to the reason of this letter. I'm hoping that this letter persuades you to get ORV/dirt bike trails in Charlevoix County for the dirt bikers that live in the County and the surrounding Counties.

Most of the trails that we dirt bikers have to go to are one to three hours away from were we live.

Combine that with the rising gas prices, you get almost $60 dollars just for gas for the weekend.

If we had trails in Charlevoix County, we would spend less.

Another thing is that there are many places in Charlevoix County that could be spots where ORV/dirt bike trails could be put in. Some of the Snowmobile trails could be dirt bike/ORV trails.

Putting in trails would bring many more people to Charlevoix County and more people means more money. If you put in a campsite, the economy of the county would go through the roof.

Those are the reasons that we need trails in Charlevoix County. Who knows, maybe I'll see you on the trails.

Jake Sharrow

Sixth-grade student, Charlevoix Middle School

NATIVE TOUNGE-LASHING

Editor:

Does it really matter if one is native to the city of Charlevoix when you report on his or her contribution to the city? Does it make you feel better?

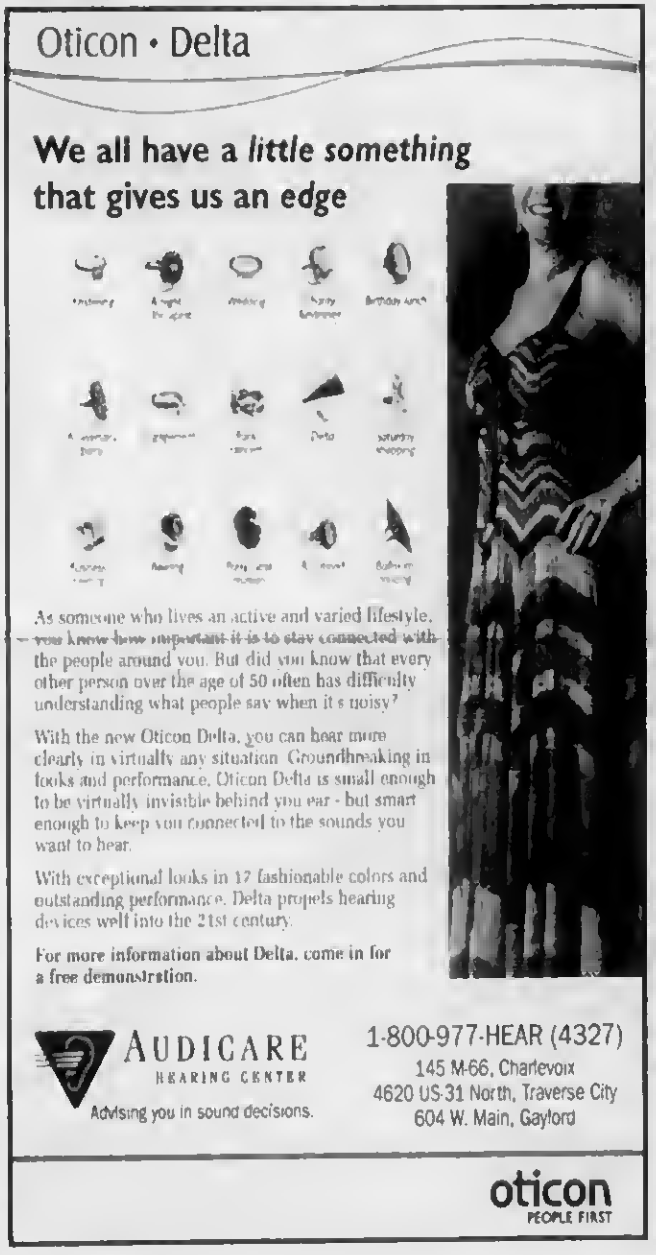
Does it make non-natives more or less eager to contribute to their city of choice? And, does it make natives more or less envious of contributions that non-natives make to their good, chosen, native city?

I realize it's a moot point, but as a non-native of the area who hopes to be accepted for what I contribute, regardless of where I was born or raised, I feel it is an unnecessary adjective when describing someone who has lived and worked in Charlevoix for 41 years.

Why does it matter whether or not someone is a native, if they have lived here 41 years.

Sheryl Pursel

East Jordan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Annual Taste of Charlevoix: flavors for everyone

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The 5th Annual Taste of Charlevoix will feature a wide variety of food, wine, breweries and live music throughout the day.

The event will occur from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 21 in the parking lots on either side of Mason Street.

"This is a great event for everyone to come and enjoy with their family," said Director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Erin Bemis and Taste of Charlevoix committee member.

There will be a ticket system in place for purchasing food and beverages.

Each ticket will cost $1 and vendors will set their prices anywhere from $1 to $5.

Thirteen local food vendors, as well as two regional breweries and four wine vendors, will be participating.

A children's area will also be open.

With a $2 entrance fee, kids have unlimited access to the inflatable slide and the Rayder jump house.

Other activities for the kids include face painting and cookie decorating.

From noon to 2 p.m., "Kookie" the clown will be on hand making balloon animals.

"This is a great time of year in Charlevoix and there's going to be plenty of food and fun for everyone," said Bemis.

Entertainment will be provided by two area bands. The Charlevoix City Band will be playing their brand of jazz and big band from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Then from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the North Country Strings Band will he playing a variety of Celtic, bluegrass and traditional.

For additional information or a brochure with a complete list of vendors, please visit the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 109 Mason St. or call 547-2101.

Circle of Arts: 'Look about you'

Charlevoix Circle of Arts – Invitational Exhibit of Charlevoix Artists and Craftsmen

Hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28

Hours from 12 noon to 4 p.m. June 29, 2008

Sneak preview evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 27

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts invites the public to attend the invitational art exhibit, "Look About You," from June 28 through June 29 in the former Charlevoix Public Library building at 109 Clinton Ave.

The show features works created by local artists inspired by the beauty of the Charlevoix area. Many of the works of art will be for sale during the show.

A sneak preview and fund-raising gala will be held on Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 27.

The evening will feature Hors d'oeuvres and desserts from area restaurants including champagne and sparkling juice. Jazz guitarist Steve Little with special guests Jerry Cameron on bass and Mike Hunter on trombone will be entertaining for the evening. Tickets for the event can be purchased by calling (231) 675-5308. Proceeds from ticket sales will support the community art classes and programming offered by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

"Look About You" will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28 and noon to 4 p.m. June 29. Community musicians will be entertaining throughout the weekend.

For more information regarding the Charlevoix Circle of Arts and Community Exhibit, call 547-2333 or visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Writers Group
Wednesdays, June 18 and June 25, 6:00 pm

LEGO!
Saturday, June 21, 10:00 - 11:30 am

PAWS for a story
Saturday, June 21, 10:30 am - 1:30

French Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, June 24, noon

Computer Basics II: MS Word for Beginners
Tuesday, June 24, 10:00 am

History of the Charlevoix Public Library
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Big Grin 'Big success'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Once just a couple of kids enjoying a sport on the fringe, entrepreneur John Curtis is now on the cusp of molding the future of competition skating throughout northern Michigan.

Curtis' company Go Film Crew Productions hopes next week's local skating events are just as popular as their June 7 Big Grin in Charlevoix.

"The event went really well. We had about 35 competitors and a crowd of about 200," he said. "It was a really good time. Kids came out and were excited, not just about winning, but by the end of the day everyone was excited about being part of the skateboard community."

The Big Grin skateboard competition got its name, Curtis said, because he noticed how much fun everyone was having during skating events in Utah, where the skating scene is huge.

"We just decided to relocate in Charlevoix from Park City (Utah) and we already have arranged for three or four more competitions," Curtis said. "By the end of summer, we're going to try to make a push down state to bring kids up for a final with the winner from each event competing against each other for a one-year Revolution Manufacturing sponsorship."

The next event Curtis is helping organize is a celebration for National Go Skateboarding Day, June 21.

All interested skateboarders should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Lodge in Charlevoix. The group will then skate downtown to Carpenter street, turn west and ride to the Charlevoix Skate Park.

The Ride 45 demonstration team will be on hand doing tricks and showing off their moves and there will be a free skate from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Following the free skate, those interested may go to Petoskey to Ride 45 for refreshments and a barbecue which will be followed by more skating sessions at the Petoskey Skate Park and a giveaway of skateboard accessories, clothes, sunglasses and more.

"Last time we had kids from Northport, from Pellston, from Suttons Bay," Curtis said. "We had kids from out of town showing up two hours early; this is good for the economy and it's good for the community."

At 11 a.m. on June 28, Curtis and company will put on another skating event on June 28 at the Gaylord Skate Park. A sneak preview of The Exposure Project, Curtis' snowboarding documentary, will be shown.

We're always well received," Curtis said. "But, we've never taken it to this degree."

He added, "I expected to be well taken, but I didn't think we'd get that many people getting down on it."

Curtis' main goal is to share his love of skateboarding with kids from in and around his hometown and educate people who seem to believe the negative stereotype associated with skateboarders.

"Kids do bad things cause they're bored," he said. "I know kids who skate eight hours a day, so we provide them with fun creative stuff to keep them away from the bad and keep them on the right path."

For more information on any of the skating events, or for more information on Go Film Crew's movie, call Curtis' assistant head of production Billy Axford at (989) 619-8899.

Skatepark Competition winners

The winners of the Big Grin Skate 2008 are skateboarders: Wes Wallace, Todd Moore, Justin Harter, John Bradley, Blake Bowgault and Jake McLean. The best skater 12 and younger was Parker Elowsky of Charlevoix. Inline skate winners were Matt Kucera, Marc Collier, Conner Klooster, Colin Campbell, Jordan Awrey.

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Here a youth shows off his balance skills during the Charlevoix Big Grin skateboarding competition on June 7.

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Claire Irene Sheaffer: Oct. 10, 1931 - June 8, 2008

Sheaffer

Claire Irene Sheaffer, age 76, was born in Detroit Oct. 10, 1931 She died June 8, 2008 with her family there for her in Middleville.

Surviving are her husband of 37 years, Atwood "Zuke" Sheaffer of Middleville, her children Bill Carey Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; Beth Carey Sleutel of Caledonia; stepsons Robert and Jack Sheaffer; and grandchildren, Katie Carey, Liz Carey, Yiwa Carey, Josh Sleutel, Peggy Sleutel, Jessica Sheaffer, Michael Sheaffer and Sean Sbeaffer, along with many nieces and nephews.

For many years sbe became adept at painting, reading, knitting and gardening.

She was preceded in death in 1977 by her daughter, Peggy Carey Northway.

She attended bigher education at Michigan State University and was selected for the Harvest Queen Court.

In keeping witb ber wishes, cremation has taken place.

A private remembrance and celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider her wishes for contribution to the Peggy Carey Northway Scholarship Fund through the Charlevoix Area Hospital or the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

Claire's family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.mkdfuneralhome.com.

Peter McManamon: Jan. 14, 1926 - June 13, 2008

Peter McManamon, 82, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Waterford and Umatilla, Fla. died Friday, June 13, 2008, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Rite of Christian Burial was Monday, June 16, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Duane Wachowiak officiating

Interment will be at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek.

Peter was born Jan. 14, 1926, in Detroit to Peter and Mary (Irwin) McManamon.

He graduated from Saint Leo's School in Detroit.

Peter served in the Army Air Corp. during World War II, as a staff sergeant in the 792nd Bombardment Squadron in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

On Oct. 19, 1946, he married Mary E. Schenavar at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Detroit.

Peter owned and operated Schaeffer Auto Collision in Dearborn.

He was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Peter is survived by his wife, Mary E. of Charlevoix; their children, Kathleen A (Marc E) Lame of Charlevoix, Timothy M. McManamon of Jacksnnville, Ore., Patricia M. Jackson of Commerce Township., Kevin J. McManamon of Birmingham; nine graodchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Mary T. (Robert) Wilsie of Milford. Peter's brothers John and Patrick preceded him in death.

A Vigil Service was held Sunday evening at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan, 1040 Walnut St., Traverse City, MI 49686.

Letha G. Coon: Oct. 21, 1924 - June 15, 2008

Letha G Coon, age 83, passed away on Sunday, June 15 at her home in Charlevoix.

Letha was born on Oct. 21, 1924 in Detroit to Courtney and Letha Custer.

As a young woman, Letha worked in Detroit as a cosmetics sales person at Hudson's Department Store.

It was there that she met and married the love of her life, Kenneth Coon, on July 2, 1955

Kenneth preceded her in death in 2003.

Letha worked for many years as a cosmetics buyer at most of the major department and specialty stores in Detroit

During this time, she belonged to the "Christmas in January" club whose membership raised money for Leader Dogs for the Blind

Letha served as president of the club in 1965 and over several years spent countless hours organizing fund raisers for this cause.

Her love of antiques led her to partner in business with a friend from 1973 to 1976 buying and restoring antiques.

Letha is survived by her step-daughter, Kathryn Thomas, and her husband, Mel Schlitt ol Aurora, Illinois, granddaughter, Traci Slicker, and her husband, Sheldon, ol Traverse City and granddaughter, Lori Thomas, of Houston, Texas.

Letha is also survived by her niece, Gayle Homrich, and her busband, Fred of Grand Haven, her nephew, Richard Custer, and his wife Deborah, of Durand, and their children and grandchildren.

Several cousins also survive her

Her family continues to celebrate her life with a Visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, at Winchester Funeral Home, 209 State St., Charlevoix

Funeral services will also he held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 19.

Guests may join the family for a fellowship lunch following the funeral service at Letha's home.

Condolences may be made to the family, c/o Kathryn Thomas, 1460 Graystooe Drive, Aurora, Ill., 60502-1327.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester, MI 48307.

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Candidates seek political seats in Peaine, Norwood, St. James Townships

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

• PEAINE

Proactively, not reactively.

That's how John Works Jr., 48, identifies his style of governance over the last 12 years as the Supervisor in Peaine Township.

"I've always liked to try to prevent problems before they happen, rather than wait for something to happen and then scrambling for a solution to fix it." Works said.

According to Works, before him, there were no regular township hours. So, he decided to start holding regular office hours every Friday, not only to keep home life separated from work, but to allow himself to do a better job.

"Holding regular office hours was a promise I made and kept with the people of Peaine over the years," be said.

During his tenure, one of his major accomplishments was receiving over $200,000 in grants to help open a fire department.

"The board has been really helpful, I've really got to give them a lot of credit for working together and working so hard." Works said.

Over the years, Works has done a lot of little things that have gone unnoticed. Building bridges with the people in the community is just one of those little things. For example, he says he's built a better working relationship with the road commission.

"I love Peaine Township and the day I feel like I can't help the people here, I'll step down." Works said.

The other candidate vying for Works position is a man named John A. Gallagher, 72. Upon being questioned for this article, Gallagher refused to comment, stating that his platform isn't complete yet and he'd rather not discuss the issues or what he can bring to the table.

With hopes of getting re-elected, Works had this to say, "I just want to continue representing the people in Peaine with as little tax burden as possible."

Also running for office in Peaine Township:

Treasurer candidates - Larry Kubic, Nancy Saxton and Jean Kingsley;

Trustee candidates - Paul Welke, Robert Hoogendoorn and Peter Lodico;

Colleen Martin is running unopposed for Clerk.

• NORWOOD

Frank E. Hamilton, 69, feels that some of the elected officials in Norwood have been dishonest.

And, that's why he's chosen to run for Township Supervisor.

"I just feel that they've been more honest in the past and more information was disseminated," Hamilton said. "It was more honest back when Wayne Boss was in charge."

Hamilton's experience comes from serving on the Oakland City Council for 13 years.

He's also been a city/village manager for two years in Oakland County.

"I've been on this property for nearly 27 years and I just wanted to give a little back to the community," Hamilton said. "I don't have an agenda, but I do have the knowledge, time and the ability to do the job."

Denny Way, 52, has been on the Board of Trustees for four years and on the planning commission for three years.

"There's many issues we'd like to address and continue working on, such as the cell phone tower issues, wind energy and some pretty big road issues." Way said. "I just want to make sure it's an absolute open setting and make all of the information available to the public."

Also in Norwood, Dana J. Pajtas is running uncontested for township clerk, as does David L. Leusink for treasurer. Running for trustee are Thomas Mielke, David Ridenour and Douglas Warner.

• ST. JAMES

Pamela O'Brien and Jean Palmer will be running against each other for the elected position of St. James Township Clerk.

Palmer, if re-elected, hopes to keep working with the board and continue doing the job she's been doing for 16 years.

"I'd like to see the taxpayer dollar used to the best advantage of the township," she said.

In her opinion, Palmer feels that experience is her greatest advantage.

At the same time, O'Brien also feels that experience is on her side.

"I can do the job and I'm very interested in the position," O'Brien said.

O'Brien, whose family has lived in St. James Township for as long as she can remember, has had her fair share of experience from all over the United States.

According to her newsletter, some of the past posts O'Brien has held include being the Chairperson for Children with Cancer Association in Phoenix, Ariz.; Being on the Board of Directors for the Leukemia Society in the San Francisco, Calif. area; A board member and participant in several Chambers of Commerce and a member of the American Business Women's Association.

In St. James Township, Donald Vyse is running uncontested for the Supervisor position.

Also running uncontested is James Wojan for Treasurer.

Three candidates will be vying for the trustee position: Timothy J. McDonough, Richard L. Speck and Bob Tidmore.

Michigan tomatoes safe to eat

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Don Koivisto today announced that Michigan-grown tomatoes are not associated with the current Salmonella Saintpaul outbreak and have been declared safe to eat by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Michigan has been added to the FDA's "safe to consume" list available online.

Michigan is second in the nation in terms of agricultural diversity and is home to approximately 500 open-field tomato farms and 15 hydroponic/greenhouse tomato operations with locally focused distribution.

"Although Michigan's open field tomato harvest doesn't begin until July, it's important for consumers to know that our growers are producing safe, wholesome products for Michigan families to enjoy," said Koivisto. "Now is the perfect time to ask for locally grown and processed Michigan products at your area retail markets.

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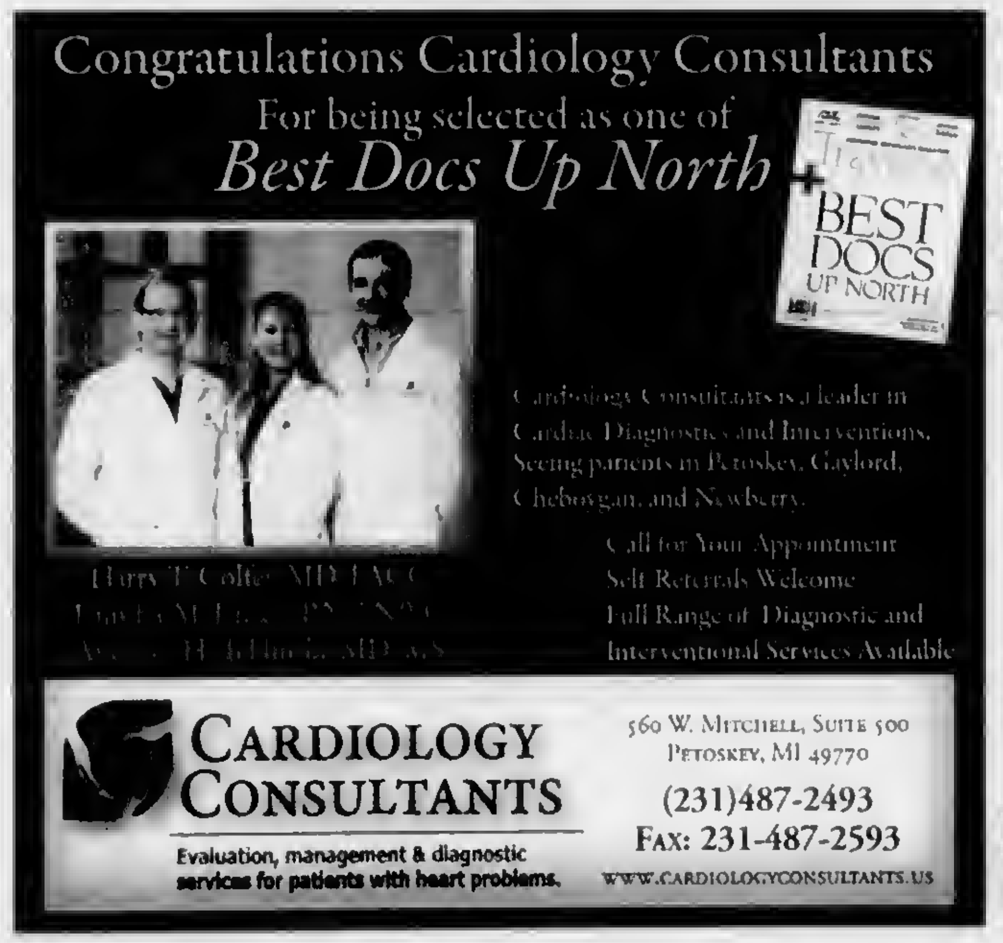

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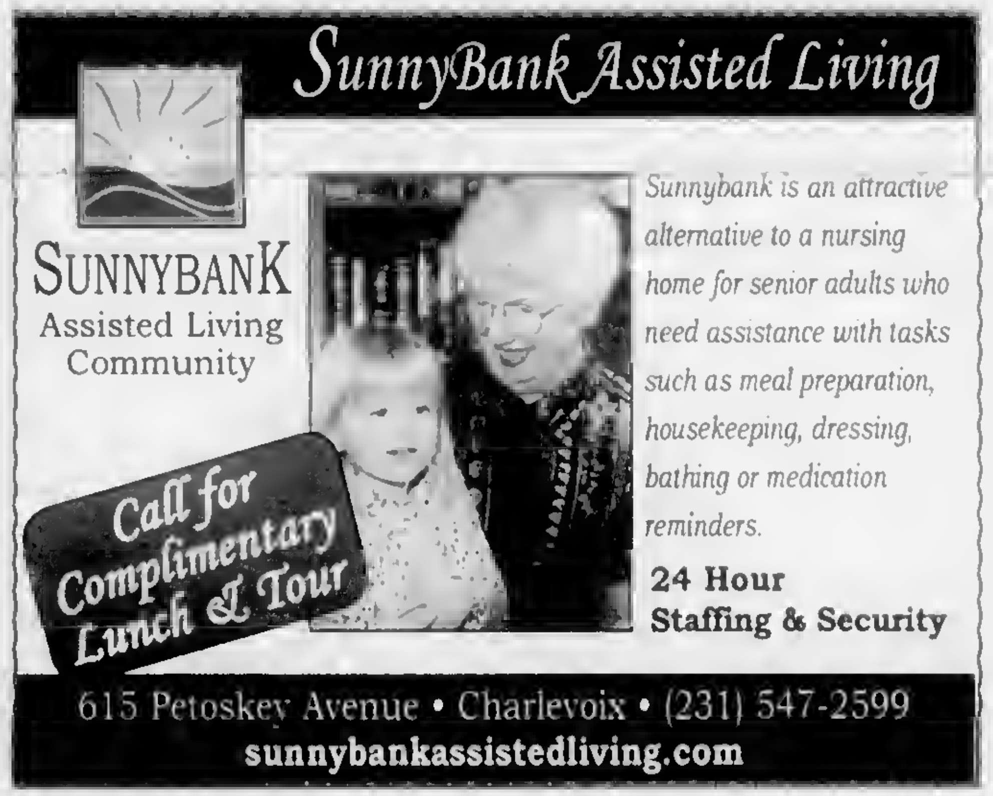

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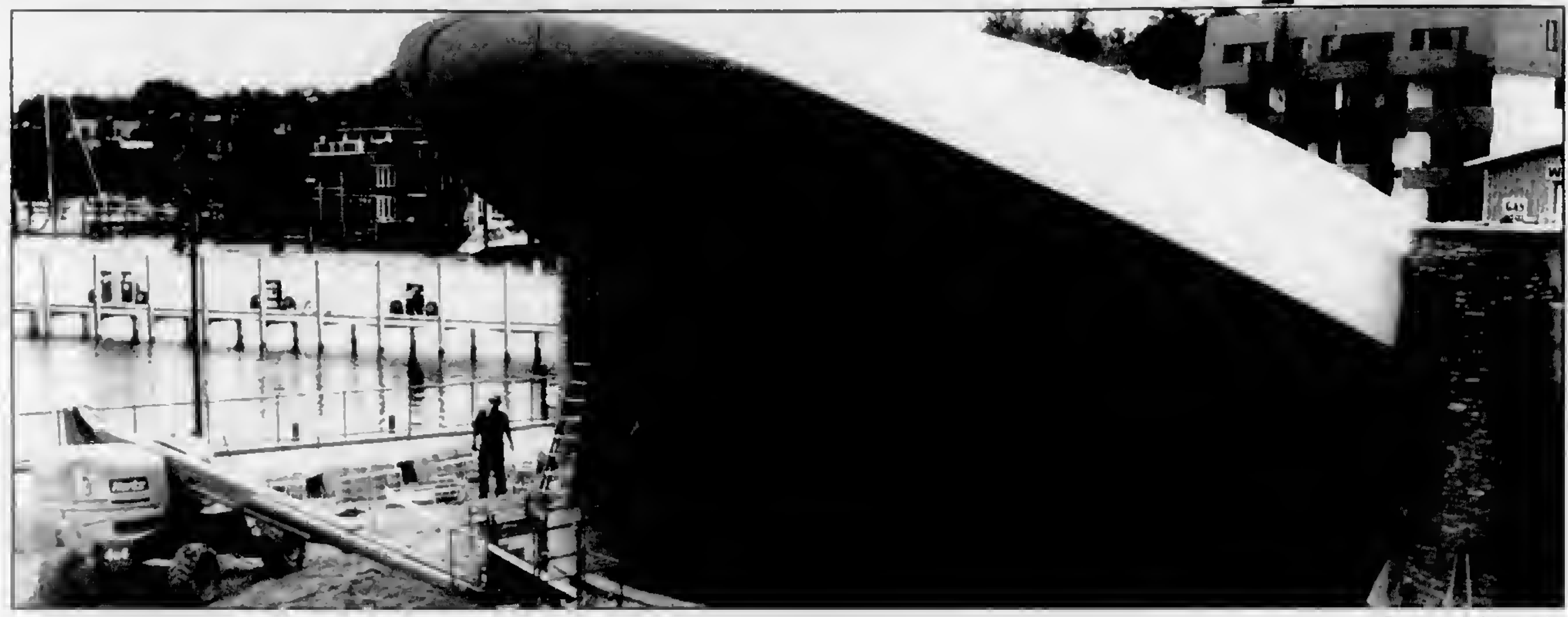


Photo by A.J. Hoffman

• Harbor Master Building (HMB)

All of the interior finishes should have been complete by June 16. On June 18, Haggard's Plumbing & Heating is scheduled to complete the start up of all equipment: water system, heating/cooling etc. and perform all final inspections. The exterior stone work for the HMB has been completed and washed. Stone masons continue to lay veneered stone on the exterior retaining walls to the north and south of the HMB. The brick pavers on the roof will be complete by June 20, along with installation of the handrails. Painting of the handrails is ongoing as weather permits. All of the planting mix has been installed in the landscape beds on the roof. The sanitary lift station for the HMB is complete.

• Performance Pavilion (PP)

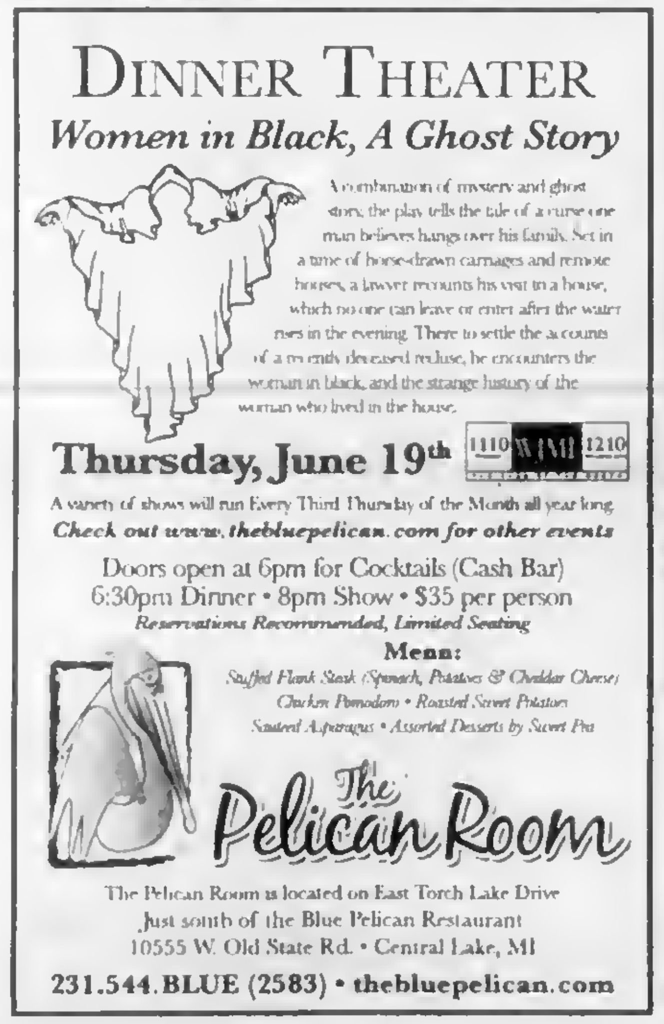
The fascia for the roof of the stage area was completed last week. The polished concrete floor for the stage area was expected to be poured and finished on June 16. Polishing will start as soon as the concrete cures, likely the first of next week. The electrical for the lighting of the stage area is complete along with the installation of most of the lights. Work on interior finishes continues. All rest room fixtures have been installed. Roof top pavers for the PP will also be completed this week. Nearly all handrails are in place and will be painted as weather permits. Planting soil has been installed in each planting bed. Manthei Development Corporation (MDC) has begun to install soil in between the stage seating along with applying final grading on the south side of the PP. All remaining stone work on the PP is scheduled to be completed this week. The sanitary lift station for the PP is also complete and operational.

• Interactive Water Fountain (IWF)

The IWF has been pressure tested and actually tested with water. The jets, filter system, chemical system, etc. are operational. A required final inspection by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Department of Community Health is scheduled for, June 18.

• General Site Work

MDC continues to excavate numerous footings throughout the site. Hallmark Construction Incorporated (HCI) and Standfest Masonry continue to pour footings and lay stonework throughout the entire project area. Standfest Masonry has also begun to wash all of the stone walls that have been completed. The two sets of steps to the east of the PP have been poured along with the walkways that connect the steps to the promenade. HCI has nearly completed all of the brick pavers along Clinton and Bridge Streets. Most of the brick pavers have been installed around the interactive water fountain (IWF) and the entry to the HMB. The rough grading between Plaza B and the PP is currently underway. The irrigation contractor has installed his pump and suction line and is continuing with the installation of the main lines in the areas that have been graded out.



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Zoning admin' resigns citing 'lack of support'

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Citing concerns of what he called a "lack of support" Jonathan Scheel, Zoning Administrator for Norwood Township, recently resigned from his position

According to Norwood Township Planning Commission member Denny Way, Scheel wanted to expand the duties of his position in addition to a pay raise.

"He wanted to be a planner as well as being the zoning administrator, and we decided to table the issue until the next meeting," Way said. "We just wanted to make sure it was in the best interest of the township to put two positions under one hat."

"Norwood Township is in a transition period and because the power structure is changing, I feel that there was not enough support for both the Zoning Administrator position and the Planning Commission," Scheel said.

Way explained that the board wasn't against giving Scheel a pay raise, but they wanted some time to think about whether it was a good idea to give one person that much jurisdiction

"He wanted a year long contract and we had him set up for a month to month basis at the time," Way said. "He didn't want that anymore, so he turned in his resignation."

According to Norwood Township Supervisor Tim Boyko, the position for Zoning Administrator is now open and the board is looking over applications to fill the spot

Scheel remains as zoning administrator for several townships including Bay Township.

BC/CVX Road bill funding introduced

State budget work is getting under way and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and Sen. Jason Allen are wasting no time making sure the Boyne City to Charlevoix Road gets the attention it deserves.

After an Elsenheimer amendment, placing the road project on the budget, was defeated by the House Democrat majority, Sen. Allen came to the rescue and inserted language requiring the Department of Transportation (MDOT) to assume jurisdiction over maintenance and repairs for the Boyne City to Charlevoix Road.

"I was able to convince my colleagues in the senate that this road was a priority for northern Michigan," Allen stated in a June 12 press release. "I am pleased the Senate honored the desires and interests of Charlevoix County residents."

Earlier this year, Elsenheimer held a public hearing and took public comments about the condition of this road.

"I am pleased the Senate has adopted the necessary language in this budget bill that honors the local sentiments which I heard at the public hearing," stated Elsenheimer. "It's time for the House to follow suit."

Although Elsenheimer voted today to support the Senate passed version of the bill, the measure was once again defeated by the House and referred to a conference committee for further consideration over specific points of difference between the House and Senate versions, including the Boyne City to Charlevoix Road in section 395 of HB 5808.

The conference committee will be chaired by a house democrat since the budget bill originated in the House chamber.

Considering the House defeated the original Elsenheimer amendment, the likelihood of the Senate language remaining in the final conference report is uncertain.

A few years ago, Elsenheimer was successful in attaining language in the transportation budget for the Gaylord overpass project.

"Even though the project was vetoed by the governor on two occasions, it was ultimately approved," Elsenheimer stated. "Persistence pays off. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. While I am uncertain as to whether the language for the Boyne City to Charlevoix Road will remain in the final conference report, the actions taken today are the first of many monumental steps that will heighten the administration's attention to the wants and desires of northern Michigan."

The conference committee is expected to begin its deliberations in the next few weeks. Elsenheimer and Allen are encouraging local residents to voice support to the governor and conference committee members that will be named soon.

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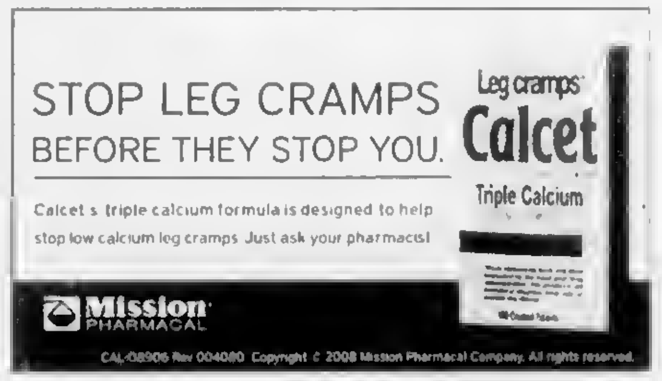

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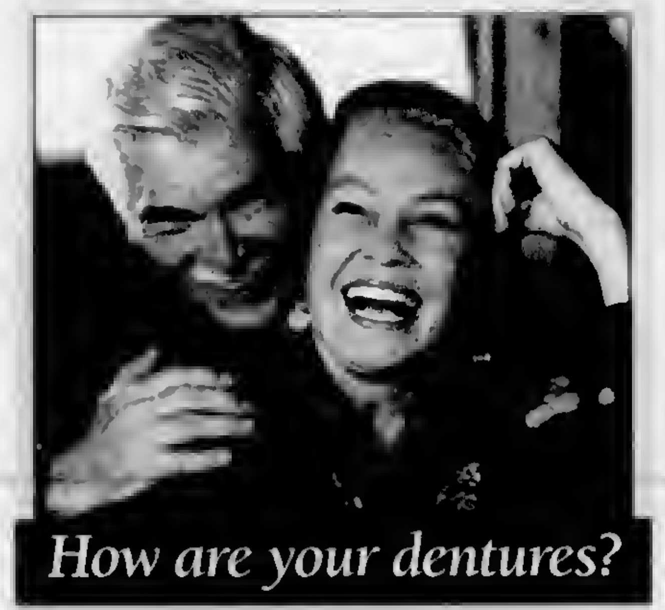

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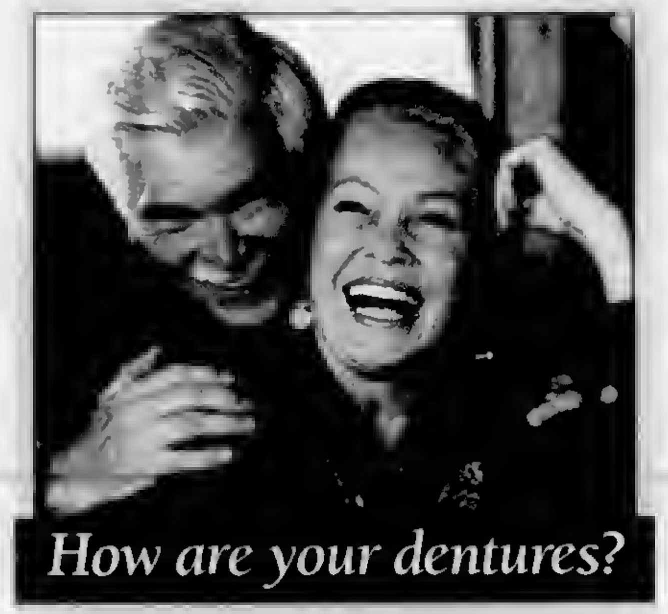

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During the celebration and fundraiser portion of the event, following the tour which is open to all riders of motorcycles or cars, there will be plenty of food and activities for the whole family.

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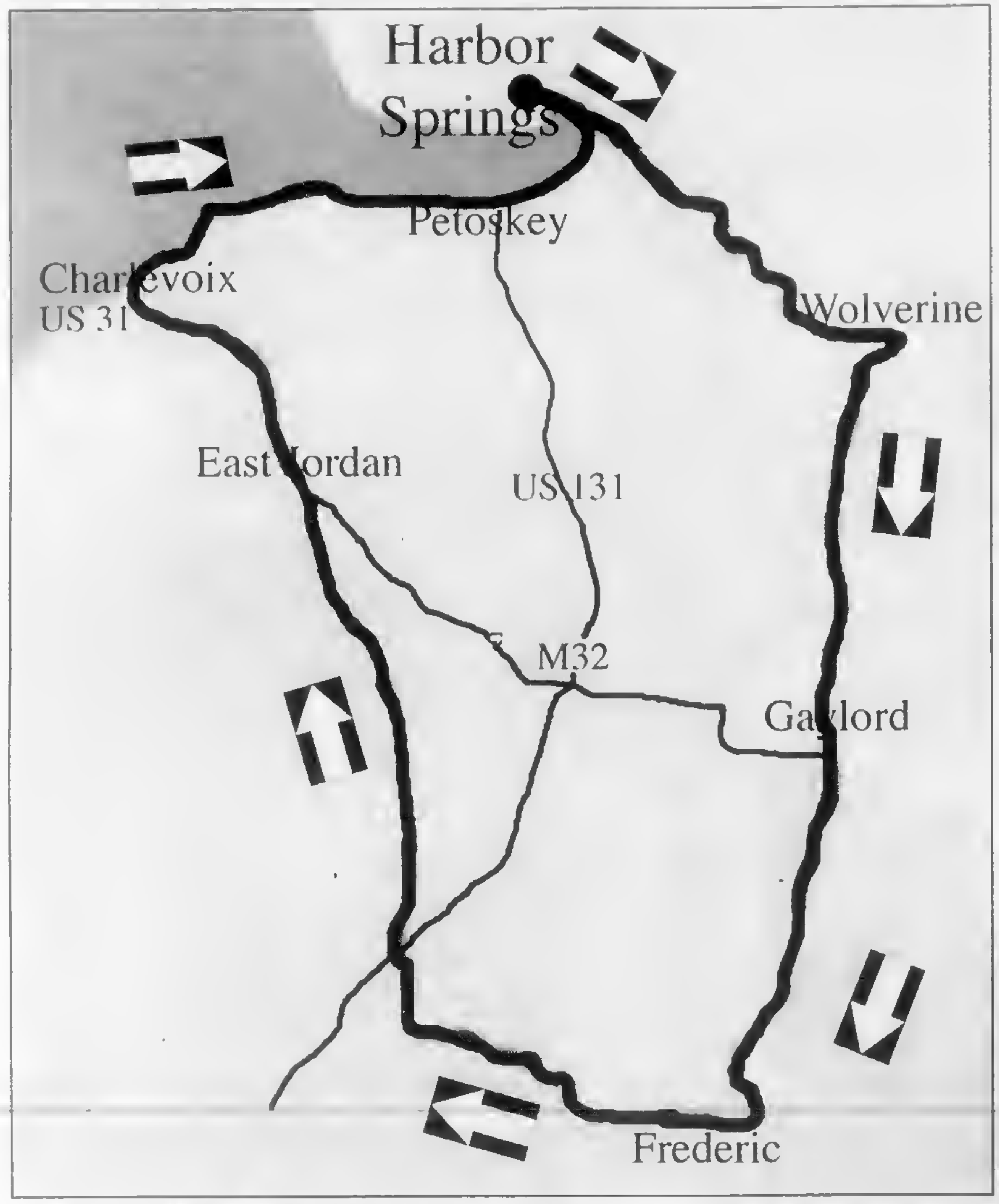

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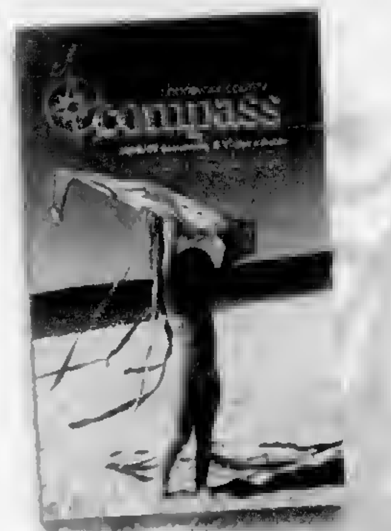

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Baseball season not over yet

...AND IN THIS CORNER

A.J Hoffman

My god, I completely forgot about baseball. Jim Leyland's three ring circus of fun.

Just when I thought the season for sports in Detroit was over, I find myself entertained by the constantly changing lineup of the Detroit Tigers.

I don't mind watching the Tigers, because the next thing to look forward to this year is foot ball. Just the thought of rooting the Lions through another losing season is depressing. But I'll still do it.

Sadly, my Pistons just didn't have enough heart to make it past the Boston Celtics.

The Red Wings won the Stanley Cup, again.

With all of the excitement of channel flipping over the past three weeks between basketball and hockey, it has all come to an end, but not baseball.

I became a little disheartened toward the beginning of the season when I was talking baseball with someone and I asked them, "do you think they'll pull through this?" and the person said, "well, you know, if it gets bad enough, Jim Leyland will just walk away. He'll just give up on the team."

I really like Jim Leyland, so the thought of him quitting on the team halfway through the season kind of broke my heart.

Well, the Tigers are still second to last in the AL Central and the skipper is still with us.

It makes me happy to know that he's not a quitter. At least not yet anyway.

One of Leyland's signatures is to play around with his lineup as much as he needs to in order to get something working.

He started doing this in Pittsburgh, he did it in Florida, and now he's doing it here in Detroit.

The latest lineup change was just this past week when he decided to alternate his catchers. The future first ballot Hall of Famer, Pudge Rodriguez, will now be alternating catching duties with a guy everyone thought would be gone at the end of last season, Brandon Inge.

This is huge. Despite what critics have to say, he does what he wants and I think that's what I like best about him. He doesn't care if you're a future Hall of Famer.

If Leyland thinks you're not producing, he'll let you know. He's always been like this too; go to youtube.com and you'll find an old video of the silver-haired manager in Pittsburgh chewing out one of his own players: Barry Bonds.

I skimmed a comment board of fans suggesting how they would re-arrange the lineup.

As fans, it's a lot of fun to shuffle through your baseball cards and imagine a dream rotation or a better lineup, but the truth is that Leyland knows what he's doing.

He's got a million little things to take into account, like how a certain guy is feeling, or how he played the day before, his attitude in the clubhouse, the potential in another player, etc.

I think Leyland would try to resurrect the ghost of Ty Cobb and put him in the lineup if he thought it would get his team back in the race.

In the meantime, if you're a Tigers fan, don't give up on the team just yet. Leyland hasn't.

There's still plenty of baseball to be played, there's still beverages to be drunk, plenty of hot-dogs on the grill and I don't think anyone wants to see the Lions start their season yet.

Hoffman's sports column "... And in this corner" appears once a month. E-mail him at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com

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Charlevoix Little League continues

Charlevoix's Junior Division played a doubleheader in East Jordan on Friday, June 6. Charlevoix hitters for the first game, wherein Charlevoix bested East Jordan 8 to 7 were, singles by Isaac Kloostar, Coby Herriman, River Gauthier, Nolan Ager, Alex Waha, Morgan Stewart and a single and double by Jordan Farmer. Tommy Zipp had two triples in the same game. Pitching the game was Andrew Potter. In the second game, East Jordan won with a score of 10 to 5. Hitters in the second game were singles by Herriman, Ager, Stewart and two singles each by Gauthier, Will Jeakle and Jesse Drost. Ager and Waha pitched. Leading up to the June 6 action was the little Rayders' competition against Traverse City East where they lost 2 to 1 on June 4. In a close game, Charlevoix's defense worked hard keeping the Traverse City runs low. Charlevoix had singles by Klooster, Herrimann, Stewart and two singles by Potter. Drost hit a double. Herrimann pitched a consistent game and, in his first time pitching this season, Drost finished the game. The remaining Little League schedule is as follows: 4 p.m., June 19 against Traverse City in Traverse City; 1 p.m., June 21 at East Jordan; 5:30 p.m., June 23 at East Jordan.

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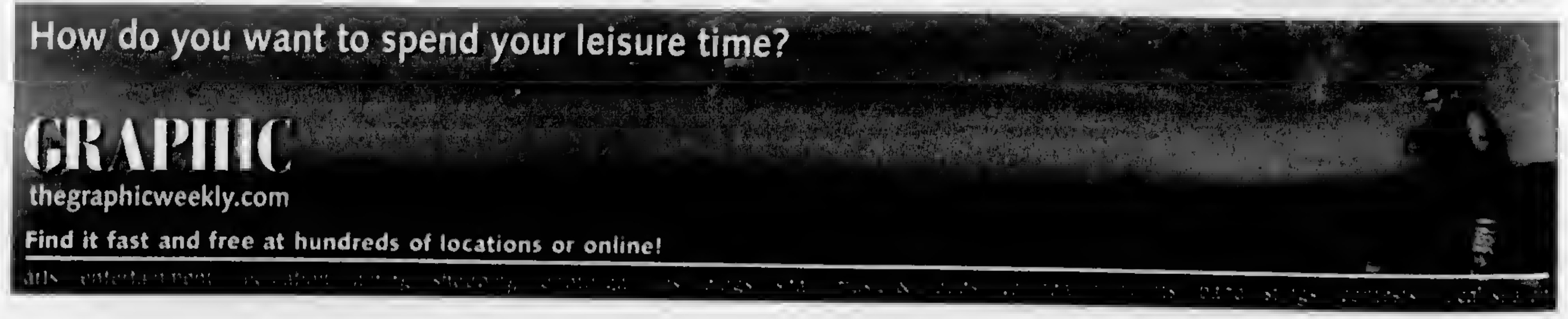

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Local resident Becky Doan captured this picture of the Charlevoix High school girls' varsity soccer team posing proudly after winning a conference title over Harbor Springs on May 30.

Thompson sisters Audrey, 5, and Sophia, 7, found a monstrous morel mushroom near their home on June 10. The daughters of Eric and Julie Thompson couldn't wait to dine on the phenomenal fungus. Photo by Eric Thompson.

Eric Thompson and his wife and children were caught planting petunias during the May 22 Petunia Planting Party in downtown Charlevoix. Photo by Deb Kelts.

John Bradbury's 16-year-old golden retreiver Baby rests comfortably on the lawn of Bradbury's summer home in Charlevoix. The photo was taken by Jim Grant.

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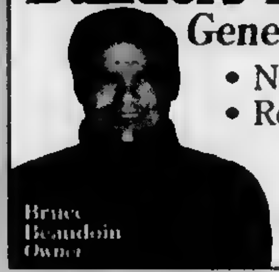

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
NEWS-REVIEW CONVERGANCE EDITOR

Jennifer Haf, a teacher by trade, with a passion for gardening, is taking her fervor for flowers to the streets this summer.

Haf's open air flower stand, Bloom Unique Floral Creations, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 21 in the courtyard of the Rose Cottage at 107 Mason St. in downtown Charlevoix.

"I'm excited about what Charlevoix is doing and want to be a part of it," the 32-year-old Charlevoix resident, said.

Bloom will feature fresh cut flower bunches, bouquets and arrangements at the stand on weekends and on demand when the stand is closed.

"My style is more garden fresh, earthy, organic, free-form — non-traditional," she said. "I'll have a lot of old-fashioned flowers like zinnias, stock, gladiolas, dahlias, peonies, hydrangea. It's a real cottage garden feel."

Most of the flowers Bloom will feature are cultivated by Haf or local growers with a few coming from wholesale vendors.

While the stand will be where she's visible, Haf also offers floral service for special events like weddings and can accommodate the needs of business accounts by appointment.

Haf's professional background is rooted in education. She has also spent about eight years working for commercial florists.

"I'm a teacher by trade, this is my passion. I like to be outside and in going back to work asked myself, 'What's my ideal setting. I wanted to do something that's true to my heart,'" she said.

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"It's kind of European," she said of the business.

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For more information about Bloom or to place a flower order, call (231) 547-9182 or e-mail Haf at bloomupnorth@aol.com.

Julie Witthoeft can be reached by e-mail at jwitthoeft@petoskeynews.com.

Jennifer Haf (left) will soon open her fresh cut flower business in Charlevoix.

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For Information given about the two missing steel saw horses taken from 918 West St. Boyne City between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Thursday May 29. They fold up and have a carrying handle, red in color.

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Any information call,
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Healthcare

GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Will be offering a nurse aide training program starting July 7. Cost for the program is $350, due at the time of registration, to cover tuition, books, and TB skin test. Students who successfully complete this program will be eligible to take the state licensing tests for CNA certification and begin their medical career. Registration forms will be accepted from June 6 to June 27 or until class is full. Stop by 1728 S Peninsula Road, East Jordan, to registor; or call Jane Korthase with questions at; (231)536-2286.

Healthcare

GRANDVUE

Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for Certified Nurse Aides who are committed to resident centered care. Full and part-time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions; and health, dental, vision and life insurance's are available for full-time staff. If you are looking for a position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents, families, and team members, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase (231)536-2286 with questions.

Healthcare

RN's & LPN's

Grandvue Medical Care Facility. We are looking for RN's and LPN's interested in working in a state-of-the-art facility that is moving away from the medical model towards a more holistic approach to care through reduced nurse to resident caseloads. Full and part-time positions available. Our Extensive benefit package includes generous afternoon and midnight shift differentials, liberal time off package, and retirement plan for full and part-time staff. Health, dental, vision and life insurance available for full-time staff. Self scheduling allows nurses flexibility to plan shifts around individual needs and nurses work alternate weekends. If you are looking for a nursing position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents and their families, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase (231)536-2286 with questions.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Education

Baker College

INSTRUCTORS

Baker College of Cadillac is searching for part-time instructors to teach Dual Enrollment classes in Spanish in the Central Lake High School for Fall quarter, which begins September 29, 2008. **Master's degree required; in related field preferred, Bachelor's degree in area required.**

Previous teaching experience a plus. Please send resume and cover letter by **June 25, 2008** to

Human Resource Department
Baker College of Cadillac
9600 East 13th Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
Fax (231)876-3441
Email hr-ca@baker.edu

AA/EOE

1000 GARAGE SALES

CHARLEVOIX: GREENSKY Hill Church Hall off Old 31 North. Saturday, June 28, 9-3 pm. Not enough for your own sale? Load up with car, trunk, back of pickup ($10) or rent a table on the porch ($15). For more Information call (231)547-2745.

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

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LAND PRIDE Grooming mower, 48 inch. Excellent condition. Approximately 50 hours of use. $800 or best offer. Call (231)526-9753.

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Excellent Startor Home
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1630 RESORT & VACATION PROPERTY

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1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX NORTH SIDE

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1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

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AKC LABRADOR puppies (yellow/white) at Oyster Bay Farm, 8 weeks on July 3. Wormed, shots dew claws, micro-chipped. Make appointment call 547-4249 or 437-3113. Come pick yours now!

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

1987 PONTIAC Firebird, T-top, in primer, needs transmission. $800. (231)622-1843.

1990 MERCEDES 420 SEL, 4 door, silver, 137,000 miles. Great shape. $3,500/best. (989)732-5765 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Ask for Rick.

2006 FORD Five Hundred, Limited, AWD, all options including GPS NAV, 59,000 miles, $14,500 or best offer. (231)330-4206.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

2000 CHEVROLET Blazer LT. 4 wheel drive, excellent condition, 64,000 miles, 4 door, silver/pewter, CD. With Onstar $6,200. (231)242-0952.

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Maas Companies Inc. 507.285.1444

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1995 NOMAD 30' fifth wheel, 14' slide, canopy, very good condition. $8,000. (231)627-7956.

2004 WILDCAT 5th-wheel camper, Model 24RL, used very few times. $15,900. For more information call (231)238-4590 or (713)305-8726, cell.

2005 KEYSTONE Montana fifth wheel trailer, 3685 FL (38' with front living room), 4 slide outs, fireplace, ceiling fan, central vacuum, washer/dryer, much more. Immaculate. Reese hitch included. $38,000. (231)675-6004.

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1962 16' Chris Craft ski boat, $19,500. 1956 18', Chris Craft Holiday, original, $22,500. 16' Cedar Strip canoe, $1,200. 18' Fol-Boat, $250. 50 hp Mercury outboard motor, 25th Anniversary model, $350. 1941 16' Chris Craft Deluxe utility, $22,500. 1941 16' Chris Craft utility, $7,500. (231)347-5358 or (440)322-8167.

1987 FOUR Winns 190 Horizon, V8, 19', I/O, E-Z Loader trailer, radio, depthfinder. $1,750 as is. (231)547-6639.

2006 29' Four Winns Horizon, open bow, fully loaded. Twin 260 hp motors/60 hours. $77,500 with trailer. (810)516-7780.

BOAT SLIP 44'x17' at Harborage Marina, Boyne City. $89,000, 10% down, land contract or $3,400, 2008 season. (231)631-3333

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Hand made Custom 14 foot mahogany boat with Holslaw Trailer. 5 horse power Evinrude motor. Canvas cover. Great shape!! $1,950. Call. (231)622-2505

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SUNFISH SAILBOAT 2004 and 2006 Shorelander trailer, plus launch dolly. Excellent condition. Stored inside. $2,750 (231)347-9403

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of November, 2002, by Gary M. Chrysler, Jr. and Kimberly L. Chrysler, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on December 3, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 502, page 609, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE AND 85/100 DOLLARS ($57,193.85) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot #32, Bailey and Wilson's Addition to the Village of Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: June 10, 2008

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-06/18, 06/25, 07/02, 07/09)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011229-DE

Estate of Donald J. Kidder, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 01/31/1939

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donald J. Kidder, who lived at 803 Prospect, East Jordan, Michigan died on April 25, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael A. Bennett, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: June 12, 2008.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

Michael A. Bennett
05272 Carson Road
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-2449
(L-06/18)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Randy Puroll, A.S.M. to Alden State Bank dated September 12, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on April 10, 2008 in Liber # 0843 of Mortgages, Page 0794 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Six and 68/100($91,606.68) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County building, 301 State St. in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on July 18, 2008 at 11:00 O'clock in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 9.25 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PARCEL A-1
Commencing at a 1 1/8 inch pin at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16, Town 32 North, Range 4 West; thence along the South line of said section South 89°44'14" West 1313.64 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line North 01°10'35" West 1114.70 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 01°10'35" West 205.72 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence along said 1/8 line North 89°46'16" East 964.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Woodward Road, thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 89°46'16" East 33.03 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along said centerline the following three courses: South 02°24'23" West 103.25 feet; South 12°24'18" West 88.53 feet and South 26°07'52" West 169.33 feet; thence North 69°44'08" West 33.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of said road; thence continuing North 69°44'08" West 340.63 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89°44'04" West 544.41 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 32 North, Range 4 West.

The period of redemption will be One (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: June 4, 2008

Alden State Bank
Mortgagee
Leon W. Sluyter,
Vice President
For Alden State Bank
Business Address:
PO Box 717
Elk Rapids, MI 49629
(L-06/11, 06/18, 06/25, 07/02)

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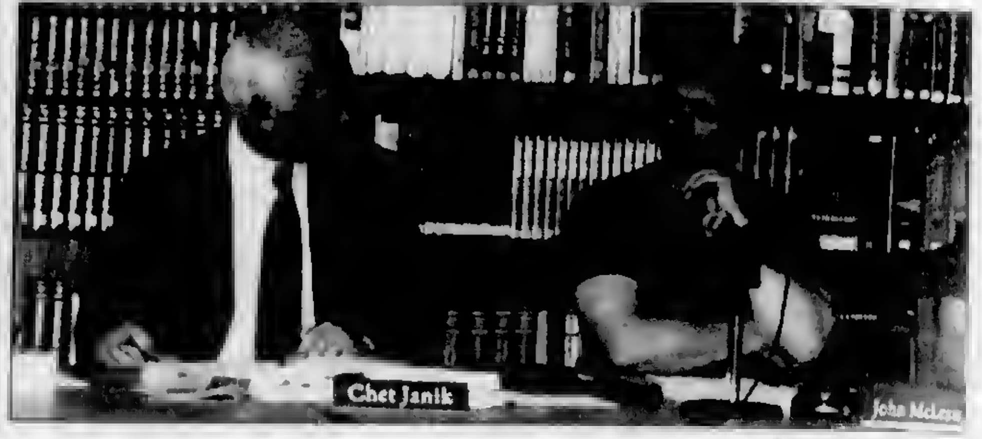
Coast Guard Auxillary training

Preston Long, coxswain, steers the boat as his team anchors the ship into place. Long has been involved with the Coast Guard Auxillary for at least six years. The auxillary held its several-day training sessions in Lake Charlavoix last week.

School activity fee waived, for now



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Superintendent of Charlevolx Public Schools Chet Janik (left) discusses whether to rescind the extracuricular activity fee with board of education members including John McLean (right) at their June meeting.

Schneider clear of Hatch Act

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix County's current undersheriff was notified by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel that his candidacy for the sheriff's office was not in violation of the Hatch Act earlier this month.

"It's a weight off my shoulders," said Don Schneider.

In a letter dated June 6, attorney Mariaina Liverpool wrote that despite the sheriff's office receiving federal grants, Schneider was far enough removed from the funds and the employees who controlled them as to not constitute an official conflict.

"We do not believe that Undersheriff Schneider is performing duties in connection with federally financed activities, and as such, is not covered currently by the provisions of the Hatch Act," the letter stated.

Looking to avoid any criticism heading into his run for the office, Schneider penned his own letter to Special Counsel earlier this year seeking clarification on whether or not he was breaking any laws by running. Schneider said he was prepared if Special Counsel had ruled against him.

"I was prepared to leave the sheriff's office during the election if I had to," he said. "I would not have withdrawn my candidacy. I would have quit, but I didn't want to."

Schneider is running against Don Sproul, a retired Charlevoix County Deputy, for the post being vacated by Sheriff George Lasater later this year.

Passed in 1939, the Hatch Act prevents federal employees from running in partisan elections.

Noah Fowle can be reached by e-mail at nfowle@petoskeynews.com

Chuck Vondra undersheriff candidate

Undersheriff Don Schneider, candidate for the office of Sheriff, recently announced Detective Sergeant Chuck Vondra as his choice for Undersheriff if elected to office. Vondra, Boyne City, was not only chosen for his extensive background in law enforcement, according to Schneider, but his experience in local government with an emphasis on budget preparation and control. Sheriff George Lasater built a strong foundation over the past 32 years. Schneider said it is his job to continue to build in that sound foundation and meet the ever-changing times as they come.

"With the present outstanding staff of deputies, corrections officers, and support staff, we will meet any challenge given us," Schneider stated.

FEE

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When Catt was told by Janik that an anonymous donor had come forward and offered to match another donation, Catt and one of his companies, Integrity Construction, chose to donate $4,000.

The combined donations will offset the fee formerly imposed last May.

"The donation is only for the 2008-2009 year," Janik stated in an e-mailed response to questions. "The issue will be revisited next year at this time."

Janik added that the average cost, statewide, for school extracurricular fees is $115 per student.

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real estate listings

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John Carlstrom
Red Oak Realty, LC
989-539-2646

BUILDING LOTS

Tamarack Ridge Estates

Building lots available at Tamaracks Golf Course in Harrison, MI. Lots starting at $15,900 with $2,500 down. Golf memberships for 2 people for 3 years included, roads are paved. This is a site condo project with restrictions. Call for information

John Carlstrom
Red Oak Realty, LC
989-539-2646

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101 Ames St., Elk Rapids
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Summer dance classes soon offered

Danielle San Paolo will be offering dance lessons at the United Methodist Church on State Street downtown Charlevoix, this summer. The classes she will offer include ballet, modern, lyrical, jazz, tap and hip-hop.

Ages 6 through adult are welcome to sign up. To sign up, go to the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. on June 23.

This will serve as a time of orientation for parents; however, late registration is not a problem. Class schedule: Ages 6-12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Ages 13 and up from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The cost is $100 per four week session.

Session two meets starting July 22 for a four-week period. Students are encouraged to take both four week sessions for $180 and to be a part of the final recital on August 15.

Students will need dancewear and dance shoes. Please see Danielle's contact information at the bottom of this section.

Danielle has been training in various genre of dance since she was 7 years old.

Her performance opportunities have taken her as far as China and India as well as throughout New York, California and Hawaii.

San Paolo is 21 years old and has taught at Dance Terrific Studio in southern California and specializes in teaching workshops when she is away from her home in Fontanna, Calif.

Last summer she taught in Charlevoix and wishes to return to expand her workshop this summer to include more of her home away from home Charlevoix.

Contact Danielle at (909) 239-6561 or e-mail daniellesanpaolo@gmail.com for further information.

Historical society publishes booklet

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Karen Lewis, curator of collections (left) helps Dave Miles, co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society show off their newly published booklet "Charlevoix Pier Lights."

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

A new book compiled by the Charlevoix Historical Society about pier lights will be selling for $10.

Entitled "Charlevoix Pier Lights," the book follows the purchase of the Charlevoix South pier light, from the U.S. Coast Guard to the City of Charlevoix.

"This book is the first in a planned series of books on the Charlevoix area history," said Karen Lewis, curator of collections.

The potential series of books will be published only if they continue to get funding, or if the Charlevoix Pier Lights book makes enough money, according to Dave Miles, CO-director of the Historical Society.

"This book is being funded by the lighthouse committee," Miles said, "the other books (if published) will be funded by the historical society."

All profit from the sale of the publication is directed toward restoration of the lighthouse.

Additional donations may be sent to: Charlevoix Historical Society, P.O. Box 525, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

For more information, please visit the Society's Web site at www.chxhistory.com

Anyone interested in purchasing the book can pick up a copy from the Historical Society's Harsha House, Round Lake Books or at Consign Design on 221 Bridge St.

Free hot dogs

Community Reformed Church, on U.S. 31 and Oak Street in Charlevoix, would like to invite you to a free hot dog day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. If the event is rained out, it will occur at the same time on June 29. This event, to take place on the side yard of the church is a way of thanking the community and neighbors for their support over the years.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

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Dhaseleer Events Barn concerts ticket information as follows: all shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

JUNE 18, 23

Petunia weeders wanted Wednesday June 18 and probably Monday June 23 come join the Band Boosters as we weed the city's petunias. Bring a kneeling pad and a small digging tool if desired. An orange safety vest will be supplied. Be sure to sign in for credit. Call Kim Molter at 547-7800 for more information

JUNE 23 THROUGH JUNE 27

Vacation Bible School from 6:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., June 23 to 27 at Ellsworth Elementary School there will be amazing bible adventures, sizzling craft experiments, cool music, super snacks and hyperspeed games at the Power Lab. The camp is open to children 4 years old through sixth-grade. For more information, call (231) 599-2194.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Alwihta, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library
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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

JUNE 18

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, Mick Smith will present a program about Norwood in the News in Days Gone By. This event is sponsored by the Norwood Area Historical Society and you need not be a member to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

JUNE 19

Rotary presentation

Rotarians are invited to attend a showing of Texas Monthly's interview of Bishop John Shelby Spong, the controversial man of the cloth who first ordained homosexuals as ministers. Spong will also be speaking at 10 a.m. each morning in the Bay View Association's lecture hall from Monday, June 23 to Thursday, June 26 on various topics.

JUNE 21

Sixth Annual Pink Ribbon Ride begins with registration at 7 a.m. on June 21 in Veteran's Park in Boyne City. The ride is open to all. For more information on pre-registration, call Sue Morris at 536-7066 or e-mail penhryn@charter.net.

Autism Fundraiser for Zachary Zabawa

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 21, a benefit to raise funds for Zachary Zabawa, a 7-year-old with Autism will be held at St. Mary Church. Funds raised will be used to attend the Autism Treatment Center of America in Sheffield, Mass. This extensive training program called The Son-Rise Program will benefit Zachary and his parents by developing a home-based program to assist his family in their desire to defeat his autism. The benefit features a spaghetti dinner with admission fee by donation.

Those unable to attend, but who wish to contribute donations, may send them to Zachary Zabawa, c/o St. Mary School, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix, 49720 or contact Bev at 547-2622 or Mark at (231) 206-9333.

To find out more about The Son-Rise Program, visit www.son-rise.org

JUNE 22

At 7 p.m. on June 22 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Jen Sygit & Spare Change with opening act by The Well Fed Kids.

JUNE 24

History of the Charlevoix Public Library

At 7 p.m. presenter Kay Heise takes the audience from the library's humble beginnings to its present day splendor.

June 26

At 7 p.m. on June 26 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Breathe owl breathe with opening act by Anna Ash & The Family Tree and a special appearance by NorthWings (live birds of prey).

JUNE 28

Artist Reception

Pastels by Heidi A. Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

Strawberry social

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 28 in Atwood, Friske Orchards will host their annual strawberry social. Includes pancake breakfast, strawberry picking, wagon rides, music and more.

Meet the Author: Michael Lindley

From 10 a.m. to noon on June 28, meet Lindley, author of "On past Horton Creek" the sequel to "Seasons of the EmmaLee."

Books will be available for sale and Lindley will be signing.

JULY 1

Everything You Should Know About Sleep

At 7 p.m. on July 1, noted sleep specialist, Dr. James Maas will help you get the sleep you need.

JULY 5

July 5 at 7 p.m.

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JULY 10

7 p.m. on July 10 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - The Well Fed Kids with opening act by Pinky Lee.

JULY 12

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp is from 10 a.m. to noon on July 12 at Kipke Field. This free event is for third- through eighth-graders. Players should wear shorts, t-shirts and cleats. Charlevoix High School coaches and players will be running the camp.

JULY 18

At 7 p.m. on July 18 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - MJ Bishop followed by Dennis Palmer.

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

July 27 at 7 p.m. At the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix

Jill Jack & Billy Brandt

AUG. 3

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3, at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix — Don Julin & The Neptune Trio

AUG. 9

Art Demonstration Day is from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

AUG. 16

August 16 at 7 p.m.

Orpheum Bell

Cobb oven workshop part 2 at 2 p.m.

AUG. 19

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

AUG. 22

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

AUG. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the Dhaseleer Events Barn 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

Instruments needed

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Baby blanket project

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103

CHARLEVOIX LIBRARY EVENTS

PAWS for a Story is back by popular demand. The certified dog teams are ready to listen to stories. Reading aloud is a proven method to enhance children's reading ability and dogs are our best friends, so this makes a perfect match. Children love to read aloud to the dogs – they're great non-judgmental, listeners. PAWS dogs are available to listen from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the four Saturdays of July. Reading takes place in 15-minute sessions.

- LEGO! From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., children in grades Kindergarten through eighth are invited to work with a partner come in pairs, or the library will match up kids that day to build a race car. Lego technicians will help you put a motor in and enter the big race at the end of the morning, Saturday, June 21.
- A nature photography workshop will be hosted from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 27. Rick Lieder will teach attendees to find moments that make a digital photograph more than a picture, with one-on-one instruction on lighting, composition and color. All ages are welcome; children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Terrific turnout for 'Taste'

Hundreds and hundreds of people turned out for the Fifth Annual Taste of Charlevoix. Here Kookie the Clown prepares a balloon animal for an eager child. Kookie entertained throughout the day. For more photos from this year's Taste of Charlevoix, see page 9.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Ship ahoy?

Carlson

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Seaports Great Lakes, a nonprofit organization, is in the process of bringing a project to town that could end with a 92-foot Schooner being built and launched in Charlevoix's harbor next year.

The Ship will be a replica of an 1852 Schooner named "The Challenge" which was designed by William Wallace Bates who was 25 at the time.

"We chose 'The Challenge' (to replicate) because Bates had the cutting edge technology of the day," said Bob Schafer, project organizer. "He grew up in a shipyard and his father was a highly acclaimed shipbuilder as well. So, it kind of ran in his genes."

One of the main problems facing the tall ship construction project is over a concern about dust and people speeding through the area.

Paul Sobleski, a resident of Palmer Street, voiced his concerns because he lives very close to the area where the ship would be built.

The location of the project is planned for the lawn area between Fisheries Station Charlevoix and the Pine River Channel.

"In the past, the city has done a lousy job of dust control," said Sobleski. "In that area, there has always been a lack of bathrooms, extra traffic and the speed at which people are going is far too fast. It's not just kids speeding around that area, either."

But, Schafer said he is willing to cooperate with any issues the city or local residents might have.

See TALL SHIP, page 28

School: on schedule, under budget

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

With completion of the administration building expected sometime mid-August, Charlevoix Public Schools officials look to construction of a new bus garage.

Groundbreaking on the administration offices, future location on the northwest corner lot of Charlevoix Middle School, began earlier this spring, while demolition on the former and future grounds of the bus garage facility at 1021 May St. began Monday, June 16.

"It's going to be really special for all of us because our former office (a residential dwelling located at 208 West Clinton St.) was pretty old and was a former house and hadn't had a lot of improvements," said Charlevoix Public Schools business manager Shawn Biddle. "Our current offices are pretty nice, but they are located in a basement, so we're looking forward to having new offices with windows and a lot more efficient office."

BETA Design took several of what they felt were the top bids and engaged in a selection process between last fall and earlier this winter to ensure Charlevoix Schools would get the most for their money.

The winning bids for both the administration building and bus garage were then awarded to Integrity Construction Services out of Gaylord.

The approximately 3,000-square-foot administration building was priced by Integrity to cost $409,000.

Several of the nine losing bidders and their bids are as follows:

- O'Boyle & Company, Marquette - $494,000
- The Tancor Corporation, Midland - $483,500
- Eckler Construction, Traverse City - $434,300
- Hallmark Construction, Traverse City - $449,500

"I was over there (administration building site) Tuesday (June 17) and the interior walls are all framed and they were working on the rough plumbing and rough electrical and bricking the exterior," Biddle said.

Originally estimated by Charlevoix Public Schools

See BUILD, page 28

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The Charlevoix Public Schools new administration building (above) is expected to be completed in early to mid-August.

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DISTRICT COURT THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Angela Sue Sewell, 37, East Jordan. Operating with a license that was either suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Marcus Leroy Bundy Jr., 20, East Jordan. Minor purchasing or in possession of a controlled substance. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Meghan Sue Kline, 22, Bellaire. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve 5 days in jail.

Kari Lynn Kraemer, 23, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve 5 days in jail.

Carrie Ann Cook, 37, Boyne Falls. Operating with no license or multiple license. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve 5 days in jail.

Renee Nannette Karschnick, 46, Ossineke. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $1000 in fines and costs and serve 93 days in jail with 1 day of credit.

Tyler Patrick Kalbfleisch, 21, Boyne City. Attempt to drive while impaired. Pay $1200 in fines and costs and serve 15 days in jail with 1 day of credit.

Everett Thomas Roof III, 27, Charlevoix. Domestic Violence. Pay $600 in fines and costs and serve 93 days in jail with 5 days of credit.

Kathy Marie Engardio, 53, Adrian. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 36 days in jail with 1 day of credit.

Donald James Atkinson Jr., 30, Gaylord. Operating without identification. Pay $1000 in fines and costs and serve 93 days in jail with 1 day of credit.

Frank Anthony Filardo, 42, East Jordan. Operating with no license or multiple license. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Nathan Michael Ciszewski, 18, East Jordan. Minor destruction of property over $200 but under $1000. Pay $600 in fines and costs and serve 365 days in jail with 20 days of credit.

ASSUMED NAMES THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Red Thread Photography, 06530 Michigan Shores Drive, Charlevoix, by Paul C. Schwenke

Bills Auto Service, 02835 S. Barnard, Charlevoix, by Bill McKay and Marion McKay

Pine Lake Adult Band, O6685 North M-66, #108, Charlevoix, by Gail Baldridge and Judith G. Willey

Rustik Wooden Kreations, 2495 US 131, Boyne Falls, hy Todd D. Richards and Lorrina L. Lester

MARRIAGES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Adam Christopher Robarge, 39, and Kristie Sue Fichtner, 38, both of Charlevoix

Justin Ernest O'Halloran, 30, and Rohin Ellen Moblo, 24, both of East Jordan

Jerry Lynn Hellwege, 44, and Joline Ann Grice, 45, hoth of Elmira

Ralph Donald Lemieur II, 22, and Katheryn Brianne Brochu, 20, both of East Jordan

Todd David Richards, 43, and Lorrina Louise Lester, 41, both of Boyne City

Dorkterial Keon Smith, 32, and Terry-Ann Nicola Clarke, 25, hoth of Charlevoix

James Clyde Pifher, 39, of Indian River, MI and Mae Elizabeth Hadd, 47, of Boyne Falls

David Richard Lewin, 25, and Melinda Ann Withrodt, 27, both of East Jordan

Matthew Bryan McDonald, 28, and Melissa Ann Marzella, 26, both of Middleton, Wis.

BIRTHS

Hadley Daniel McCafferty weighing 8 pounds was born June 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Rachel Bess and John McCaffeny of East Jordan. His grandparents are Dennis Bess of Ellsworth, Gene Cross of Charlevoix, John and Beth McCafferty of Beaver Island and Suzie and Ben Collins of Central Lake. His great grandparents are Clarence and Bethel Boss of Ellswonh, Della Juracko of Central Lake, Joan and Larry Delmater of Six Lakes and Madonna McCaffeny of Beaver Island.

Lydia Grace Marie Eaton, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born June 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Terese Matela Corey Eaton. Her sihlings are Zacory and Ondera Eaton. Her grandparents are Fran and Bob Eaton, Erita. Kristoffer, all of Boyne City and Tom Matela of Beaver Island.. Her great grandparents are Ray Matela of Beaver Island and Marie Eaton of Boyne City.

Landon Jamie Alan Speer weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce was born June 7 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amanda and Jamie Speer of Charlevoix. His siblings are Rayne, Randi, and Emma. His grandparents are Charyl and Chiff Osborn of Charlevoix and his great grandparents are Violet Dinwiddie of Charlevoix and Jack and Sandi Fuson of East Jordan.

Katelyn Alexandra Bigelow weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces was born June 6 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Julie Bigelow of Mancelona. Her siblings are Tyler, Jacoh, Faith and Alyssa. Her grandparents are Red and Charlene Gayles of Mancelona and Bruce and Karen Bigelow of Eastport.

Gregory "Ory" Charles Grose II, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces was horn June 6 t the Charlevoix Hospital to Gary and Holly Grose of East Jordan. His siblings are Evan and Lucas Grose. His grandparents re Carol and Roger Wells, Yvonne Pentecost and Fred Grose all of East Jordan. His great grandparents are Barh Grose of East Jordan and Lorraine and Clyde Dunimont of Belleville, Mich.

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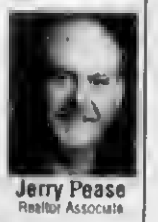

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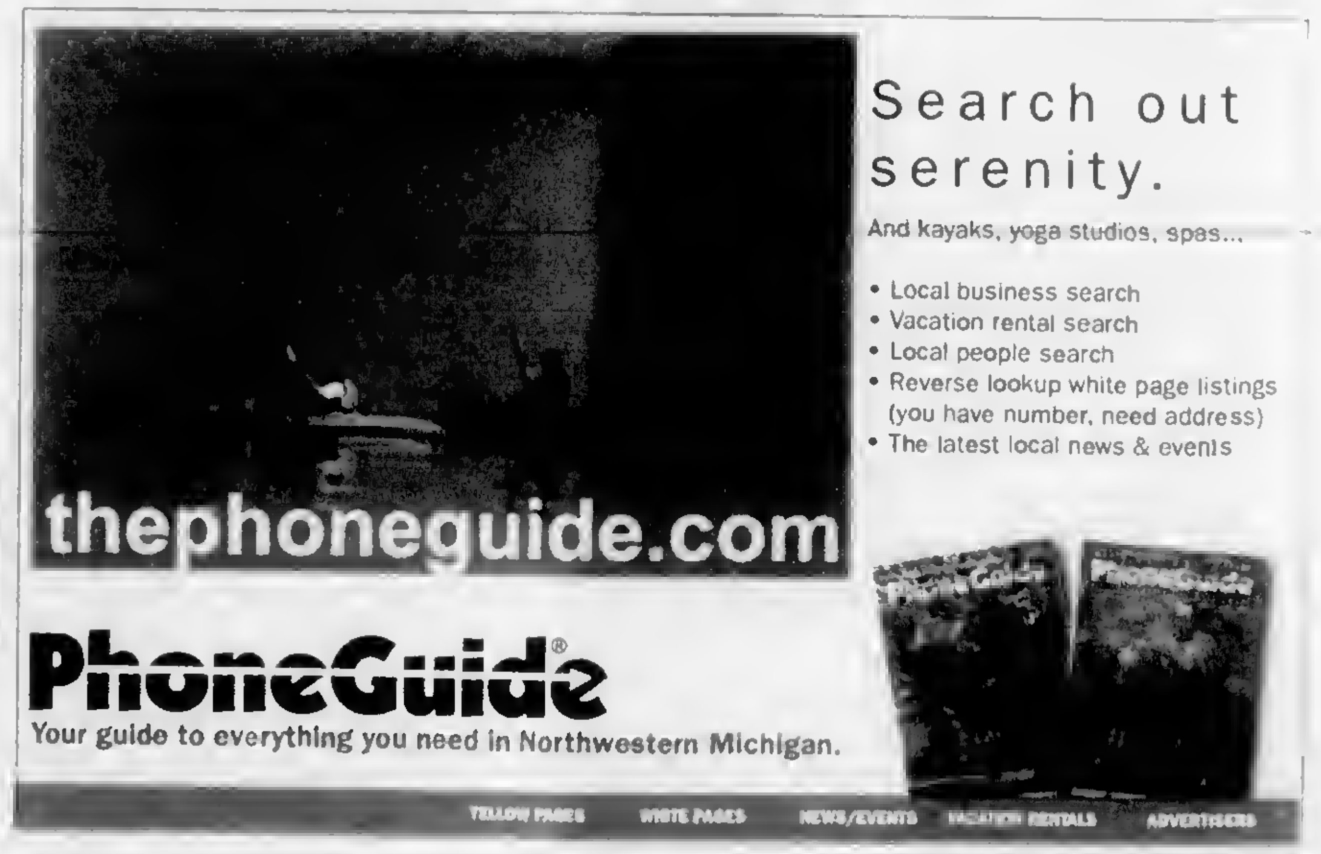

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No new groomer yet

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The City of Charlevoix has decided once again to put off the decision to purchase a new ski hill groomer.

In the meantime, the City Council has decided to table discussion on the issue until July 23. The purpose is to do more research and try to collect more grants for the project.

"In the last two weeks, the price has jumped from $215,000 to $236,000," said Bo Boss. "It's cost us at least $20,000 so far, just hy not making a decision."

Local resident, Paul Weston, agreed.

"This is a project that really deserves the attention of the City of Charlevoix," Weston said. "It's no doubt that we need the groomer and we should revisit the issue sooner than the second week of July."

Mayor Norman Carlson explained that the city cannot he given money from grants for something already bought, and that is the reason behind waiting and collecting grant money first.

"If we buy a groomer tomorrow, we don't get any money from the grants," he said.

Boss urged that, since Sept. 1 is the latest date that Pisten Bully will accept an order for a groomer, the council should make a decision as soon as possible.

"We have a couple of months to do our research and raise additional money through some fundraising committees in town," said Rob Straebel, Charlevoix City Manager.

Mary Adams, an audience member attending last week's meeting, told city council that Ike Boss, Recreation Director, has already raised $19,000 in the last two weeks.

"We can also get another $20,000 for the old groomer," she said.

Boss is currently researching possible used groomers with low hours of usage that may be an option to purchase.

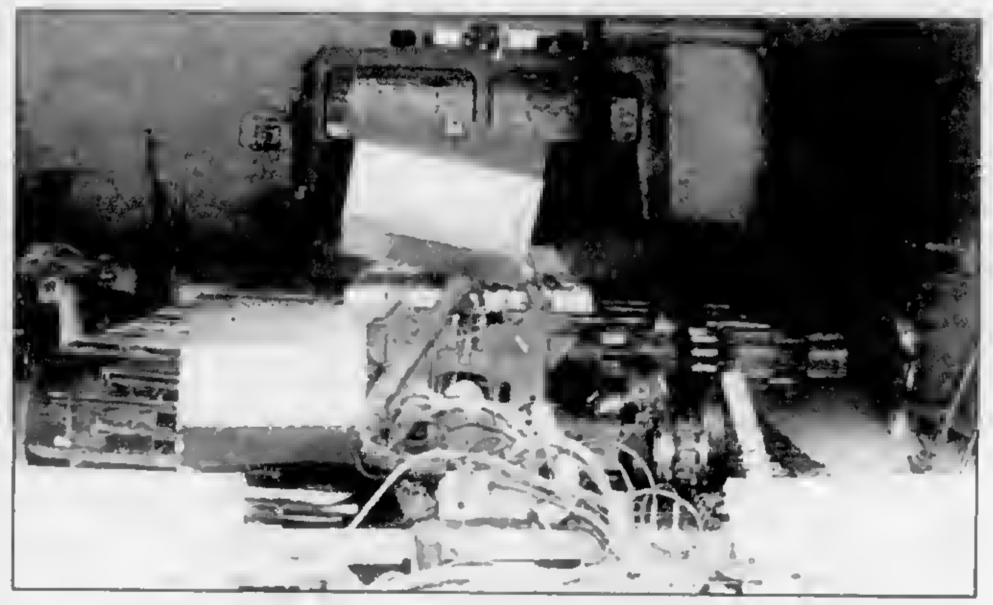


Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Tha rickety old groomer (above) used to keep Mt. McSauba's ski hill in business could soon be replaced with new equipment if Charlevoix City Council members dacide to OK a provision to purchase a new groomer estimatad at nearly $230,000.

Rescued from lethal injection, Kalli needs a home

Courtesy photo

Kalli the English pointer needs a permanent home aller she was racanlly rescued from an animal shelter in Kentucky. If you, or anyone you know can help, please contact alther Jaramy McAuliff at (231) 330-7801 or Marshall and Cathy McAuliff at (231) 264-6319.

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Jeremy McAuliff wouldn't let them die.

Three English Pointers lost their owner and hunting companion in a car accident last September. The three dogs: Kalli, and her two puppies, Kiki and Kimmi, were to be euthanized in a shelter in Kentucky on Valentine's Day.

"As February 14 approached, I kept looking at the dog's photo and decided I couldn't allow them to die in a shelter," McAuliff said. McAuliff found out about the dogs from a fishing Web site where a man who knew about the story of the dogs was requesting a home for them.

As the man from the Web site pleaded for someone to reach out and help the dogs, McAuliff arranged for a lady to pick them up and keep them at her home until he was able to make the drive to save them himself.

On February 18, McAuliff started his day at 5 a.m. and it didn't end until 10 p.m. that night. He drove down to Florence, Ky. with his Chevy Tahoe putting 900 miles on the vehicle and burning "lots" of gas.

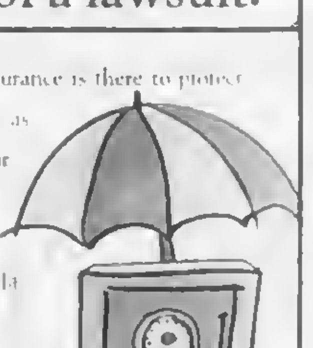
When he finally picked up the three dogs, the two daughters slept in the backseat the whole way home. The mother, Kalli, soaked up all of the attention she could laying in the middle console of the passenger's seat.

Once McAuliff got the dogs to northern Michigan, homes were found immediately for all three of them. Unfortunately, the gentleman that had adopted Kalli only kept her outside.

Kalli is an inside dog that needs human contact, and so, once again, she was without a home. She is housebroken and very gentle.

"She is perfectly content laying in the sun or on a deck just soaking up rays," said McAuliff, "I hope somebody could find it in their heart to take Kalli and give her the home she deserves."

McAuliff took her back and she is now living with his parents south of Charlevoix. They are still looking for a permanent home for Kalli. If you, or anyone you know can help, please contact either Jeremy McAuliff at (231) 330-7801 or Marshall and Cathy McAuliff at (231) 264-6319.



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Say 'Yes' to new groomer

EDITORIAL

Ok, we get it, nearly a quarter of a million dollars is no drop in the proverbial bucket, but when it comes to using taxpayer dollars to fund projects, but a need is a need, and after careful consideration, we agree with the Charlevoix Recreation Department that Mt. McSauba does need a new ski hill groomer.

Not only will purchase of a new piece of equipment ensure the skiers will have a place to ski and the snowboarders will have a place to snowboard, but that city workers will not run up countless hours working to maintain a groomer which is by all accounts ready to be made into steel wool pads.

In the interest of fiscal solvency, we would like to see some matching funds provided by the community at large, and with a community as generous as Charlevoix, it shouldn't be too difficult.

Heck, if everyone in the greater Charlevoix area each pitched in $10, we'd have enough to cover the groomer and then some.

So let's get out there and support the rec' department, your skis will thank you.

Call Sue Boss, recreation department director for more information at 547-3253.

Memories of Marina

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Seaner

The days are drawing near and with every photograph that catches my gaze, I cling to the memories that jump out as if they occurred yesterday. Pictures of dinners past, weddings, and laughing over the simple pleasures of friends sharing a brief moment on the front porch. Time captured by a camera that can never be replaced. It was a simpler time, and life was good and all was well with the world. On the twenty sixth day of this month in June it will be the one year anniversary of the passing of Marina LaBlance. Her funeral brought together many individuals who had been touched by her kindness, humor, tenacity and elegance all rolled into one.

The thought of this week brought to mind how often cancer takes someone we love and how quickly the days click away when we really think they will be with us forever.

Often doctors will avoid the end of life talk with their patients. Its must be very difficult to discuss this topic when surgery, chemotherapy and alternative homeopathic methods are not bringing the progress we hope for. It is important to turn a negative situation into a positive one even if the outcome is not what we want.

Straight talk is what most people want so they can converse about what's really on their mind. It reduces stress not only for the patient but for family and friends as well. Accepting death as unavoidable will be less costly, create peace and not find us tethered to a machine. Sure there are feelings of nervousness and depression. Who doesn't get sad talking about the end of life. But the relief in planning a "good death" and making necessary decisions will help us accept what is happening. Most of us know in our heart what is occurring and we all have an amazing capacity to deny or just keep fighting. For most of us it's a relief to know death is near and just be able to talk about it.

When Marina was first diagnosed with cancer I found comfort in reading the book "Annie Freeman's Traveling Funeral". It was an upbeat story that helped me plan my own gathering to take place after my physical presence takes a permanent leave of absence. Finding peace, whether it be making your own "bucket list" or talking with friends and family you've lost track of, everything you complete will help you deal with the situation you have no control over.

So on the anniversary of my good friend's passing, I will raise my glass and toast to her and all the photos clinging by old magnets on the "fridge." Life is good and I know there's a helluva a lot of fun taking place in heaven now that the angels have you on their side. To the only piano player who didn't criticize my singing, who laughed at my jokes and brought excitement to a room as soon as she entered.

"Oompah," my dear Marina, you will never be forgotten.

The immortal words you left us with on your passing will be etched forever in my memory. "Live your life so that children can tell their children that you not only stood for something wonderful, but you acted on it."

Thank-you, my friend, for the memories, more importantly for your never-ending friendship.

WEEKLY POLL

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70% of 23 polled said there is no end in sight for the Norwood mine issue

HERE'S WHAT YOU THINK

Schneider's Hatch Act case re-opened, duties change

"Isn't there other county races that have federal employees running in the partisan election? Why aren't their names being brought up. It looks like we have somebody out there that is afraid that they may lose the primary and is trying everything in their power to stir the pot. This is just nonsense to waste taxpayers' money."

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Ombudsman or antichrist?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

He's been called revolutionary, inspired and even antichrist, or at least anti-bible.

He's Bishop John Shelby Spong, the retired man of God who had the stones to ordain gay men spent the latter of his 24 years writing floppy texts like "The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Discover the God of Love," "Why Christianity Must Change or Die" and my personal favorite title "Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism: A Bishop Rethinks the Meaning of Scripture."

Now, I'm not here to Christian bash; I'll leave that up to Bill Maher and, may he rest in peace, guys like George Carlin. And for those of you wrinkling your faces and grinding your teeth, there is a big difference between demanding religion be removed from legislation, and hammering on a particular sect.

I recently viewed a Spong interview by Texas Monthly, and I have to say I don't completely disagree with the man's ideology. I like that he was able to work at overcoming his homophobia and see sexual designation for what it is: a personal matter which ought have no bearing on one's standing in free society.

But where he loses me is in his quest to alter Christianity. Sure, this country has long toiled under Christian-influenced legislation, and I would love to see that change, but Spong isn't interested in social equality through secular government. He wants to modernize, liberalize and chastise traditional Christianity for what he sees as the improper following of the sacred texts.

It has been written of Spong that he, "seeks to introduce readers to a proper way to engage the holy book." But, who is to say which is the proper way to decipher a text written in a long lost tongue which, before the printing press, was passed from generation to generation by word of mouth? The idea any semblance of certainty can be derived or, even if it could be taken literally, that any one man knows the true will of God by reading the Bible is absurd. One thousand men could come away with 100,000 different thoughts from one chapter of the Bible.

A rabble-rouser perhaps, but I have difficulty seeing Spong as a divine medium.

Ignorance lies in the wake of arrogance, and an ever-growing portion of the braying masses will always look for something new to soothe their restless minds. I rather like the idea of a religion which accepts all no matter what their color, race, sexual persuasion or country of origin, and perhaps Spong's reading of the Bible is correct, but to assume you know God's will by culling from scripture that which suits you, and shunning that which does not, is a contrived convenience and not just a little insulting to those who feel they've a pretty good grip on their faith as well as their religion.

As a layman to most things biblical, I cannot say whether the omissions, falsehoods and contradictions cited are as stark as Spong would like to think, but I have to wonder how he could have any faith in a book he finds so riddled with literary chaos.

At the end of the day, Spong believes gays should not only be accepted by Christian faiths, but made clergy. Just as adamant that they not be accepted are the millions of Christians who have been raised to believe homosexuality is sinful.

People hold fast their beliefs. And, while I applaud Spong's open-mindedness, I fear he wastes precious time trying to alter a religion when he could be fighting for equality outside the church.

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POOH-POOH POLYGAMY

Editor:

The writer Benjamin Gohs should do his homework before writing columns. I personally know Flora Jessup, the founder of Child Protection Project and the brave woman who escaped Colorado City and helped two teenage girls escape a forced polygamous marriage. The Yearning for Zion ranch in Eldorado Texas is an offshoot of Colorado City. Reality is that the government and CPS has not done enough to protect women and children in the FLDS sect. Flora escaped when she was fifteen and reported to police that her father had sexually assaulted her. She was returned to Colorado City by CPS and was further sexually assaulted by her father and beaten. She did not escape again until she was eighteen. The two girls she rescued were almost returned to Colorado City by CPS as well. These places are called compounds because they are closed off from outside society, the education system controlled, and religious authority has dictatorial powers. The prophet could require a woman and her children be assigned to another man, could assign where people lived, and how much income they were allowed. He also used to control the local police. Children and young women could be abused and sexually assaulted with no recourse. Flora and the two girls were not even aware of who the president of the United States was, because the education they received was propaganda approved by the prophet. Radio and TV were not allowed, and the textbooks were created with the approval of the prophet, and held little of the information you would expect for a normal education. Young girls of fourteen and fifteen would be forced to be the fourth or fifth wife of men in their fifties. The wedding night was essentially rape. When some of these men were finally brought to court for their crimes, they would often receive sentences of only months. Women are expected to submit to their husbands and have a child every year, to add to his glory in the after life. Furthermore the practice of polygamy sets up a sick family system where the old men are in competition with their own sons for the young girls. Given that there are actually 105 males born for every female, in a system that has men married to four or five or fifteen women, many men have to go without. The FLDS in Colorado City pick a few young men as future leaders and then cast out the rest of the young men from the community and their families, with no preparation of how to survive in the outside world. These are the "lost boys" that have been on TV. Furthermore the plural wives and their children, having not been legally married, were used to "bleed the beast," their term for the United States government, by getting hundreds of thousands of welfare money while paying in practically no taxes.

Educate yourself by going to the web site childpro.org and find out what oppression really is.

Heidi Miller
Charlevoix

THANKS, BBQ CREW

Editor:

We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to help with the 8th grade after graduation BBQ at Ferry Beach. We sincerely appreciate all the donations of food and time to make it a special day for all the kids. Most importantly we want to thank all the students who participated. They are truly a great bunch of kids and we are very proud of them. Thanks, again

Mark and Vicky Greyerbiehl
Charlevoix

'NO WELL, NO WELL' THE OPPONENTS DID SAY

Editor:

Amid all the rainy northern Michigan days, the sun came out allowing for a great time at the Richardi Park picnic. Event organizer Barb Bradford, with the help of the Star Township board, Friends of the Jordan, Antrim County Commissioners, Antrim Commission on Aging, Lakes of the North and surrounding community volunteers can, once again, be proud of all their efforts.

Fun was had by all.

The cooks and the servers kept the good food coming. Rock-n-Country Band had people dancing in the park.

Kids of all ages blew bubbles, made crafts, played games and even wrote poems for prizes.

Shiner the Klown gave out pretzels, bubbles and smiles.

Petitions were signed.

Antrim County Conservation provided everyone with a seedling tree in order to protect our lands. The can-do'ers [sic] and well-wishers all came together giving a terrific total of $14,933.49. These funds will be added to the donation and fundraiser pot which will be used for legal fees to stop the (CMS injection, Alba) well.

Thanks to all that helped, even in the smallest way.

Once again northern Michigan has shown it is overflowing with caring and giving people and in this case custodians of our earth.

Dorothy Francis
Elmira

ALMS FOR THE POOR

Editor:

According to the U.S. government, "poor" means that your income is something less than a poverty line that was defined back in the mid-1960s.

At the time of its inception, the poverty baseline measure was set at approximately three times the annual cost of a nutritionally adequate diet.

It was assumed that this amount would enable a family to meet basic needs: It may have then, it doesn't now.

To further illustrate, let's consider the current U.S. poverty line amount for a single-parent family with two children.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2007 amount was $16,705.

According to the Economic Policy Institute's Web site, this three-person family in the Saginaw/Bay City/Midland area must earn $29,316 annually, and in rural Michigan $27,168 to pay for key necessities without setting aside any money in savings or investments.

And, because housing is one of the largest monthly costs a family must incur, families with incomes beneath that basic budget amount often have no choice but to live in substandard housing: It's all they can afford.

The negative effects of substandard housing are well documented. These consequences are particularly dire for children. And shouldn't every child be allowed to grow up in decent, affordable housing?

This is an American problem. It is our problem. And some folks

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The Charlevoix Township Board will hold the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on Monday, June 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road

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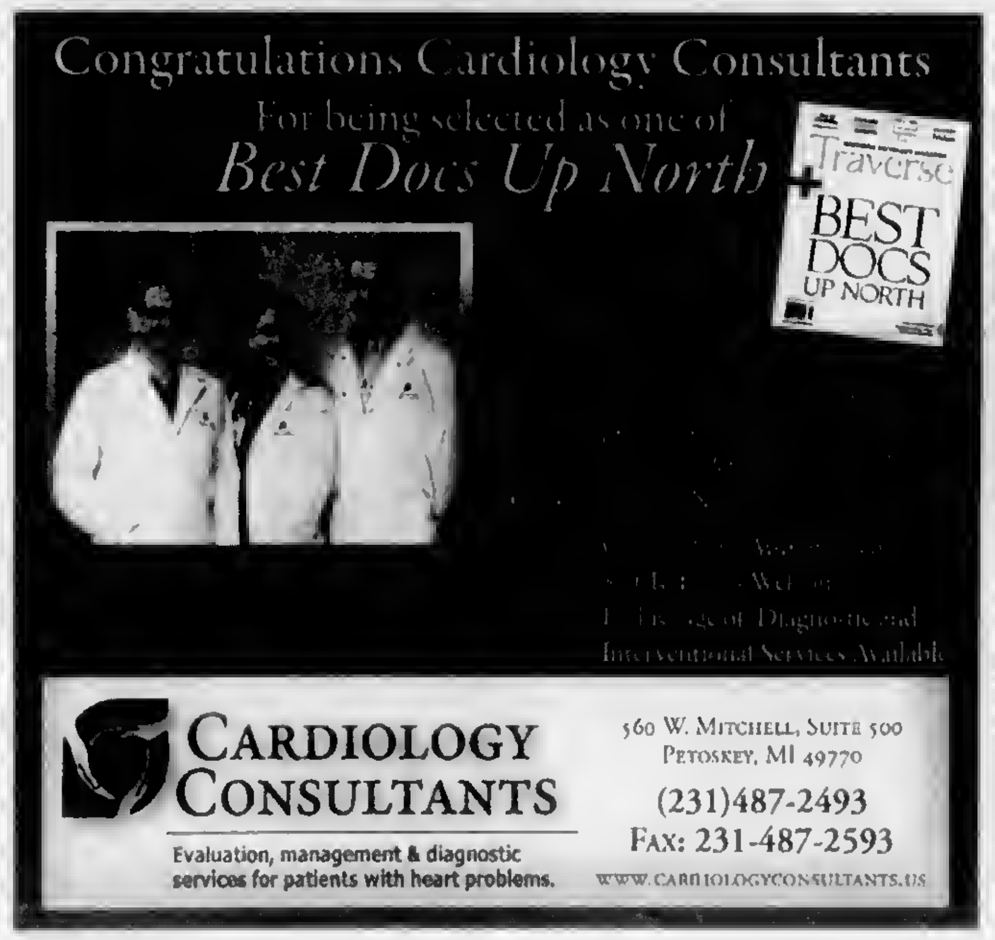

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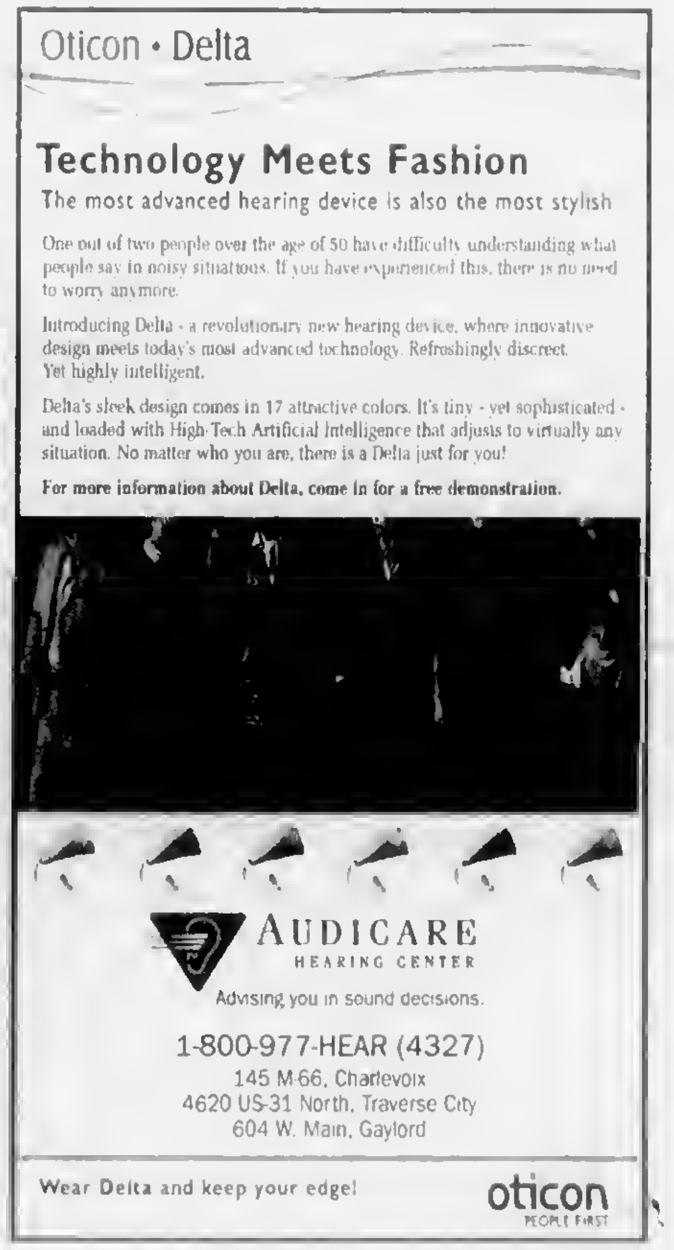

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The Charlevoix County students listed below have been named to the Dean's List for Spring Semester 2008 at Northwestern Michigan College.

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- Katelyn Jarema
- Brittany Kritz
- Christopher Loper

HOPE COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Shayna Drost and Katherine Madison both of Charlevoix, were recently honored by being named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.4 point average on a 4.0 scale.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

The following students have earned the distinction of being included on the Lake Superior State University Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester. To make the Dean's List, students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

- Natashia Kleiher, elementary education, senior
- Elyse Michrina, business administration, junior

OLIVET COLLEGE

- Madison McKenzie is one of 229 students named to the Olivet College, 2008 spring semester dean's list.

BETHANY LUTHERAN

- Peter Londgren, the son of Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, was named to the Spring 2007-08 Academic Year Dean's List at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. Londgren is a 2007 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

ADRIAN COLLEGE

- Lindsay Baic, a Freshman from Walloon Lake and Sierra Roberts, a Sophomore from East Jordan, were named to the Spring 2008 Dean's List at Adrian College.

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Benjamin Scott Allen of Charlevoix has graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Applied Networking Systems Administration. Benjamin studied in RIT's department of Networking Security Systems Administration in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. Benjamin is the son of Pamela and Andres Allen of Charlevoix and was a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Dustin Arp

LEE UNIVERSITY

- Dustin Arp, of Charlevoix was named to the Dean's List with Honors at Lee University for the spring 2008 semester. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.9 or higher were named to the Dean's List with Honors.

Dustin is the son of Rev. Michael and Carla Arp.

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Charlevoix Schools get tool cache

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Carter Oosterhousa poses with volunteers after filming his show "Carter Can" on June 16 in Traverse City. The volunteers repairad the home of a deserving Traversa City fan. Oosterhousa then donatad all tha Craftsman tools used in filming the show to Charlevoix High School.

Carter Can, and he did.

Traverse City native Carter Oosterhouse, host of "Carter Can" a do-it-yourself home improvement show on HGTV, recently donated nearly 90 tools to Charlevoix High School's building trades program.

"It's so exciting that Carter is giving back to the local community through his new show and his relationship with Craftsman," said Charlevoix High School principal Suzanne Klinger "The constructional education program at Charlevoix High School really appreciates the show of support from Craftsman and Carter. Our students will use these tools as they obtain hands-on home building skills."

Tools donated include table saws, circular saws, sanders, jig saws, air compressors and nail guns, drill bit sets, screwdrivers and hammers.

"Many graduates of the program go on to work for area contractors who respect the skills they have obtained and the work ethic they have developed by being a member of the Charlevoix High School Construction Technology Program," Klinger said.

Oosterhouse was in Traverse City June 19 shooting a special two-part feature when he donated the 86 hand tools.

"I'm excited to be back in my hometown, and I'm even more excited to be able to donate all the Craftsman tools we are using on the "Carter Can" set to Charlevoix High School. We're donating almost 90 items to the construction technology program," Oosterhouse said. "It's great to know that these Craftsman tools will be used to train students who will become the do-it-yourselfers of the future. I'm so honored to help bring out their inner craftsman. For those who are inspired to take on their own do-it-yourself projects they can learn more about the tools we used on our show at the HGTV Web site and at Craftsman.com."

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Ed's granddaughter, Dana Burke preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix, 06046 Old US 31 South, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Lesson learned

'Faithful Servant'

By Steve Guthrie

As I watch the news reports of flooding in the Midwest and interviews with people who have lost everything to floodwaters, I reflect back on Hurricane Katrina.

The day after that storm hit and the levees ruptured I and my friend Lyle Gennett climbed in my old station wagon and headed south, loaded down with a huge wad of cash and a trailer full of donated goods from the people of Charlevoix.

We found ourselves among the first volunteers to staff the Baton Rouge Convention Center, which eventually housed thousands of refugees from New Orleans.

Early on our first full day in the shelter I began going from cot to cot greeting new arrivals, many of whom were still in the crusty clothes they'd worn since being fished out of filthy flood waters. These were people who only the week before had houses, families, and normal lives. That morning they awoke in a former sports arena on a Red Cross cot surrounded by strangers, and their reactions ranged from pacing and crying to sitting slump-shouldered with a glazed expression staring off into the middle distance.

These were people fresh from trauma, just beginning to comprehend their losses, and starting to list their options for what to do next. From cot to cot I encountered fear, anxiety, blame-laying, and bewilderment. And in the midst of all that human heartache I spotted Ophelia. She was lying on her cot propped up against a wall of folded-up bleachers, calmly reading her Bible. She seemed serene in that early morning light, almost aglow, cotton-white hair framing her weathered black face. She wore a flannel nightgown buttoned at the neck and rested under a Red Cross blanket. I felt reluctant to interrupt her peace. Ophelia greeted me with a warm smile and a handshake too firm for a woman over 80.

In the gracious style of southern ladies she quickly shifted the focus of the conversation off of herself and onto her guest. "Oh, I hope you are well this mornin', she began, and then "Oh, you've come from Michigan.

My, what a long drive you must have had."

She was as mannerly welcoming me to her bedside as she would have been ushering me into her home, which, the last time she saw it, was completely submerged.

The widow Ophelia, I was to learn, had escaped her flooding home with the help of neighbors, who had placed her in a boat and swam in the water to propel that boat out to I-10.

There she'd been placed on a bus to Baton Rouge, avoiding the dirty and dangerous Superdome.

She had run for her life with a small cardboard suitcase, and in the few moments she had to gather her belongings after the levee burst she scooped up two photo albums, a handful of clothes, her pills, and her Bible.

She showed me photos of her family, fondly naming and recalling the accomplishments of each one, and when she got to the graduation picture of a nephew she told me calmly that her heart was preoccupied for his safety because in the chaos of the storm and the evacuation no one knew what had become of him.

Ophelia was a portrait in composure, and as I spoke with her of how she was handling all this turmoil and uncertainty I realized I was meeting a case study in real faith.

She explained to me how faith was something that had to be lived out every day, in good times and bad, in triumph and tragedy.

She did not want to be known to God as a "fair-weather follower" of Jesus, but someone who would trust in His love and faithfulness even when everything she could see around her said logically she ought to panic.

She knew God had provided her with a roof over her head her entire life and He would again, but for that day the roof He provided was a cot in a shelter and she was thankful for His kindness. She knew God had His watchful eye on her nephew, and took at face value His promise in Psalm 91 that He would give His angels charge over His faithful, to guard us in all our ways.

She spoke easily of God's promises of compassion and loving kindness.

Her familiar faith had come from years of reading God's Word, praying, and trusting.

He had never disappointed Ophelia, and never failed to keep His promises.

The result was a simple, unwavering faith based on relationship and not religion. She had lived her entire life walking hand-in-hand with her heavenly Daddy, and no Force-5 hurricane named Katrina could shake what she had. I finished my visit with Ophelia and moved on, eventually kneeling besides hundreds of cots in the days that followed. But in the time I spent at Ophelia's cot I got more than I gave.

I went to give comfort and encouragement, and instead received a living sermon in trusting the Lord never to be forgotten.

Guthrie directs Christian Counseling Services, www.christiancounsel.net. Counseling and healing prayer by appointment at (231) 675-4682.

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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
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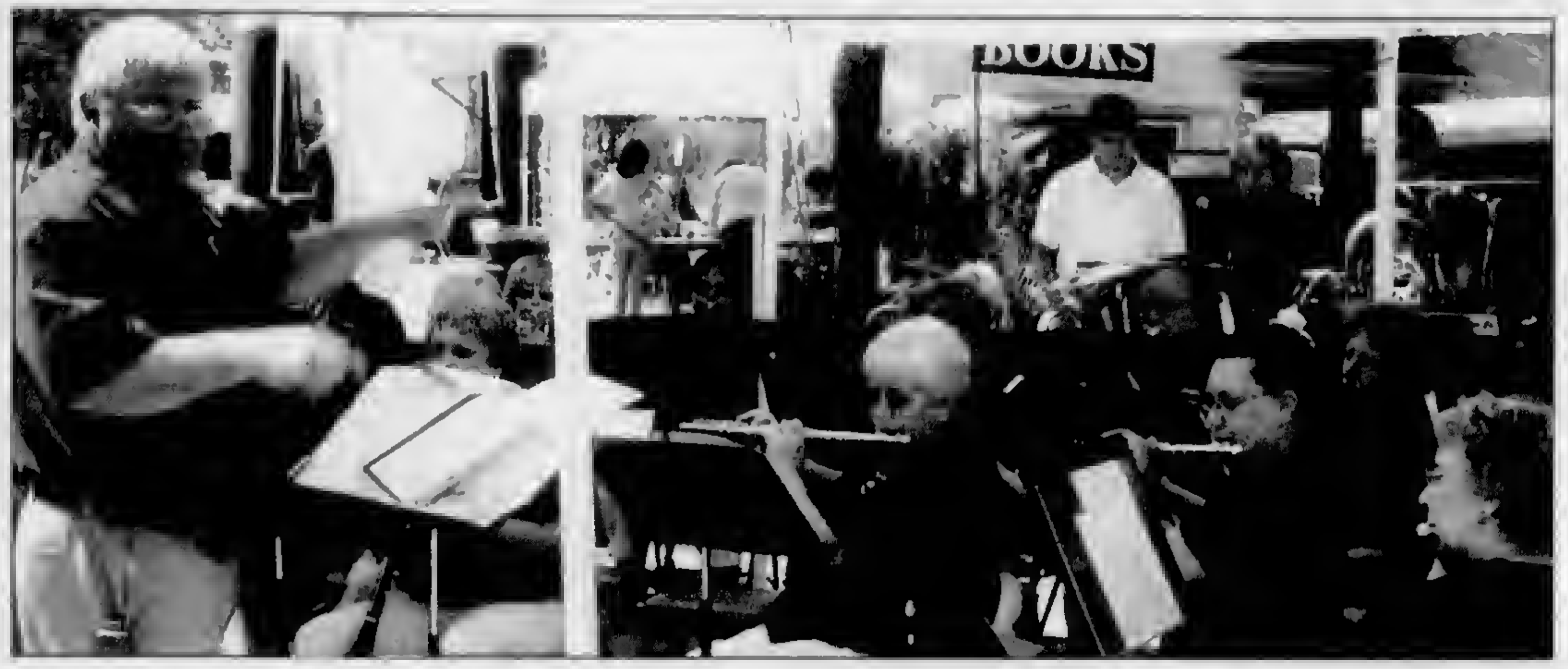
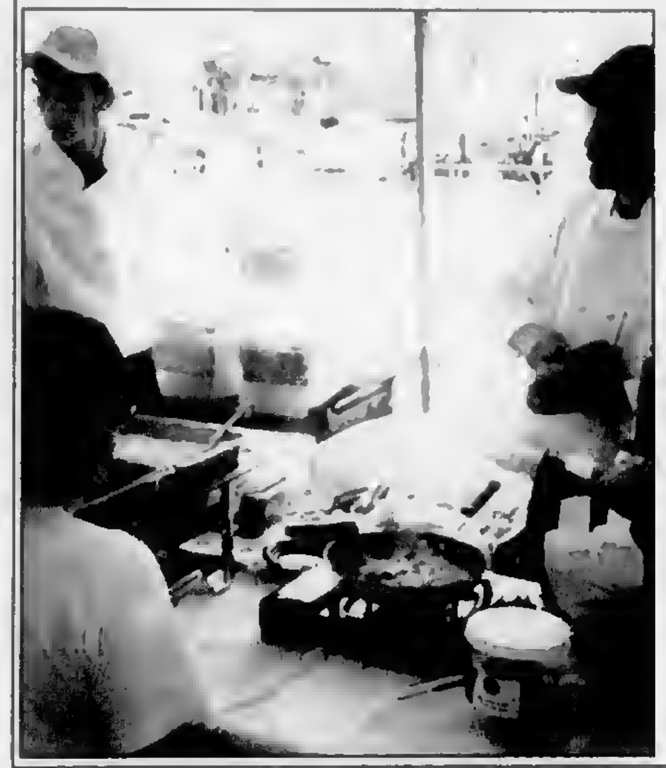


Taste of music

The Charlevoix City Band entertained the crowd during the 5th Annual Taste of Charlevoix Festival. They started the day off early and played their brand of big band and jazz through much of the day. Gary Stutzman (left) is seen conducting the band the morning of Saturday, June 21.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman



Taste of Charlevoix

Chefs from Whitney's Oyster Bar made pasta and crab cakes for hundreds in attendance of the fifth annual event. A wide variety of food from around the area was featured at the Taste of Charlevoix Festival on Saturday, Juna 21 and Sunday, June 22.

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Ed and Darleen made their home in Petoskey for 25 years before moving to Charlevoix in 1998.

Ed was a Deacon at the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix, and was a member of the F&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Darleen of Charlevoix; sons, Edmund K. (Vicki) Burke, Jr. of Denver, Colo., Alan L. (Sheila) Burke of Charlevoix; daughters, Glenda I. (Ron) Nelson of Dayton, Ohio, Kathy A. (Jim) Boyer of Elk Rapids; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; half-brother, Robert (Cindy) Redman of Montana and Hawaii; half-sister, Phyllis Redman of Charlevoix.

Ed's granddaughter, Dana Burke preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix, 06046 Old US 31 South, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Lesson learned

'Faithful Servant'
By Steve Guthrie

As I watch the news reports of flooding in the Midwest and interviews with people who have lost everything to floodwaters, I reflect back on Hurricane Katrina.

The day after that storm hit and the levees ruptured I and my friend Lyle Gennett climbed in my old station wagon and headed south, loaded down with a huge wad of cash and a trailer full of donated goods from the people of Charlevoix.

We found ourselves among the first volunteers to staff the Baton Rouge Convention Center, which eventually housed thousands of refugees from New Orleans.

Early on our first full day in the shelter I began going from cot to cot greeting new arrivals, many of whom were still in the crusty clothes they'd worn since being fished out of filthy flood waters. These were people who only the week before had houses, families, and normal lives. That morning they awoke in a former sports arena on a Red Cross cot surrounded by strangers, and their reactions ranged from pacing and crying to sitting slump-shouldered with a glazed expression staring off into the middle distance.

These were people fresh from trauma, just beginning to comprehend their losses, and starting to list their options for what to do next. From cot to cot I encountered fear, anxiety, blame-laying, and bewilderment. And in the midst of all that human heartache I spotted Ophelia. She was lying on her cot propped up against a wall of folded-up bleachers, calmly reading her Bible. She seemed serene in that early morning light, almost aglow, cotton-white hair framing her weathered black face. She wore a flannel nightgown buttoned at the neck and rested under a Red Cross blanket. I felt reluctant to interrupt her peace. Ophelia greeted me with a warm smile and a handshake too firm for a woman over 80.

In the gracious style of southern ladies she quickly shifted the focus of the conversation off of herself and onto her guest. "Oh, I hope you are well this mornin', she began, and then "Oh, you've come from Michigan.

My, what a long drive you must have had."

She was as mannerly welcoming me to her bedside as she would have been ushering me into her home, which, the last time she saw it, was completely submerged.

The widow Ophelia, I was to learn, had escaped her flooding home with the help of neighbors, who had placed her in a boat and swam in the water to propel that boat out to I-10.

There she'd been placed on a bus to Baton Rouge, avoiding the dirty and dangerous Superdome.

She had run for her life with a small cardboard suitcase, and in the few moments she had to gather her belongings after the levee burst she scooped up two photo albums, a handful of clothes, her pills, and her Bible.

She showed me photos of her family, fondly naming and recalling the accomplishments of each one, and when she got to the graduation picture of a nephew she told me calmly that her heart was preoccupied for his safety because in the chaos of the storm and the evacuation no one knew what had become of him.

Ophelia was a portrait in composure, and as I spoke with her of how she was handling all this turmoil and uncertainty I realized I was meeting a case study in real faith.

She explained to me how faith was something that had to be lived out every day, in good times and bad, in triumph and tragedy.

She did not want to be known to God as a "fair-weather follower" of Jesus, but someone who would trust in His love and faithfulness even when everything she could see around her said logically she ought to panic.

She knew God had provided her with a roof over her head her entire life and He would again, but for that day the roof He provided was a cot in a shelter and she was thankful for His kindness. She knew God had His watchful eye on her nephew, and took at face value His promise in Psalm 91 that He would give His angels charge over His faithful, to guard us in all our ways.

She spoke easily of God's promises of compassion and loving kindness.

Her familiar faith had come from years of reading God's Word, praying, and trusting.

He had never disappointed Ophelia, and never failed to keep His promises.

The result was a simple, unwavering faith based on relationship and not religion. She had lived her entire life walking hand-in-hand with her heavenly Daddy, and no Force-5 hurricane named Katrina could shake what she had. I finished my visit with Ophelia and moved on, eventually kneeling besides hundreds of cots in the days that followed. But in the time I spent at Ophelia's cot I got more than I gave.

I went to give comfort and encouragement, and instead received a living sermon in trusting the Lord never to be forgotten.

Guthrie directs Christian Counseling Services, www.christiancounsel.net. Counseling and healing prayer by appointment at (231) 675-4682.

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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m
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Taste of music

The Charlevoix City Band entertained the crowd during the 5th Annual Taste of Charlevoix Festival. They started the day off early and played their brand of big band and jazz through much of the day. Gary Stutzman (left) is seen conducting the band the morning of Saturday, June 21.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Taste of Charlevoix

Chefs from Whitney's Oyster Bar made pasta and crab cakes for hundreds in attendance of the fifth annual event. A wide variety of food from around the area was featured at the Taste of Charlevoix Festival on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22.

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Eye health important

BY TRACEY RUPINSKI
R.N.

Have you thought about your eye health today? For most of us we go through life with little thought about our eyes, until one day your vision is gone.

Is there anything you should have done? Research suggests that eating a healthy, fresh diet rich in vitamin A is the key to healthy eyes.

Vitamin A prevents night blindness. Lack of this vitamin is the single leading cause of blindness in developing countries. It also prevents cataracts from forming and may play a key role in preventing blindness from macular degeneration. With that stated, have you eaten your carrots today?

An average size carrot contains twice the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance of vitamin A. If carrots are not your favorite vegetable don't worry, there are plenty of fresh fruits and vegetable that are also good for your eye health. Foods rich in vitamin A are usually yellow, orange or green in color. They are also leafy in texture. Select produce that is fresh and darkest in color. Cooking destroys vitamin A amounts, so try eating them raw or undercooked. If fresh produce is not available, select frozen rather than canned. The canning process strips away much of the vitamin A in foods.

The following is a list of foods high in vitamin A: cod liver oil, liver, carrots, sweet potatoes, kale, butternut squash, red peppers, mangos and cantaloupe.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging serves nutritious meals daily at local senior centers, located in Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan. Meals can also be delivered to your home if you are homebound and over 60 years of age. For more information call the Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

Health care concerns

A new AARP survey reveals that older Americans are extremely concerned about their skyrocketing health care costs and they are less likely to support lawmakers who raise those costs even higher. The poll of adults 50-plus finds 81 percent oppose additional increases to Medicare premiums and 66 percent are less likely to vote for an elected official who supports those increases.

"It's time for Congress to stop treating the symptoms and find real solutions to our skyrocketing health care costs," said AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond. "Americans 50-plus want lawmakers to fix the problem, not just raise their premiums."

Eight in ten survey respondents opposed raising premiums even higher instead of looking at other recommended ways to lower health care costs.

AARP's poll also found that a vast majority of 50-plus Americans are concerned about their current and future out-of-pocket health care costs. Concern over Medicare premiums even extends to those not yet in the program.

AARP has been working to keep premiums fair and improve Medicare's low-income programs. The grassroots effort has already generated more than 205,000 signed petitions as well

Boyne City's 4th of July Festival

All Day-Food, Games, & Concession stands of non-profit organizations

- 6:30am-7:15am Running Race Registration-behind the Chamber building
- 7am-11am B.C. Masonic Lodge Breakfast
- 7:30am 29th Annual Independence Day Race
- 8:30am Parade registration & line-up at Water Works Dept. Division Street
- 9am-7pm Bouncers & More Inflatable Alley- For all ages & sizes
- 9:00-9:15am Children's bike & costume lineup at Early Child. Development Center playground: Judging at 9:30am Sharp!
- 9:30 Pre-parade show: Boyne City Gymnastics & Eta Nu Clowns-Downtown
- 10am to 6pm 30th Annual Waterside Art & Craft Show-Veterans Park
- 10am GRAND PARADE Water & Lake Street
- 11am Rotary's Chicken BBQ Veterans Park
- 11am Boyne Valley Garden Club Pie Sale
- 12:00pm-2pm Kiwanis Children's Games-Veterans Park
- 1pm Horton Bay Parade in Horton Bay
- 1:30pm Bands In Veterans Park: Northern Nights, Epsilon Jass band, & Rawhide
- 2:00pm Commemorative Raft Race Old City Park
- 2:30pm 20th Annual Duck Race Old City Park
- 3:00pm B.C. Volunteer Fire Dept. Waterball Challenge-Veterans Park
- 4:00pm Soap Box Derby-trial runs followed by race-Park & Cedar Street
- 6:00-9:00pm Stroll the Streets-Downtown Boyne City
- 10:30pm FIREWORKS (Rain Date for the Fireworks is July 5th at 10:30 pm!)

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East Park update: fountain test A-OK

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In this week's East Park update, you will notice that the programming for the Interactive Water Fountain (IWF) seen (above) has been completed. All of the pumps, filters and nozzles are fully functional and operational. Go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uj6BdUpJgY4 to see a short video of the IWF being tested on Tuesday, June 17.

• Harbor Master Building (HMB) - Interior finishes to the HMB are complete. The final construction clean-up is underway and were supposed to be finished on or around June 23. Final inspections for the interior of the HMB are currently being performed by the Charlevoix County Building Department. When these inspections are concluded, an occupancy permit will be issued allowing access to the public restrooms and all of the boaters' facilities. The permit could be granted as early as next week. On June 19, a complete system start-up of the mechanical and plumbing systems was held, along with a training session for city staff. On June 20, the Harbor Master is moving in his new furniture. The rooftop of the HMB is complete other than some minor painting of the handrails. Stonemasons are starting to lay up the block walls for the planter beds, steps and walkways that the public will use to access the rooftop. Beginning next week, Manthei Development Corporation (MDC) will start removing the portion of Clinton Street that has been re-designed. This will likely cause some traffic issues in this area, so please avoid driving a vehicle on Clinton Street east of Bridge Street unless necessary. Footings are poured and the block walls have been laid up for the wheelchair-accessible walkway located to the north of the HMB.

• Performance Pavilion (PP) - The previous project update stated that the lighting for the stage area was complete. In fact it was not at that time; however the lighting will be complete by the morning of Monday, June 23 at the latest. Work on the interior finishes continues throughout the PP. Plans to conduct the start-up for the mechanical and plumbing equipment in PP are slated for next week and the stage floor will be polished next week as well. Initial cursory evaluations of this facility's acoustics have been very encouraging. The brick pavers on the rooftop have been completed as of June 20. Most of the painting of the handrails is complete. Handrails continue to be installed throughout the entire site.

• General Site Work - The irrigation system continues to be installed south of the PP. When the stonemasons are finished with the wall to the east of the PP, irrigation will be installed around the front of the stage. If things proceed as planned, sod will be laid to the south of the PP early next week.

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are trying to do something about it.

Two organizations have reached out in a big way to teach this country's citizens about the issue of substandard housing: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. Together they created the Thrivent Builds Mobile, a 67-foot multi-media exhibit on wheels that is traveling across the United States. Stepping inside the Mobile enables each visitor to actually experience what it might be like to live in substandard housing.

The Thrivent Builds Mobile will be in Traverse City during the National Cherry Festival, July 5 - 12 at intersection of East Grandview Parkway and North Union Street. Hours for the exhibit are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. It is an event not to be missed. It is important for all adults to experience this exhibit; it is equally appropriate for children.

Call (231) 348-6926 or (231) 882-4574 for more information.

Mary Margaret Hornbaker, executive director, Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity and Les Poggemeyer, chairperson, Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County

FLAGS OF OUR FUNDRAISER

Editor:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League, I am writing to express our continuing gratitude for the many thousands of dollars which our citizens have donated on our most recent Flag Day sales.

These many dollars have gone directly into an endowment fund, the interest from which provides three $1,000.00 scholarships to area high school seniors who will be attending North Central Michigan College. Your readership should know the coins and dollars which they have been put into our coffers will continue to provide funds into perpetuity. Thanks to your generous support, we could well be adding a fourth scholarship in the near future.

Glen R. Williams, Information Officer, Marine Corps League

Boyne City

A MATTER OF GROOMING

Editor:

As part of a grassroots committee which includes, but is not limited to, Mary Adams, Don Heise, Laura Stebe, John and Bre Curtis, awareness needs to be brought forward to the public on the need of the groomer for the ski hill.

It all boils down to this: if there is no groomer, there will be no season.

The old groomer lasted 18 years and has cost the City a lot to continue to repair as it was one of about five made. The parts had to be custom made and was very costly.

The man-hours that have gone into that old groomer to make it work the last few seasons is astounding.

A new or gently used groomer would save money, decrease man-hours for repairs and for custom made parts. Yes the price tag is high, the city will fund $100,000 with the balance being collected hopefully through grant monies, private donations, pledges and fundraising events.

The old groomer will be sold for parts and go towards the new one.

Yes, the economy is hard. But, Mt. McSauba is the winter gem of the city. It is the second oldest locally owned ski resort in Michigan, it is a vital asset to our town.

Please help us to offset the cost of a new or used groomer, yet to be determined, to ensure the safety of the ski and snowboard enthusiasts. With a new terrain park planned for the 2008-2009 season, with elements built by a local Scout, it is paramount that the ski hill be open for all to enjoy.

With the new wells and pumps installed last fall, we now have the ability to make snow fast and efficiently. We just need the correct equipment to move mass amounts of stockpiled snow.

I commend Ike Boss and Bo Boss for their efforts to raise funds for this very integral part of operations for the ski hill. Without a new snow cat the ski hill will not be able to operate safely.

Can anyone imagine Mt. McSauba not opening? I don't think so.

Please help. Contact Ike Boss at 547-3253 for further information.

Laura A. Stebe

Charlevoix

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, June 16, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place

- Motion passed accepting tha resignation of Councilmember Campbell from the Standing Historic District Study Committee.
- Motion passed approving the agreement with the Charlevoix City Band
- Motion passed to publicly support the Tall Ship Construction Project.
- Motion passed approving the agreement with the Charlevoix Area Community Pool
- Motion passed appointing Ken Polakowski to the Standing Historic District Study Committee.
- Motion passed suspending rule 13(k) of the Rules and Procedures of City Council.
- Motion passed to reconsider East Park Plaza A design.
- Motion passed to redesign Plaza A, with bench seating, a 6 foot concrete sidewalk, with sod in the green space.
- Motion passed authorizing a letter of support for Northwest Academy's grant request from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall on a proposed ordinance to amend the dog regulations in East Park to allow dogs in the park during events that are parforming in city-approved events.

Council went into closed session to discussion POLC union negotiations.

Motion passed approving the POLC agreement

Council adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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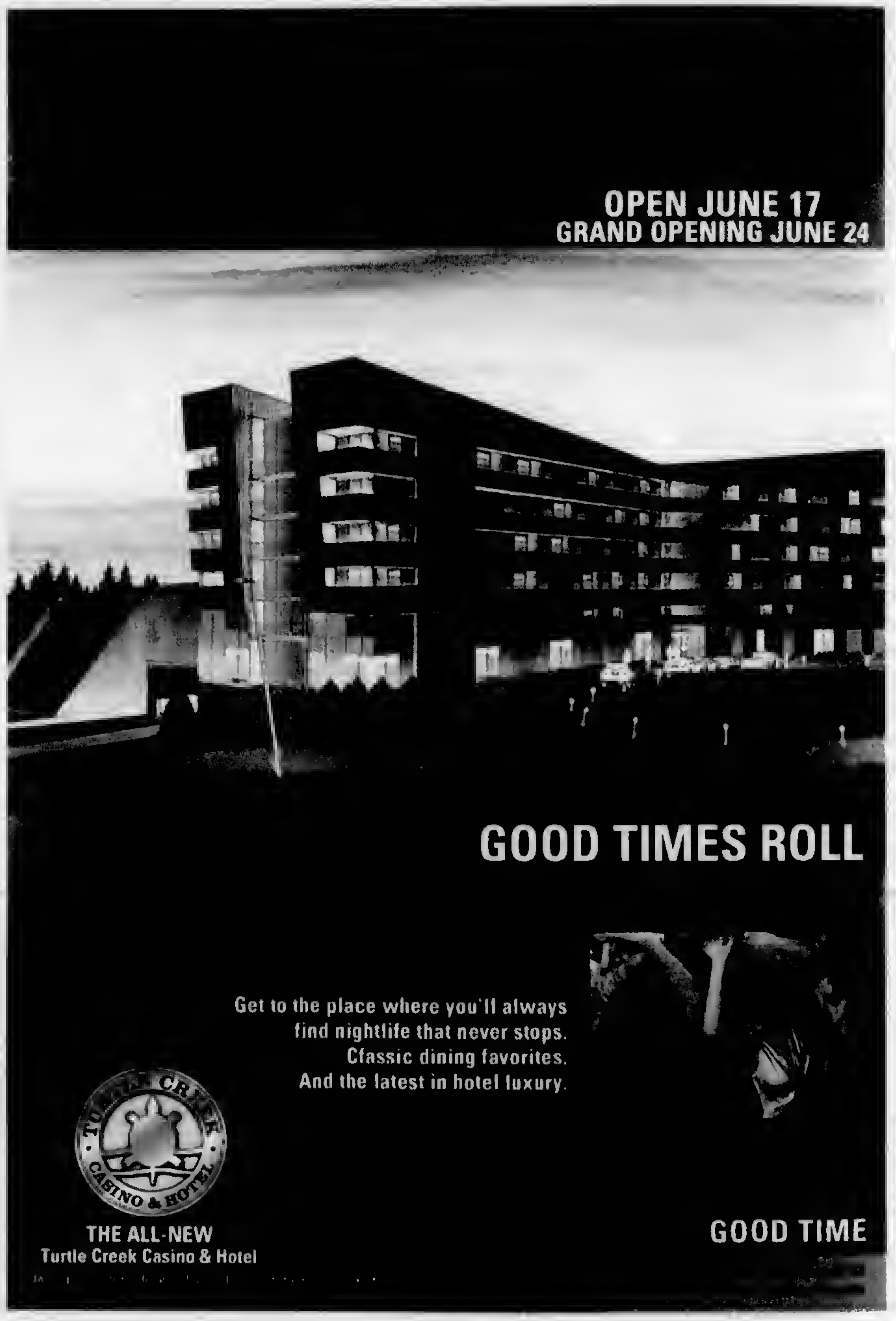
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Hatch Act case reopened, undersheriff reassigned

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Following notification from the Office of Special Counsel that his Hatch Act complaint is under re-investigation, Under Sheriff Don Schneider has taken a lateral move in an attempt to come into compliance with the federal law.

Schneider is now working in an administrative role, while Chuck Vondra has been named as acting Under Sheriff. Neither officer's salary has changed

"First they said the case was closed, then they said it was re-opened," said Schneider. "I thought I was free to focus on campaigning, now I got this kicking me in the teeth again. I'm guessing someone made a complaint. (The Hatch Act) is being used as a political device."

In a June 6, letter Schneider was told that his position at the sheriff's department did not put his candidacy in jeopardy because his duties were not connected to federally financed activities, nor was he in charge of employees who were. Then in an email dated June 17, Schneider was told that "new information" was received and his case was once again under active investigation.

In his new role, Schneider does not have any authority in the department.

The move is not a resignation, and Schneider said that it was within Sheriff George Lasater's authority to change his job description.

"People still come to me because I have a wealth of knowledge," said Schneider. "But it's one thing to be a source of information, and another to direct someone to do something."

Passed in 1939, the Hatch Act prevents federal employees from running in partisan elections.

Don Sproul, who retired from the Charlevoix Sheriff's Department after 25 years of service, is running against Schneider while working part-time for the Boyne City Police Department. He declined to comment on Schneider's Hatch Act complaint investigation while it was still open.

If the Merit Systems Protection Board finds that the violation warrants dismissal from employment, the employing agency must either remove the employee or forfeit a portion of the federal assistance equal to two years salary of the employee. If the Board finds the violation does not warrant the employee's removal, no penalty is imposed.

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Cvx High School earns NCA CASI accreditation

Charlevoix High School Principal Suzanne Klinger announced on June 6 that Charlevoix High School earned continuing accreditation from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), as accredited division of Advanced CD. This action was taken at the AdvancED Accreditation Commission meeting held in Orlando, Fla. on Dec. 8, 2007.

Charlevoix High School has been accredited since 1926

NCA CASI provides nationally recognized accreditation, the purpose of which is continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet NCA CASI high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school and implement a continuous process of school improvement. Accreditation is granted on a five year term.

"Accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are focused on raising student achievement providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators," stated Principal Klinger.

NCA CASI accreditation is recognized across state lines, which not only eases the transfer process as students move from accredited school to accredited school but also assures parents that the school is meeting nationally accepted standards for quality and successful professional practice.

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, the parent organization of NCA CASI, stated "NCA CASI accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. Charlevoix High School is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement."

Parents and interested community members can learn more about accreditation at www.advanced.org.

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Nature Photography Workshop
Friday, June 27, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
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Meet the Author: Michael Lindley
Saturday, June 28, 10:00 - noon
[illegible]

PAWS for a Story
Saturday, June 28, 10:30 am - 1:30
[illegible]

Annual Used Book Sale
Saturday, June 28, 10:00-5:00 pm and Sunday, June 29, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
[illegible]

Librarian of Congress visit
Monday, June 30, 5:30 pm
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Summer Reading Club Registration
Tuesday, July 1, 10:30 am - 7:45 pm
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Friday	6-8am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm
Saturday	11:30am-1pm

OPEN SWIM	
Monday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Tuesday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Wednesday	6-8pm
Thursday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Friday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Saturday	1-4pm

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Libertarian joins 105th race

DEAN JOINS RACE FOR ELSENHEIMER'S SEAT

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Dean

Greg Dean has never been that comfortable with the two existing political parties.

"I'm socially liberal and fiscally conservative," said the Antrim County resident and self-employed contractor.

In 2004, he first entered the 105th race as a Republican before switching out of the crowded field to the less competitive Democratic side. Now, Dean has once again thrown himself into the race for a seat in Lansing — only now he is doing it as a Libertarian. He was nominated for the race at the party's state convention last week.

"Both Democrats and Republicans are two sides to the same coin," he said. "They both need big government. Libertarians believe in small government."

Although Dean admits running a third-party campaign is very difficult — even the wake of Ron Paul's popular run for the Republican nomination earlier this year — he hopes that his grass roots movement gets a new message to the public.

"Most of the Republicans up here are true Libertarians," he said. "We love our country, but fear our government."

Dean said he was unsure how a third-party candidate like himself could affect the four-county race. But he added he hoped to try and draw both of his opponents, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, and Democrat Connie Saltonstall into a some public debates. He named energy independence, the state's education system and its economy as three of the top issues he hoped to address during the election.

"The Republicans are running scared in this year's election, from the presidency all the way down to local politics. They're in fear of losing key positions," he said. "I could be a spoiler."

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Top librarian to speak

Dr. James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, will speak at 5:30 p.m. on June 30 at Charlevoix Public Library. There will be a reception in his honor afterward. Billington will bring artifacts from the Library of Congress to highlight in his talk.

All welcome at Republican picnic

At 1 p.m., July 6, in Whiting Park on Lake Charlevoix, the Charlevoix County Republicans will host their 70th Annual Republican Picnic. Cost is $8 per person, children younger than 12 eat free. Century Club Members admitted free. Come join the GOP for some "good Republican chicken" cooked by famous barbecue chef and Charlevoix County Prosecutor John A. Jarema and his culinary staff.

Beverages are provided, bring a dish to pass, bring your children and grandchildren, family, friends and anyone who would like to have a good time.

Look for the elephant and flags.

Special guests in attendance will include Jack Hoogendyk, candidate for U.S. Senate; Tom Casperson, Don Hooper and Linda Goldthorpe, candidates for U.S. Congress; Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and county officers.

There will be door prizes and guest speakers.

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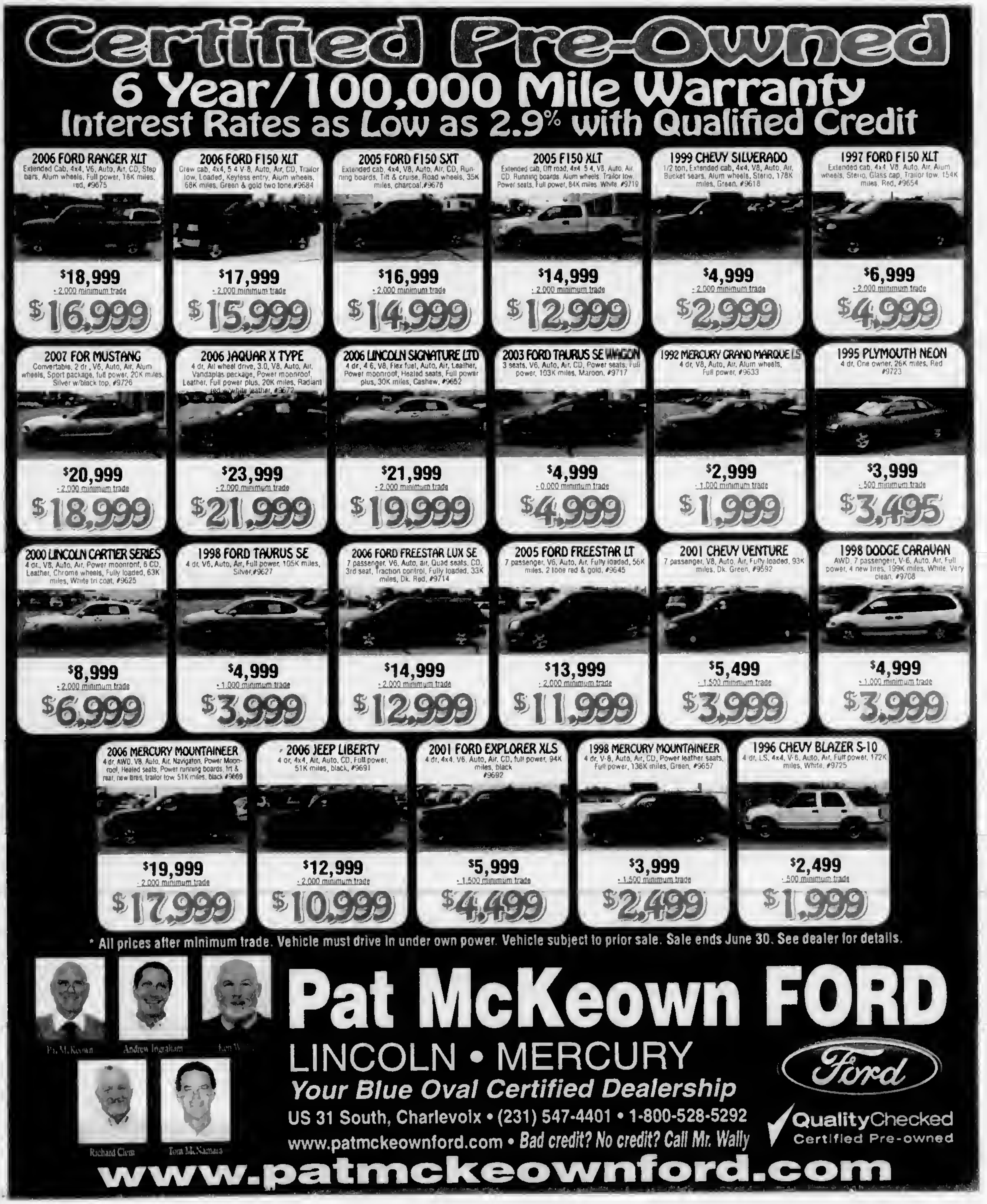

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Masonic scholarship winner

Caitlin Mitchell (top, center) was awarded this year's Masonic Youth Scholarship in tha amount of $2,000.00. She plans to attend Central Michigan University to study business. Standing to her right are her mother, Lori Mitchell and her grandfathar, Charlie Mitchell. To her left ara Dick Sayward, Past Master of Charlevoix Lodge #282 and co-chairman of the scholarship committee, and Ervin R. Barrett, current Worshipful Master of Lodge #282. Caitlin's father, Pat Mitchell, is not pictured. The annual scholarship is eligible to Charlevoix High School students.

Mine tour

Following a court order, several members of the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety were allowed, June 20, to tour Wayne Wynkoop's 100-acre parcel which includes his limestone quarry. Surveyors, NTCHS and members of the public are seen here touring the operation. This resevoir (below) is one of several to prevent contaminated water from draining into the surrounding forest or creek in the back of tha property.

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'Smallest little tournament' benefits charity

The 2008 Helen Open Steering Committee and Hospice of Northwest Michigan are pleased to announce the 2008 Helen Open, the 8th annual golfing event which is held in honor of Helen Weislik.

Last year the "smallest little tournament" in town raised another $15,000, bringing the total raised and donated to Hospice of Northwest Michigan in memory of Helen Weislik to over $75,000.

Thanks to everyone who golfed in the Open, donated items, or bid at the auction. Your generosity is what made this possible.

For those who may not be familiar with this event, the Weislik family has owned the Townhouse Bar for over 40 years, and this tournament was established as a lasting tribute to Helen Weislik, who dispensed spirited advice as freely as she dispensed spirits. Several generations of Charlevoixans have benefited from Helen's caring and commitment to the community In keeping with her dedication, the proceeds from the 2008 Open will again be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan to support their efforts in Charlevoix and Antrim Counties.

Captains for last year's teams are being contacted and invited to register their returning golfers. First priority is given to those who golfed in last year's tournament. We will accept individual registrations from golfers new to the tournament after the returning golfers have registered. These registrations will be used to fill openings on existing teams.

Entry fee is $60.00 per golfer and must be paid at registration. There will not be a registration event this year. Open registration will begin in July for any spots not taken by previous participants.

If you were a sponsor who helped make last year so successful, we applaud your generosity and ask if we will be able to count on your support to make this year equally successful. If you have not donated in the past, we hope that you will join us this year..

This year's Helen Open will be on Sunday, August 17 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Signs with donor names will again be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program.

Two complimentary drinks at the Townhouse will be provided for each person or business donating at least $50, and food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per non-golfer. An auction will be held and everyone is invited to bid on their favorite items.

The first seven Helen Open events were great fun and raised a lot of money for a worthy cause. This year will surely follow in that tradition.

We look forward to having you join us and participate in the 2008 Helen Open.

For further information you may call Cheri Hoffman, at 547-4578 or Ron Weislik at 547-6690.

Masonic golf fundraiser event

Charlevoix Masonic Lodge presents the 2008 College Fund Benefit Golf Outing. Everyone is invited to take part at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 19 for the shotgun start at the Antrim Dells Public Golf Course on US 31 Highway in Atwood. Cost is $80 per golfer or $320 per team. The fee includes Golf Cart, Dinner, Awards and Prizes.

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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 10th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show, featuring high quality art displayed in beautiful downtown Charlevoix.

Participating artisans are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations.

This two-day event showcases paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry and more. A delightful surprise waits around every corner. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many beautiful and unusual items on display.

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 28
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 29

Michigan resident Noel Skiba will be just one of the many talented artists demonstrating her skill during the event. Noel loves painting and has surrounded her life with art. As a colorist, Skiba often paints on location, plein air, capturing a moment in time in an impressionistic style using watercolor, oil and acrylics. Her colorful style wonderfully captures the beauty of Michigan.

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Bikes for kids

Chet Morris (left), Owner of Revolution Bike helps Steve Andreae, Vice President of United Way, lift one of 13 bikes onto a trailer to donate to foster children. "I had worked at several bike shops downstate and I would always hear about people giving things to Africa and sending things overseas, so I figured, 'why not give locally for a change?'" said Morris.

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WWI photo

Bob Drebenstedt, District Five Charlevoix County Commissioner and Ed Holm, Director of Veterans Affairs, hang a photograph that was donated to the Office of Veterans Affairs. The photo is of World War I soldiers preparing to head out to Fort Custer on Aug. 27, 1918.

Federal Aviation grant

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded more than $1.9 million in grants to three airports in northern Michigan, one of them in Charlevoix.

The City of Charlevoix will receive $404,130 for improvements at Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

The grant will provide funds to purchase snow removal equipment, rehabilitate runway 9/27 and remove a building obstructing the approach to the airport. Combined with $2.45 million awarded in May to airports in Sault Ste. Marie, Houghton and Marquette, this announcement brings the total FAA grant funding for northern Michigan's airports to more than $4.35 million for the year.

NMPHW luncheon

The Northern Michigan Pan-Hellenic Women will hold a noon luncheon meeting, July 2 at the new Charlevoix Library, 220 W. Clinton, Charlevoix. The lunch will be catered by the Grey Gables Inn. Hostesses for the day are Ann Bisbee and Mary Jane Wilson.

The program will be a guided tour of the library conducted by the head librarian.

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Firefighter propane burn training session

What: Free Firefighter Propane Safety Training and Demonstration

When: 6:30 p.m., July 1

Where: Charlevoix Fire Department, 210 State St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Who: All firefighters and first responders from Charlevoix County and surrounding counties including Emmet, Cheboygan, Otsego and Antrim

The Michigan Propane Gas Association Emergency Response Team will conduct a FREE Propane Emergency Response Training class for fire service personnel from Charlevoix and surrounding counties on July 1.

This event will feature a dramatic live burn and is open to the public, providing the community an incredible opportunity to see their local fire service in action in a controlled setting. Fire service personnel will be educated in Propane Emergency Response techniques and is free of charge to fire fighters in Charlevoix and surrounding counties.

The Propane Emergency Training Program is a state-certified course for all first responders and has trained over 3,000 to date. Law enforcement personnel, city and township officials as well as news media are encouraged to attend this event.

"Propane is a useful, safe and efficient tool for making our lives safer and more comfortable," said MPGA President Wayne Kohley. "This training will not only raise awareness about the benefits of propane, but also provide invaluable information on its safety issues."

The state-of-the-art training for propane emergencies is divided into a classroom session covering properties and principles of propane, while the outside hands-on session includes live burn interactive scenarios designed to simulate various types of propane emergencies. This training provides Michigan first responders and law enforcement with immediate advice and recommendations for an on site emergency; have on site specialized propane equipment and personnel to assist in remedying a propane emergency.

For more information go to www.UseMichiganPropane.com or www.michigan.gov/cis and type in Propane Emergency Training into the internal search.

Some quick facts about propane gas:

- Michigan consistently ranks as one of the largest consumers of propane in the nation.
- The Environmental Protection Agency recognizes propane as a clean burning alternative fuel and it is not harmful to soil and water.
- Propane releases less carbon dioxide than ethanol, gasoline, kerosene, bio-diesel, diesel, fuel oil and coal and does not contaminate aquifers or soil.
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix Little League falls to Grayling

Charlevoix's Junior Division played a doubleheader against Grayling on June 10 at home.

Charlevoix hitters for the game, where Grayling beat Charlevoix 13 to 6, were: singles by Morgan Stewart, River Gauthier, Jordan Farmer and two by Andrew Potter. Pitching the game was Coby Herrimann and Tommy Zipp.

Charlevoix wraps up it's regular season next week and will begin All Stars tournaments on June 29 in Traverse City.

Charlevoix mens slo-pitch softball results

Charlevoix Men's Slo-Pitch

Thursday, June 19 Games

Carlson's Home Improvement : 15 – 4 : Boss Engineering

For Carlson's, Dave McKenzie had a double, Brett Erskine had a double and a home run, and Chris Waha had two home runs.

Wojan Window & Door : 3 2 . Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire

For Wojan, Tyler Beer had a double

RGM Services 21 – 0 : Art Form & Frontier Classic

For RGM, RJ Moore, Tom Moore and Bo Moore each had a double. Eddie Waldron had a double and a triple, and Nate Golovich had an in the park home run.

Charlevoix Men's Slo-Pitch June 16

RGM Services : 8 3 : Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire

For RGM, RJ Moore had a triple and Danny Waldron had a double.

For Flight Deck, Grant Meggison had a triple.

Island Airways/McDonough's Market : 14 – 2 : Art Form & Frontier Classic

For Island Airways, Barney Drenth had a triple and Matt Cera had a double

The Muffler Shop : 11 – 9 : Wojan Window & Door

For Muffler Shop, Russell Williams had an in the park home run and James Thomas had a home run and a double.

For Wojan, Matt Kautz had a double.

Scores for Wednesday, June 11

RGM Services : 10 – 6 : Carlson's Home Improvement

For RGM, RJ Moore and Bo Moore each had triple.

For Carlson's, Tom Sadison had a double.

Island Airways/McDonough's Market : 16 – 15 : Boss Engineering

For Island Airways, Shannon Gillespie and Steve Kirkman each had a triple and Cliff Jones had two doubles.

For Boss, Wayne Boss had a double and a triple.

Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire : 19 7 . Art Form & Frontier Class

For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had a double and a triple, Bob Williams had a home run and a triple, and Rusty Simmons had a triple.

For Art Form, Andy Rowe had a triple.

Community art show features national talent

The invitational art show is being presented in the former Charlevoix Public Library with the theme "Look About You" and which will feature the works of prominent local artists who have received national awards and recognition for their work.

"Charlevoix is home to so many outstanding artists. It is a thrill to have an exhibit of their work in such a fabulous venue," remarked Rebecca Glotfelty, chair of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, which is hosting the show.

Participating artists include Todd Warner, nationally known for his whimsical and often humorous sculptures depicting long legged birds, horses, puzzled golfers and more.

Warner resides in Norwood Township with a menagerie of animals that are often the inspiration for his creations.

Bonnie Staffel, a long-time resident of Charlevoix and potter for 60 years will also be exhibiting.

Staffel opened her studio in 1965 for 20 years and has been a distinguished exhibitor at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair since its third season. She was the pioneer artist in the Charlevoix area and urged fellow artists to follow her lead.

Visitors to, and residents of, Charlevoix have collected her work for several decades.

Stephen Kostyshyn, also a resident of Charlevoix and long-time participant in the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair is a nationally recognized basket maker. Kostyshyn continually is accepted into the most prestigious art fairs in the country and his work has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institution. His baskets are unique in that he creates the rims and bases of his work out of stoneware clay, and finishes them with his lovely glazes before weaving the basket together. His work is included in several periodicals on basket making.

Art by Kostyshyn

The works of Russ and Sue Bolt are almost synonymous with Charlevoix. Residents and visitors to Charlevoix often have a unique white and blue Bolt tile of Charlevoix scenes in their homes. The Bolts' work extends far beyond these tiles and includes paintings and mixed media works. Visitors continue to flock to their studio in the former Grange Hall on Marion Center Road.

Husband and wife, Meredith Krell and Steve Toornman often depict scenes from their camping and hiking excursions in the northern Michigan woods. Krell, a B.F.A graduate of Western Michigan University and Toornman, a graduate of Kendall School of Design, are full-time artists residing in Charlevoix. Meredith is known across the state for her linocut prints, hand painted with watercolors. Steve produces exquisite etchings of Charlevoix scenes as well as oil paintings, which portray images inspired by friends and family and one of his favorite loves – motorcycles.

Many other area artists and media will be included in "Look About You," exhibit which opens from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27 at the former Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St with a fundraising reception to meet the artists.

Tickets are $100 per person and may be reserved by calling 237-4330. Proceeds are to support the programming and classes of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

The reception will include complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres from Charlevoix's finest restaurants. Jazz guitarist Steve Little with guests Jerry Cameron and Mike Hunter will provide their unique style of music during the evening.

The public is welcome to view the show at no charge from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29. Local musicians will provide listening pleasure both days.

Saturday's schedule includes Alexis Dawdy on violin from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Rick Beamon on guitar, Joanne Beamon - vocals from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Singer/Songwriter Jetty Rae will perform her soulful ballads from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Alexis Dawdy again from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dwain Martin will play his guitar on Sunday.

For more information about the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, the schedule of summer classes, the community show and fundraiser, please call 231-547-2333 or visit www.circle-of-arts.org

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Die Soft 2: most anticipated sequel you never heard of

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

"Don McClean was the greatest hero of all time, that is, until he teamed up with his son Donnie jr. All seemed well and the father/son team defended justice and the innocent with distinction and valor ... until that fate(ful) day when, during a routine bust, Donnie jr. was killed in a shoot-out. Where Don McClean is now is anyone's guess."

The previous quote from the "Die Soft 2: The Rise of Team McClean" Web site belies the overwhelming humorous elements of this project being shot, directed and produced in Charlevoix and by Charlevoix residents.

"It's a comedy, like the Naked Gun and Police Academy movies," said Matt Smith, who plays good guy and Team McClean member Zeigelstien in the movie.

"We love '80s comedies, even the bad ones," said fellow actor Ben Macks who plays the lead character Don McClean a coast guard operative. "I wouldn't say it's intelligent humor, but it's something to make you laugh and forget about things for a couple of hours."

The story, which cast and crew say has little, if nothing, to do with the first, picks up with McClean at a very low point in his life.

"He has fallen on some hard times and he's kind of down on himself after his son was killed and he has been MIA for the last seven years," Macks said. "Then, this mission comes up that only he can handle and he's asked to come up with a task force of fellow bumbling heroes."

What ensues is dealings with crooked cops, deceptive government officials and dirty politicians.

"It's really campy and kind of tongue in cheek," Macks said.

The show, aimed at adolescents and adults, has been in production since earlier this January, but writing began nearly one year ago.

"If we were to peg a rating on it, it would be PG-13," Smith said. "It's not completely vulgar, but it's not for wee little kids."

Macks added, "There is basically some swearing and wink-wink kind of humor but nothing you wouldn't see on television."

The feature length movie will be shown at noon on Saturday, July 27 at Charlevoix Cinema III. Cost is $5 per person, and the troupe said without help of people like theater owner Bill Supernaw, they would not have gotten this far.

"A lot of the community came out to help make this happen," said director of photography/editor George Scholey. "The local schools, local businesses and people have been a great help."

To see a trailer of "Die Soft 2: The Rise of Team McClean" go to http://www.myspace.com/diesoft2.

The movie troupe, primarily consisting of five individuals, consists of two separate companies, Scholey's Flaming Cabbage Productions and Smith's Putzes Entertainment group.

"We really couldn't do this movie without George," said Keith Patrick, who plays hero Dirk Longbarrel a crazier incarnation of "Lethal Weapon's" Martin Riggs, a character played by Mel Gibson. "He has the equipment and editing experience."

Scholey has been working with video and editing since 1987.

"Basically we started with Monty Python hits with my brother and friends and stuff like that," he said. "We did it just for fun to keep us sane. I'm a big fan of Broken Lizzard (Super Troopers, Beerfest) and Kevin Smith (Clerks, Clerks II, Dogma). These are guys who started out where we are and pushed it and made it."

Scholey added, "There's no reason why you can't do it around here."

In addition to planning a special, albeit "top secret," participation in this year's Venetian Parade, the fellows will soon unveil another teaser trailer for the sequel.

"We live in a great community and owe the community kudos because, with the exception of a couple places we've asked to use their facilities, they've been very gracious for us not having much credibility to prove that we're legit(imate)," Macks said. "They've been very supportive and, the way we've done this movie, we wouldn't have been able to do in a bigger city."

For more information on merchandise, including mugs and T-shirts, call Macks at 547-9097 or Smith at 675-3495.

"We have no budget whatsoever," Smith said. "So whatever we make on ticket sales and merchandise is going into our next project."

Flaming Cabbage/Putzes hope to produce two projects in 2009.

Additional main cast members for Die Soft 2 including Mike Patrick as police chief Desmond Grapelli, Brad Hall as inventor Doc Marigold, Kevin Evans as The Chameleon and the Die Soft 2 theme song was sung by Kentucky rapper Black Diamond.

The main cast of "Die Soft 2: The Rise of Team McClean" (right) intend to unveil their feature-length movie during Venetian Festival at Charlevoix's Cinema III.

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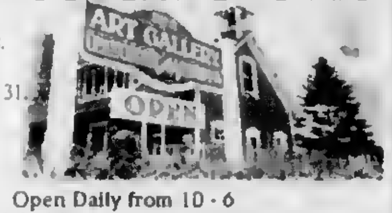

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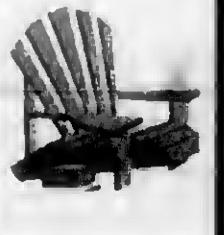

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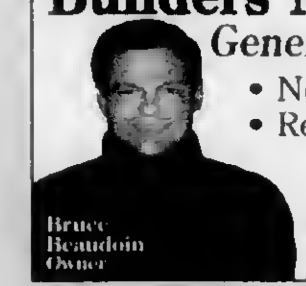

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New takeout eatery on Cvx's north side

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Tired of fighting traffic to get to fast food restaurants on the south side of Charlevoix?

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"I've been driving by here for a couple of years and saw it was empty," said JP co-owner Jake Jensen. "The community needed something on the north side; not everybody is happy about having to drive across the bridge for lunch."

JP features tacos, burritos, nachos, salads, pasta and toasted submarine sandwiches.

"It's fast-n-good food," said Jensen, the founder of Charlevoix Wireless.

Jensen has two children and spent nearly eight years in the military before coming back to Charlevoix.

Jensen's partner Phil Morris, also a shareholder in Charlevoix Wireless, decided to go into business with his friend shortly after graduating from Northern College with a Bachelor's of Science in mechanical engineering.

"I grew up here and went to school here and just decided to give this a try," Morris said. "I definitely think people should try the hot subs, and really any of our Mexican is good."

Located at 12665 US 31 North located at the Marathon gas station which formerly housed a Taco Bell Express, JP is open Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Jensen and Morris hope to have their drive-through window open for service in coming weeks.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jake Jensen and Phil Morris prepare sandwiches following the lunch rush at their new takeout restaurant JP Takeout on Charlevoix's north side.

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – June 11, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the May 28, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Motion approved Resolution #08-053, Approve County Expenditures

Motion approved Resolution #08-054, Court Appointed Attorney Contract Amendment. Attorney Travis Groat replacing Attorney Michael Atchison who resigned

The June 25, 2008 meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hudson Township Hall in Elmira, MI. Evangeline Township and the City of Boyne City would also like the Commissioners to hold meetings in their locations.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION ON HEARING

To: Katherine Helferich
In the Matter of: Naomi Helferich
Case No. 08-51885-NA-101173901
Hearing: July 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
Judge Carpenter, 10th Floor, Courtroom 10A

An initial and/or supplemental child protective petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition, including a permanency planning hearing, will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in the **17th Judicial Circuit Court, Family Division, Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.** The permanency planning hearing will result in the child(ren) being returned home, continued in foster care, or the court may order proceedings to terminate parental rights. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that you personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above and exercise your right to participate in the proceedings.

This hearing may result in a temporary or permanent loss of your right to the child(ren).

Dated: June 13, 2008

G. Patrick Hillary
Judge of Probate

(L-6/25)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: That part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Fractional Section 8, being a part of Government Lot 1, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a 1 1/4" iron pipe at the Northwest corner of Fractional Section 8, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0°00'35" East (recorded as South 0°03'54" West) on said West section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a 1/2" iron rod at the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 88°08'46" East 548.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South 24°45'29" East (recorded as South 24°45'36" East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a concrete monument meander point; thence South 00°37'43" East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0°26'36" East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88°34'56" West (recorded as West and South 88°32'10" West) a, distance of 580.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod on the West line of said fractional Section 8; thence North 0°00'35" West (recorded as North 0°03'54" East) on said West section line 122.88 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48084
(248)362-2600
ASAP# 2794785
(L-06/25/2008, 07/02/2008, 07/09/2008, 07/16/2008)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of November, 2002, by Gary M. Chrysler, Jr. and Kimberly L. Chrysler, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on December 3, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 502, page 609, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE AND 85/100 DOLLARS ($57,193.85) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot #32, Bailey and Wilson's Addition to the Village of Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: June 10, 2008

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
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(L-06/18, 06/25, 07/02, 07/09)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Randy Puroll, A.S.M. to Alden State Bank dated September 12, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on April 10, 2008 in Liber # 0843 of Mortgages, Page 0794 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Six and 68/100($91,606.68) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County building, 301 State St. in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on July 18, 2008 at 11:00 O'clock in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 9.25 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit.

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PARCEL A-1
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The period of redemption will be One (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: June 4, 2008

Alden State Bank
Mortgagee
Leon W. Sluyter,
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For: Alden State Bank
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Tall ship could be built in Charlevoix harbor

TALL SHIP

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"We certainly plan on being a good neighbor," he said.

However, Sobleski still has concerns.

"In the past summers, the dust has really been a problem and the smell from it is awful," he said. "Dust clean-up only happens about once every two or three weeks and sometimes even then it's not enough. It gets really bad down there."

Mayor Norman Carlson understood where Sobleski was coming from on the issue and agreed that sometimes the dust from the gravel road can get pretty bad.

"Obviously the speeding and the dust are issues we need to think about," he said. "The point of this discussion is to hash out any possible problems and not make any final decisions."

According to the project overview, Schafer wants to also construct two temporary buildings on each end of the ship with possibly an elevated walkway connecting the two buildings. The point of the walkway is to allow people to watch and potentially take part in the ship's construction.

James Young, Charlevoix City Attorney, brought up a couple other issues for the board to think about while in the process of pursuing the project.

"You have to consider that you're dealing with a brand new non-profit organization," said Young. "(The city) should consider some sort of contract to make sure that this non-profit goes through with what they're promising."

The focus of the project is to provide a unique educational opportunity for youths both during the construction of the ship and after the ship is completed and launched.

Schafer is in the process of working with several individuals involved in fund raising, non-profit administration and local educational programs such as Sea Scouts and Northwest Academy.

"With the project's nautical theme and this being Charlevoix, I think it is advantageous for us to have something like this here," Carlson said. "It's being funded by an outside source, so it will cost the city nothing."

Charlevoix City Council could return discussion on this matter as early as their 7 p.m., July 7 meeting at city hall.

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

Rayder admin' bldg., bus garage under construction

BUILD

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officials to be a $1.4 million combined project, it is now expected to come in at just around $1.3 million.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik reminded the public that funding for the building improvements comes from existing funds and cannot be used for operational expenses under state law.

"Those projects are part of the 2003 sinking fund and are not part of the 2008 bond projects," he said. "The administration building was purchased 20 years ago and the bus garage has been around for, gosh, I can't tell you how long. Both had structural issues and between these projects we should be pretty well set for structural needs for many years to come."

Janik has been quoted in the past as saying it was not prudent to invest money in buildings of such disrepair.

Approved during their October, 2007 meeting, the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education OK'd the new bus garage facility, which will offer numerous accommodations the old "bus barn" could not, including housing for 15 buses, office space, conference rooms, larger work areas, hydraulic lifts in vehicle bays, bus washing areas, more storage space and room for a computer server.

"We had budgeted around $450,000 for the bus garage and the bid came in at $409,000, but it will be a little above what we had budgeted because the price of steel went up," Biddle said.

Integrity's winning bid on the bus garage was originally $1,078,000 and beat out the following bidders:

- Hallmark Construction Inc., Traverse City - $1,103,500
- Grand Traverse Construction, Traverse City - $1,196,000
- Birchwood Construction Co., Harbor Springs - $1,429,338
- Colwel-Wangeman Construction, Petoskey - $1,493,928

However, Janik said, "What they (Integrity) did was meet with our architectural firm and they made some modifications to keep the costs lower."

The new budgeted prices comes in under $1 million.

"It's closer to $950,000," Janik said. "We originally budgeted about $1.4 million (for both projects) but after making some changes, it looks like we will come in well below budget."

Biddle added, "The bus garage we hope to be finished by the first of October."

While Charlevoix Public Schools was able to sell their share of the 109 Clinton St. property, formerly Charlevoix Public Library, they are still trying to rid themselves of the former administration building which was last appraised at $199,000.

Sinking funds, the type used to construct the new administration building and bus garage, have been used for previous projects including carpeting, roofing, landscaping, soffits, a gym floor and updates to the science rooms among others at the elementary, middle and high schools.

The sinking fund millage set to expire this June was scrapped for a bond which passed by a vote of the people earlier this spring. Janik was pleased to announce that the bond was purchased at .51 mils, lower than the originally speculated rate of .55 mils.

Charlevoix Schools administration is currently housed in the lower level of Citizens Bank at 201 State St., Charlevoix. They can be reached by calling 547-3200.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, July 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will amend section 9.125 to allow dogs in East Park that are performing as a part of City-approved events.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk, 06/19/08

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon one week's notice to the City of Charlevoix. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office in writing or by calling the following: City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-3250

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Flight Deck expands

Manager of the Flight Deck bar and restaurant Shaun MacMillan shows the location where a stage and dance floor will be erected to allow more space for patrons. The expansion into the bowling alley side of the business will occur one weekend per month beginning June 27 with band Audio Circus, formerly Missconduct, playing.

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JUN

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

• Dhascleer Events Barn *(DEB)* concerts ticket information as follows: all shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed aboard the Alwihta, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

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• French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

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JUNE 26

At 7 p.m. on June 26 at the DEB 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Breathe owl breathe with opening act by Anna Ash & The Family Tree and a special appearance by NorthWings (live birds of prey).

JUNE 28

Artist Reception
Pastels by Heidi A Marshall, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

JUNE 28, 29

Book and collectible sale at Charlevoix Public Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 29. The Friends of the Library are hosting the sale with all proceeds to benefit the children's' library. Books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and more will be on sale. Call Mary Ann Chew at 547-4157 for more information.

Strawberry social
From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 28 in Atwood, Friske Orchards will host their annual strawberry social. Includes pancake breakfast, strawberry picking, wagon rides, music and more.

Meet the Author: Michael Lindley
From 10 a.m. to noon on June 28, meet Lindley, author of "On past Horton Creek" the sequel to "Seasons of the EmmaLee."

Books provided by Round Lake Bookstore will be available for sale and Lindley will be signing.

JULY 1

Everything You Should Know About Sleep
At 7 p.m. on July 1, noted sleep specialist, Dr. James Maas will help you get the sleep you need.

JULY 5

At 7 p.m. The Milroys along with Rodd & Annie Capps at (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix

Bier Art Gallery
On July 5, there will be an art demonstration day at Bier Art Gallery, the red and white schoolhouse six miles south of Charlevoix. Call 547-2288 for more information.

JULY 10

7 p.m. on July 10 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - The Well Fed Kids with opening act by Pinky Lee.

JULY 12

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp is from 10 a.m. to noon on July 12 at Kipke Field. This free event is for third- through eighth-graders. Players should wear shorts, T-shirts and cleats. Charlevoix High School coaches and players will be running the camp.

JULY 14

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's picnic will be at 11:30 a.m., July 14 at Michigan beach pavilion. Anyone interested in volunteering for the hospital is welcome. For more information, please call 547-8651.

JULY 18

At 7 p.m. on July 18 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - MJ Bishop followed by Dennis Palmer.

JULY 19

Artist Reception
"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

JULY 27

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AUG. 3

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3, at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix — Don Julin & The Neptune Trio

AUG. 7

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 7 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix

CAH Guild auction
The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's silent auction will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7. Reasonable minimum bids will be set. Anyone wishing to donate may call Lorene Sakamoto at 547-3431.

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

AUG. 19

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

AUG. 22

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

AUG. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

Instruments needed
The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett director of bands at 547-3234.

Lions collect glasses
The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night
The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Baby blanket project
Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

Bergmann Center seeks donations
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Commodity pick-up
The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I
The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II
Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III
The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees
Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

Official Notice

ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

The Charlevoix Township Board will hold the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on Monday, June 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road.

At such time the budget concerning estimated revenues and proposed expenditures will be submitted for consideration.

The proposed millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection on June 27th at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Road.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2008 Summer Tax bills will be mailed and are due and payable on July 1, 2008. The last day to pay these taxes without penalty is September 2, 2008. After Tuesday, September 2nd, interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per calendar month. 2008 Taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1, 2009 when they will be delinquent and turned over to the County Treasurer.

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Run, Charlevoix, run!

The Run Charlevoix marathon started at 7 a.m. and concluded around 11:30 a.m. Many of the runners, some of whom come from all over the country, competed in the marathon trying to qualify for tha Boston Marathon to be held later this summer.

Is Bay Harbor leachate coming to Charlevoix?

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Petrosky

Charlevoix may join Alba in receiving contaminated water from Bay Harbor.

CMS Land Company and St Marys Cement are discussing the option of transferring contaminated water from Bay Harbor to St Marys Cement mixing plant in Charlevoix for use during the cooling phase of the cement making process.

"CMS Land Company and St Marys are continuing to have very productive conversations," said Dirk Cox, spokesman for St Marys. "St Marys was invited to meet with the Friends of the Jordan team also, and at this point all three parties seem to agree that the concept of us using a portion of the Bay Harbor water in our process is worth pursuing."

The 30,000 to 200,000 gallons of water St Marys uses per day, depending on outside air temperature and the amount of cement being produced, means nearly 50 to 60 percent of CMS daily 135,000 gallons of leachate could go somewhere other than an injection well.

"We hope to combine the contaminants in our product, and that way it will end up in someone's driveway somewhere, which really is the safest place for it to be," Cox said. "Still, we need to run tests to make sure it will end up that way and not get sent out in a smoke stack somewhere."

CMS, a former partner in the Bay Harbor, is now responsible for the seepage of caustic waste along some shoreline areas at the upscale resort and nearby East Park. The seepage results from the leaching of cement kiln dust (CKD), a waste product left over from the cement plant which operated in the area decades ago.

"Strict present and future environmental liability issues and associated risks, such as the current situation where CMS Land is remediating a site where it did not create the environmental concern, needs to be carefully analyzed and weighed before a decision can be made about further pursuing the concept," said Tim Petrosky, area manager for CMS Land.

The contaminants are formed when water passes through deposits of CKD, which remain beneath parts of the park. The leachate is caustic and, if exposed to human skin, can cause severe damage. Officials have also determined that it contains toxic metals such as mercury.

Currently, CMS has set up collection lines to pick up the contaminants before it gets to Little Traverse Bay. After treatment to reduce pH levels to a less harmful level, the waste is trucked to an injection well near Johannesburg and a wastewater treatment plant in Grand Traverse County.

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Hatch Act mires sheriff race

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Schneider

Candidate for Charlevoix County Sheriff, Don Schneider, said he is being unfairly targeted by the Hatch Act.

This comes because the Washington, D.C., investigators' special unit, devoted entirely to the 70-year-old federal law, withdrew their original clearance after he sought an advisory opinion and re-opened an investigation into his case this month. Schneider is an employee of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office — where he was the undersheriff until a recent job change, and is a candidate for county sheriff.

"The Hatch Act is 180 degrees from what our constitution gives us, you have to prove yourself innocent under the Hatch Act," Schneider said. "Those of us who are upfront and honest about this whole thing are being punished."

The federal Hatch Act restricts the political activity of employees of the executive branch of the federal government, employees of

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Summer Solstice

Jud Tanja sells some of his pottery to a customer during the 10th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show. The Art Show was held on Mason Street and in the public parking lot on June 28 and 29.

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DISTRICT COURT THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Jeffory Lynn Speer Jr., 41, Manistee. Disorderly person/ drunk in public. Pay $300 in fines and costs and serve 20 days in jail with two days of credit.

Randall Trent Hanshaw, 48, Detroit. Disorderly person/ drunk in public. Pay $500 in fines and costs and serve 50 days in jail with two days of credit.

Erick Joseph Paquette, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of a controlled substance. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Scott Kevin McFalls, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of a controlled substance. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Megan Renee Rognlie, 18, Traverse City. Minor in possession, second subsequent offense. Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Marcus Gene McWatters, 28, Melbourne. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs.

Amy Elizabeth Cepeda, 38, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, second subsequent offense. Pay $1000 in fines and costs and serve 365 days in jail with one day of credit.

Peter Thomas Schwartzfisher, 25, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $850 in fines and costs and serve 93 days in jail with one day of credit.

Corey Robert Eaton, 28, Boyne City. Driving without a license. Pay $350 in fines and costs or serve 14 days in jail.

Ronald Eugene Schrock Jr., 40, Boyne City. Operating a motor vehicle without security. Pay $800 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Teresa Lynn Bartholomew, 38, Boyne Falls. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Robert Alman Wozniak, 31, Millersburg. Disturbing the peace. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

CIRCUIT COURT THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY HEARD IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY'S 33RD CIRCUIT COURT:

Brandon Michael Story, 20, Charlevoix. Controlled substance - maintaining a drug house. Pay $120 in fines and costs and serve 240 days in jail with one day of credit.

Peter Alan Sobleski, 47, Boyne City. Controlled substance - possession (narcotic/ cocaine) less than 25 grams. Habitual offender - second offense notice. Pay $240 in fines and costs and serve 120 days in jail with one day of credit.

Jeremiah Wayne Cutler, 29, East Jordan. Controlled substance - maintaining a drug house. Pay $370 in fines and costs and serve 240 days in jail with one day of credit.

ASSUMED NAMES THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

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Rodger's Maintenance, 01380 W. Mason Creek Drive, Charlevoix, by Leslie A. Knoop and Rodger S. Knoop

JB Customs, 5095 Castle View Drive, Charlevoix, by Jason D. Brooks and Heather R. Kibbe

Barnes Precision Group, PO Box 674, Charlevoix, by Lisa A. Smith

John's, 180 N. Addis Road, Boyne City, by John R. Towsley

Vortex Gallery, 405 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Judith Kern

MARRIAGES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Stanley John Shrall Jr., 50, and Susie R. Velie, 48, both of Boyne City

James A. Hellehuyck II, 35, and Tracy Lynn Tousley, 32, both of East Jordan

Matthew William Jones, 29, and Meghan Marie Baumer, 25, both of Walloon Lake

Jonathan Paul Carfagno, 29, and Megan Louise Beynon, 32, both of Houston, Texas

William Benjamin Grice, 21, of Boyne City and Bridget Nicole Hecker, 19, of Traverse City

Nicholas Patrick Grove, 28, and Megan Marie Tillinghast, 24, both of Cincinnati, Ohio

Barton Bryson Leahy, 31, and Cheryl Jean Hanson, 27, both of Lake Zurich, Ill.

Chad Michael Dennis, 28, and Darlene Kay DuLong, 32, both of East Jordan

Nathan Mark Caswell, 34, and Anna Kristine Harrington, 37, both of Herrin, Ill.

Anthony John Schillaci, 26, and Kristin Marie Connolly, 25, both of Santa Fe, NM

Caleb Edward Migda, 21, of Petoskey and Brooke Elizabeth Lenhart, 21, of Charlevoix

Kevin Lee McManaway, 37, and Courtney Anne Malo, 26, both of Aliso Viejo, Calif.

DIVORCES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:

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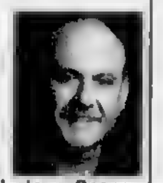

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Beaver fights Phragmites

BY ELAINE WEST
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

There is no doubt about it: Beaver Island has become a state leader in tackling Phragmites, an invasive reed grass that threatens Michigan's shorelines and a host of native plants and animals.

A joint township public hearing was held on June 24 to discuss the proposed Beaver Island Pragmites Ordinance, a measure designed to allow the townships to treat the invasive flora without first having to gather costly and time-consuming individual permission slips from property owners, and also to give shoreline owners a means to discuss proposed treatment with township officials.

"In a nutshell, we're trying to create a process for more effective treatment," said Bryan Graham, attorney for both St. James and Peaine Townships.

The invasive was first identified approximately five years ago by environmental activist and island resident Pam Grassmick.

The Phragmites quickly began their life's mission, doing what invasive grasses do best: growing into 12-foot high, thick, bamboo-like stands on the shoreline. The invasive grass strangled all native plants in their immediate vicinity.

Grassmick enlisted the support of local property owners group the Beaver Island Association (BIA), both townships, and the advice and assistance of Michigan DNR biologist Brian Mastenbrook.

Two years of community education began with a video produced for shoreline owners, Web site information on the invasive, and numerous articles in the island publications.

In the summer of 2007, the war against Phragmites began in earnest.

Mastenbrook worked with the MDEQ to acquire an island-wide permit for herbicidal treatment.

Funding was acquired in large part through donations by island property owners.

The townships, BIA and Grassmick took leadership roles in organizing for the treatment, and finally a contractor, Superior Environmental Aquatic Services (SEAS) was hired.

Last fall, the SEAS crew treated 397 different sites on the island, some single plants just gaining a foothold, others mature stands of Phragmites.

A recent inspection of the treated areas showed a high kill rate.

"It looks 95-plus percent effective," said Mastenbrook. "It was a very, very good job."

Other communities in Michigan are just becoming aware of this invasive and its threat to shorelines.

In the Saginaw Bay area they have resorted to herbicidal spraying by helicopters because of the density of the stands.

Wildlife and environmental experts from around the state are extremely interested in how Beaver Island has dealt with the situation and made such progress with their rapid response. Grassmick has been asked to be a consultant for the Traverse City area, which is preparing to wage their own war on this invasive. As for Beaver Island, they are gearing up for this year's assault.

"We've been through round one, round two is going to take place this fall," Mastenbrook said. "If we keep up on this, we won't be spraying 27 acres ever again."

Knowing that Phragmites can arrive via Lake Michigan's waves and re-infest an area, groundwork is being laid to also treat High and Garden, two outer islands in the Beaver Archipelago.

A grant of $23,000 has been acquired from the Fish and Wildlife Service to treat the two islands.

A GPS survey of all three islands also will take place this summer.

This fall's follow-up treatment on Beaver Island will be funded mostly through additional donations from property owners.

Knowing that this battle will require vigilance and repeated treatments for some time, the township boards will be discussing options for funding to be continued, perhaps becoming a line item on annual budgets.

Officials from both township boards pledged their ongoing support in this matter.

"I look at this as not only eradication, but education as well," said Peaine Township Supervisor John Works Jr.

As the public hearing concluded, Grassmick was given a hearty round of applause from the large crowd.

"We should make you our Citizen of the Year," joked Works.

The audience joined in his laughter with good reason. In May of 2008, Grassmick received that particular honor from a grateful island community.

Elaine West can be reached by e-mail at northernislander@biip.net.

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Pam Grassmick explains the difference between native and invasive Phragmites to the crowd at the public hearing on the new BI Ordinance.

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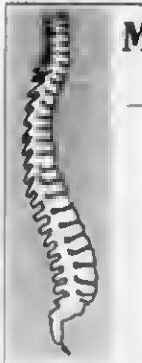

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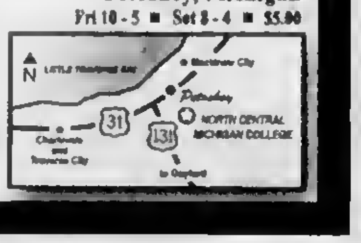

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Put up or shut up

The following comment was posted on June 24, at www.charlevoixcourier.com

As a fairly recent Charlevoix resident, I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Donald Schneider and am proud to claim this honest, upstanding community man as a friend.

However, if he were to stop me for a traffic stop and/or another legal reason, I'd fully expect him to write me a ticket or arrest me giving the circumstances of the act.

Friendship aside, he is not "soft" as it has been suggested. He is fair, honest and will fully enforce the rules he took an oath to uphold.

That said, why is it that some out there are so proud to make slanderous statements, libelous remarks and out-and-out lies about Donald Schneider, yet are too ashamed to publish their names.

And as for the person who made a complaint about the Hatch Act, after he was OK'd, I sure hope you signed your name to this letter or e-mail.

You know your accusations are public information and when they have been found to be untrue, and they will, you can be prosecuted for filing a false statement and/or sued for defamation of character, libel and slander.

Are you just extremely stupid or so computer illiterate to write an e-mail thinking that can't be traced back to you?

If you had this so-called evidence, why did you wait until now to come forward?

He (Schneider) was notified by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel June 6 that his candidacy for the sheriff's office was not in violation of the Hatch Act.

Did it take you two weeks to think of something to accuse him of? Or were you just unhappy with their decision?

My name is Barbara Hernden and I am not ashamed to state the truth and sign my name.

The human weed

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

The mostly open green space that surrounds our home can not be legitimately called a lawn.

Most definitions of lawn suggest it is land covered by grass kept closely mowed.

Ours is closely mowed, but it is certainly not covered by grass.

There is some grass growing there, but the mowed space is partly covered by at least 23 non-grass kinds of plants.

That figure is based on a count done a few minutes ago, and does not include plants that show up later in the summer or earlier in the spring.

Every one of those 23 kinds of plants, as well as the several kinds of grass, could be described as exotic, invasive plant species.

None of them are native to Michigan, and all of them manage to thrive, even with the constant disturbance of close mowing.

One of the truths of immigration is that the immigrants usually manage most easily in disturbed areas, where human activity has removed or altered all or most of the native plants and animals.

We humans create disturbed areas when we immigrate, and we carry plant and animal immigrants with us wherever we go.

Historically, humans must qualify as the supreme exotic invasive species on the planet.

In the same way that we are learning to celebrate the diversity provided by a wide variety of human immigrants, we might consider the diversity provided by imported plants and animals as a mostly positive thing.

Recent immigrants, whether plants or humans, are likely to be less popular than those that have been here for a couple of hundred years.

But time passes, immigrants integrate and contribute, and it is more and more difficult to recognize them as exotic.

Most of the twenty-plus exotic plants in my yard can be found everywhere in Charlevoix, even on the fringes of golf courses.

It is possible to selectively kill them with proper herbicides, but they will return as long as we continue to disturb and mow places.

It is possible to temporarily eliminate dandelions, for example, from a particular lawn, but imagine trying to eliminate them from Charlevoix.

It is even more difficult to imagine eradicating them from a county or a state.

The same is true of almost any kind of plant that has become established.

We provide the places where such immigrants can thrive and we should not be surprised if they stick around.

They diversify our world, and diversification is generally a good thing.

You may suspect this essay is not solely about things botanical, and you would be correct.

WEEKLY POLL

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Column on YFZ raid

"Do you feel better now that you've wasted time pointing out America's obvious flaws? Maybe you should have spent your time wisely, actually helping people, instead of whining on your local paper's opinion blog. But the point I came here to make was to state that underage marriage is not only morally wrong, but it is a crime. That is why the ranch was stormed, and there is enough evidence from 13yr old mothers to prove it."

Lord Beneziel

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What are your thoughts on East Park?

WORD on the street

Charlevoixans voice their opinions ...

Alyssa Smith

"I have mixed feelings about it. On the one hand, it will bring people into Charlevoix and on the other, I liked it when it was just a grassy area."

Bob Calder

"I'm confused as to what the delay is. I hardly see people working down there. However, I am in favor of the project."

Mark Sternberg

"It doesn't concern me. I'm not as worried about the construction as other people are."

Stuart Goldblatt

"I'm in favor of it and it looks like it's going to be nicer than we expected."

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LETTERS to the editor

A TASTE OF SUCCESS

Editor:

The 5th annual "Taste of Charlevoix" on June 21 was a big success again this year. There was a great turnout and ticket sales were steady the entire day and fun was had by all. Several vendors sold out of food early and had to re-stock throughout the day.

Everyone who attended had a great time, enjoying the wonderful food, entertainment and beautiful weather. The Taste of Charlevoix committee would like to thank all of our participating vendors, the Chamber member businesses who donated their time or materials to the Taste event, our generous sponsors, the City of Charlevoix and its staff, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and its staff and all of the volunteers who helped that day. Without all of you, this would not have been such a success. We look forward to having our next Taste in the newly renovated East Park and making it even more successful and enjoyable for our community.

Maura A. Snabes, Chairperson
Charlevoix

DO SOMETHING ALREADY

Editor:

Why is every issue to come before the Charlevoix City Council so complex for them? At least over the last 20 years it has taken years for them to approve such things as the public swimming pool and the new East Park. I'm sure there are many others I am not recalling. I understand the financial side of it. That could have been resolved months ago if the Council had acted in a timely fashion. Now it's time to act! Quit dawdling. Do the job, use common sense, of course be careful with the public funds entrusted to you, but do something! Waiting is obviously costing money. At this rate grants won't come in in time to heat September 1 and as the price goes up, the grant money will still be insufficient. Constant repair of the old machine may give you only a few years of service, at a cost. A new one will give many years of light expense. The Council is too mired in its inertness. I'm fairly certain the current members are not the same ones who stalled on the pool issue so I can only conclude there is a genetic problem with being on the Council. It's called "foot-dragging."

Marshall H. Cossman
Charlevoix

TICKLED PINK

Editor:

The 6th Annual Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon Ride was held on Saturday, June 21, and raised more than $25,000, with donations still coming in.

This will provide both the Circle of Strength through Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Regional Hospital's Breast Health Fund with a substantial donation to help promote awareness, fund programs in early detection and education, provide support for women and their families, and make available mammograms and ultrasounds for uninsured women in Charlevoix and Emmet County.

There were 261 registered riders this year, 60 more than last year, with our largest contingent of first-time participants.

The riders through their personal fundraising efforts brought in more than half of our proceeds. Without their dedication, this event would not be as successful as it has become.

Beth Carrington of East Jordan raised over $2,700 through her personal sponsorships and took home a pink Marin Portofino bicycle.

We had some great prizes this year and the top 15 fundraisers were awarded prizes, donated by local area bike shops and businesses.

I extend my personal thanks to so many of the businesses in Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey, without whom we could not have put together this ride.

Their donations of funds, goods and services made it possible for us to put on this event and keep our expenses to a minimum.

Finally I extend my deepest thanks to Jean McDonough from CAH Foundation and Therese Green from NMRH Foundation; Diane Gorkiewicz, Kim Stevens, Dee Vincent, Gay Pung and Kay Holley from the Circle of Strength; Donna Moll, Candy Greene, Helen Truchan, Judy Jackson, Sue Huston, Dee Vincent, Missy Elder, Diane Gorkiewicz, Diane Cox, and Randi Hunter and her staff for manning our water stops; Rod Stevens, Craig Reynolds, Kim Stevens, Kay Holley and Bob Roloff and his crew for running our SAG vehicles; John McClorey for having his services available to riders, Cheryl Hofweber and Terri Reynolds for marking the route, Lori and Tori Cheadle, Lisa

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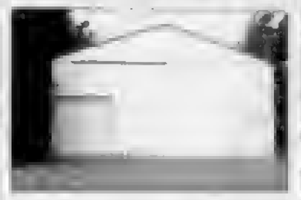

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Should St Marys Cement use leachate water from Bay Harbor?

WORD on the street

Charlevoixans voice their opinions ...

Tony Duerr
"Those of us who aren't technical experts on the matter need to rely on the experts to solve these kinds of environmental problems."

Zondra Gardner
"Definitely in favor of them getting rid of the water, although there may be other options."

Steven Steinglass
"I don't know enough about the dispute to make a good decision."

Aubry Kopytko
"I think it's a good idea to send it to the cement company as oppose to just sending it to Grand Traverse or Alba."

Regulators: Permit needs still unclear

If CMS Land and St. Marys Cement ultimately decide to transfer wastewater collected along the Bay Harbor shoreline to the Charlevoix cement plant for use in a cooling process, CMS area manager Tim Petrosky said they would need to pursue permits from both the U.S. Environmental Protection Ageney and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"Applying for a permit is way down the road if this is found to be a viable option," he added.

Mick Hans, a Chicago-based EPA spokesman, said the agency isn't comfortable discussing specifics of the permitting process since the companies haven't yet approached it for any permits.

"It's too early to talk about specific scenarios," Hans said.

Bob Wagner, an environmental manager at the DEQ's Gaylord office, said the state's permit requirements for the wastewater idea would depend on exactly how the liquid would be put to use at St. Marys. Depending on this, Wagner said DEQ potentially would need to consider revising the plant's permit for surface water discharge or air emissions, or both.

"We have not received any notice of intent or anything along that line," he added.

One, two, recycling's for you!

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

When she didn't like the teaching tools she had at her disposal, Nicole Sterrett decided to create one of her own.

The second-grade teacher, who's curriculum included recycling, said the materials made available to her simply didn't offer enough to her students.

"All of the books in our library were so old and there really wasn't anything recent written about recycling," she said.

This led to Sterrett writing her own children's book about recycling. She wrote it so she could use it in her classroom and get her kids more interested in the environment.

"I have four of my own kids and as cheesy as it sounds, the future really does start with the youth," she said. "I just want my kids to enjoy the earth when they get to be my age."

The artwork for the book proved to be one of the hardest parts. Since she wasn't much of an artist, she decided to do cut-out figures instead. The one hand drawn character in her book is a snake named "Save-It Sam."

"The artwork took me about two weeks to do. I had the whole counter top covered in cut-out figures and pictures for the book. My husband really helped out a lot by playing with the kids and keeping them occupied while I worked," she said.

Sterrett said that whenever they'd talk about recycling to the kids, she would always repeat the message that the best thing they could do was keep others informed.

"The more people I could get aware of recycling and doing little things to save the earth, the better... that was my goal, to get people informed," she said.

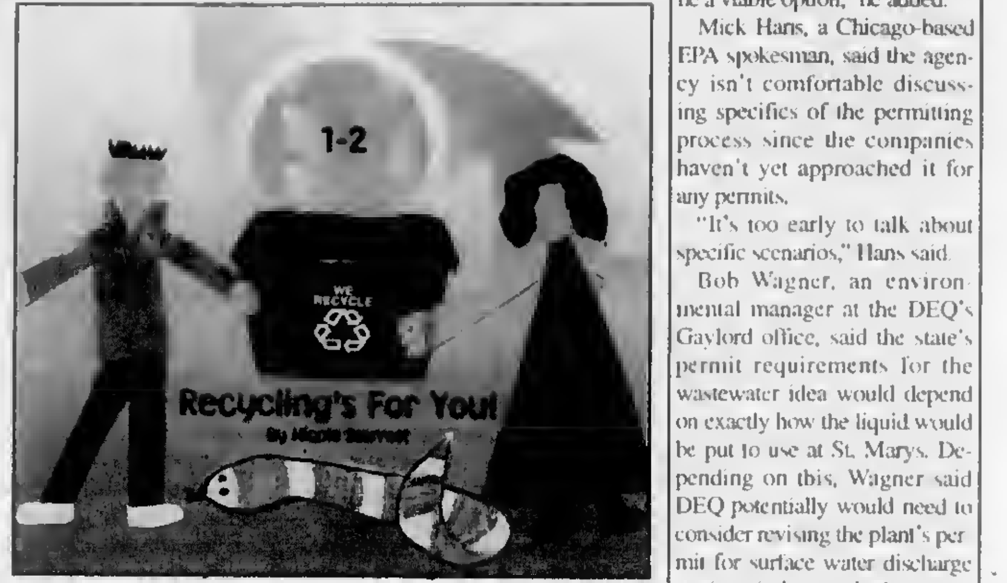
There's a nursery rhyme that goes along with the book and it follows along to the tune of "1, 2, Buckle My Shoe." She felt the tune of the rhyme was appropriate for her book entitled, "1-2, Recycling is For You!"

Though Sterrett is very proud of the book, she's also very modest about it. She did everything for the book herself, except for a minimal amount of help she got from a handful of supporters. One of which was Charlevoix Elementary Librarian, Margie Culver, who helped her rearrange a couple minor things in the story.

"Jodi Thompson, the music teacher was also a big help with researching and providing some sheet music to make sure I didn't infringe on anyone else's work or anything," she said.

Sterrett's next children's book is going to be environmentally focused as well, but she plans on narrowing it down to energy conservation.

"1-2, Recycling is For You," hasn't been distributed yet, but look for it to hit local bookstores in the coming months. Those interested in purchasing the book immediately can go to www.publishamerica.com and order it there.



Charlevoix Elementary Teacher Nicole Sterrett has written a book on recycling for use in her class.

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Saturday	11:30am-1pm

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Thursday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Friday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Saturday	1-4pm

What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz @ the Library
Wednesdays in July and August, 7:00 pm
Come learn about the great jazz masters and listen to their music in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden. BYOC (bring your own chair). In case of rain, JATL will be held in the Community Room.

July 2 As the second season of JATL opens, we feature our illustrious piano player, Steve Stargardt, who will introduce our listeners to the contributions of Jazz pianists, such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Dave Brubeck and Bill Evans. Accompanied by bass and drums, this concert will reenact some of the great piano jazz trios from the past.

July 9 Session two will feature one of our favorite players, Steve Little, who will perform the music of great Jazz guitarists such as Wes Montgomery, Charlie Christian, and Joe Pass. Steve is also an accomplished vocalist, and will add his talents to the backing of the JATL trio.

Story Time Begins
Thursdays, July 3, 10:30 am
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Professor Anson Pantz
Tuesday, July 8, 6:30 pm
Catch the Summer Reading Bug @ the Library and learn why "Insects Do the Strangest Things."

Classical Music Lecture
Saturday, July 12, 2:00 pm
Jung-Ho Pak, conductor of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen, will be discussing "How to Listen to Classical Music." If classical music intimidates you, Maestro Pak will take the fear out of listening to classical music by explaining how to follow the architectural "map" of a piece of music. He'll discuss how a composer uses different tricks of the trade to build excitement, to fool you, and to inspire you. A reception honoring Library Director, Valerie Meyerson will follow. Reservations appreciated. 237-7340.

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Human Services grant

A total of $8,000 was contributed by two area community foundations to support more than 50 home visits by nurses to parents with a child age zero to 12 months. For more information on how to register for nursing visits for your child or to learn more about the Great Start/ Stepping Stones Collaborativa call 547-6217 or (877) 866-3714. Above, representatives from three area agencies (from left), Marie Sarchet from Great Start of Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties, Kaye Frang from Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, and Pat Fralick from the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, accepted grants from Sarah Allen of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and David Jones and Sara Ward from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. Also pictured are the children of Marie Sarchet, Stefan, Charlie, and Samuel, and niece Sienna Conrad (held by Pat Fralick).

Wedding at work?

Patty Jo Kavo, now Patty Jo Pond (right) is seen here marrying long-time boyfriend Steve Pond during a ceremony held June 27 at Boulder Park Terrace nursing home and rehabilitation center. The two decidad to marry at Patty Jo's workplace of more than 15 years when the residents chose a wedding theme for their weekly happy hour.

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OBITUARIES

William Paul Behrens: Nov. 9, 1916 - June 22, 2008

William Paul Behrens, 91, of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2008, with his family at his side.

A memorial service was held 10 a.m., Saturday, June 28, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Chip Sauer officiating.

Bill was born Nov. 9, 1916, in Arcadia to Henry and Othelia (Gerndt) Behrens.

He served his country during World War II in Burma as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army.

After returning home, Bill moved his family to Chicago, where he studied culinary arts to become a chef.

He owned his own business and he worked at many famous hotels and country clubs, eventually retiring from the American Medical Association as their Executive Chef.

After retiring, he moved to Charlevoix.

Bill fished, enjoyed his family and loved the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Clearine; daughters, Sandy and her husband, Bernie "Sonny" Ward III of Charlevoix; Mary and her husband James Danhour of Parker, Colo.; son, Gary and his wife Waletta Behrens of Chicago; grandchildren, Christie Ward, Brian (Maegan) Ward, Kelly Ward, Heather Ward, Brett Behrens, Brittany Behrens.

Bill was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Photo by Elaine West, Northern Islander Editor

Buzz over electric car show

12 Electric Vehicles EV rolled off the ferry boat and went on display on Main Street in downtown Beaver Island during the Island's Electric Car show last weekend.

Make eddi award nomination now

Nominations are sought for the premiere arts and cultural awards in northern Michigan. The eddi Awards. The public is invited and encouraged to submit nominations for the awards by 5 p.m., July 11. Awards are presented in the following categories: Visual Artist, Performing Artist, Arts & Cultural Organization, Arts in Education, Arts & Cultural Leadership, Individual Patron, Benefactor, and Lifetime Achievement.

Robert Forman originated The eddi Awards in 2000, to recognize individuals, organizations and businesses who have made an impact in northern Michigan arts and culture over time.

E-mail completed nominations to mary@crookedtree.org, fax to (231) 347-5414, or drop off or mail to Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey MI 49770.

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Cvx Democrats at local library

Election year planning will take a major step when Charlevoix County Democrats gather July 10th at the Charlevoix Public Library, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in this year's election is invited to attend, learn what local Democrats are doing, and participate in future events.

"We've got a full agenda with planning for the fall election at the top," commented Bill Lovett, chair of the local Democrats.

Charlevoix Democrats, who will open a headquarters in Charlevoix Labor Day, are planning for summer events that include area parades, a picnic, work with individual candidates, and the Rock the Vote For Change rally and voter registration event planned for July 31 at Northern Lights Recreation Center in Emmet County.

"This election year is generating incredible enthusiasm," said Lovett. "We have more volunteers than ever. There's excitement about candidates from our Presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama to our own candidate for state house, Connie Saltonstall."

Leading the agenda at the July 10 meeting is an update by Ryan Nelson from Petoskey on the Rock The Vote for Change Event.

That free event, which will feature a number of well-known local bands, food and beverages, is being organized by Emmet and Charlevoix County Democrats and local volunteers with the Obama campaign.

Lovett said that other items include planning for the county picnic and organizing campaign volunteers.

The meeting that begins at 7p.m., will be preceded by a "dutch-treat" dinner, to which everyone is invited, at the Villager Pub at 5:30.

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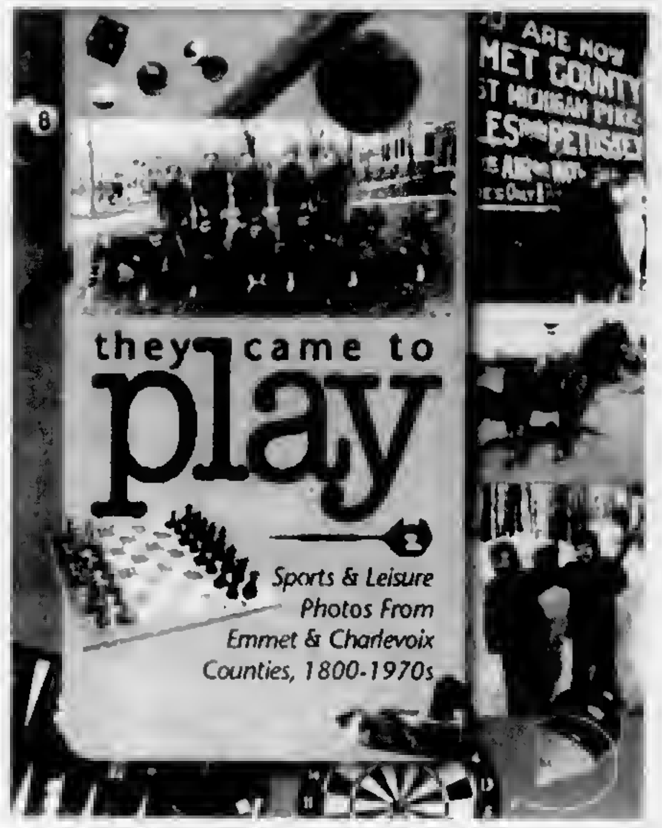
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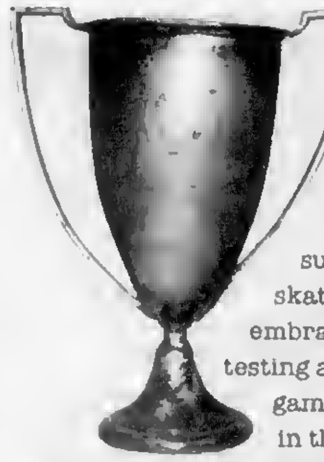
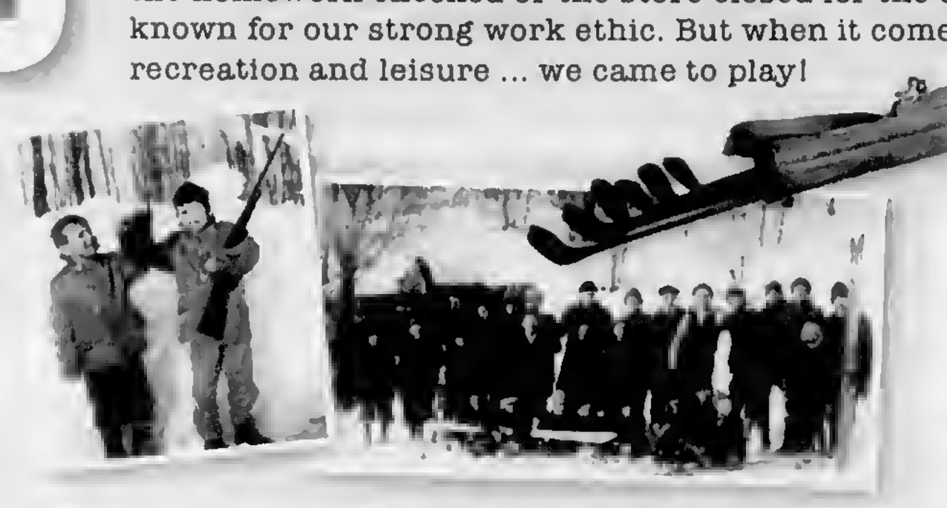
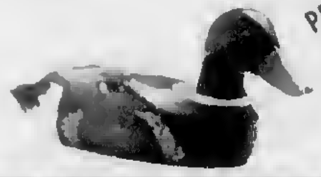


Whether traditional games like football and basketball or unconventional sports such as croquet or speed skating, area residents embrace competition, skill-testing and the love of the game. We fish, hunt, boat in the great outdoors. To satisfy the need for speed, we ride horses, bikes, motorcycles and drive race cars. We skate, ski (summer & winter), canoe, jog and camp. We box, dance, jump rope, cheerlead and play cards. (Lots of cards, especially Euchre.) Plus there's golf, baseball, softball, hockey, soccer, wrestling, bowling, billiards, track and field and much, much more. We get involved and enjoy it, win or lose.



Yes, we love sports and recreation in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The News-Review will be publishing a book of sports and leisure photos from the two-county area. Similar to the previous book, Million-Dollar Memories, They Came To Play will capture the essence of our people at play. You won't want to miss the opportunity to add this entertaining book to your home library.



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Canadian scam

A Charlevoix County resident was recently involved in a scam that cost her $5,100 out of her savings. The scam is as follows: Grandmother receives a call from the alleged grandson stating "grandma I've been arrested in Canada for fishing without a license. I'm in jail and need $2,800 for bond to get out of jail." The caller also states that he has a cold and his voice is slightly distorted. The bond money is requested to be sent via MoneyGram to Canada. Second phase of the scam, additional call is received from a male identifying himself as her grandson's attorney stating that he now needs $2,300 for fines and costs so he can leave Canada. The fine and costs money is sent via MoneyGram and the criminals taking advantage of the grandparent have received $5,100. Canadian authorities indicate this is an ongoing problem and scam that happens frequently.

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and Dan Jones and Bedonna Perish for helping out at the park; Kathy McDonald's family; the rest of my committee, Michelle Rick-Biddick, Bonnie Brunett and Dean Lucier; and lastly my family, especially my husband Bill and my daughters-in-law, Kendra and Melanie.

An event like this cannot be done unless you have support and I have some of the best. Next year's Pink Ribbon Ride will be on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

Susan B. Morris, event chairpersons
East Jordan

HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY

Editor:

Thanks to all the nice people who came to help us celebrate our twenty five years in business at the Rainbow Shoppe in Charlevoix. From June 4 through June 7, many took advantage of the clothing sale as well as the prizes and tasty treats.

We appreciate their patronizing us for the last 25 years.

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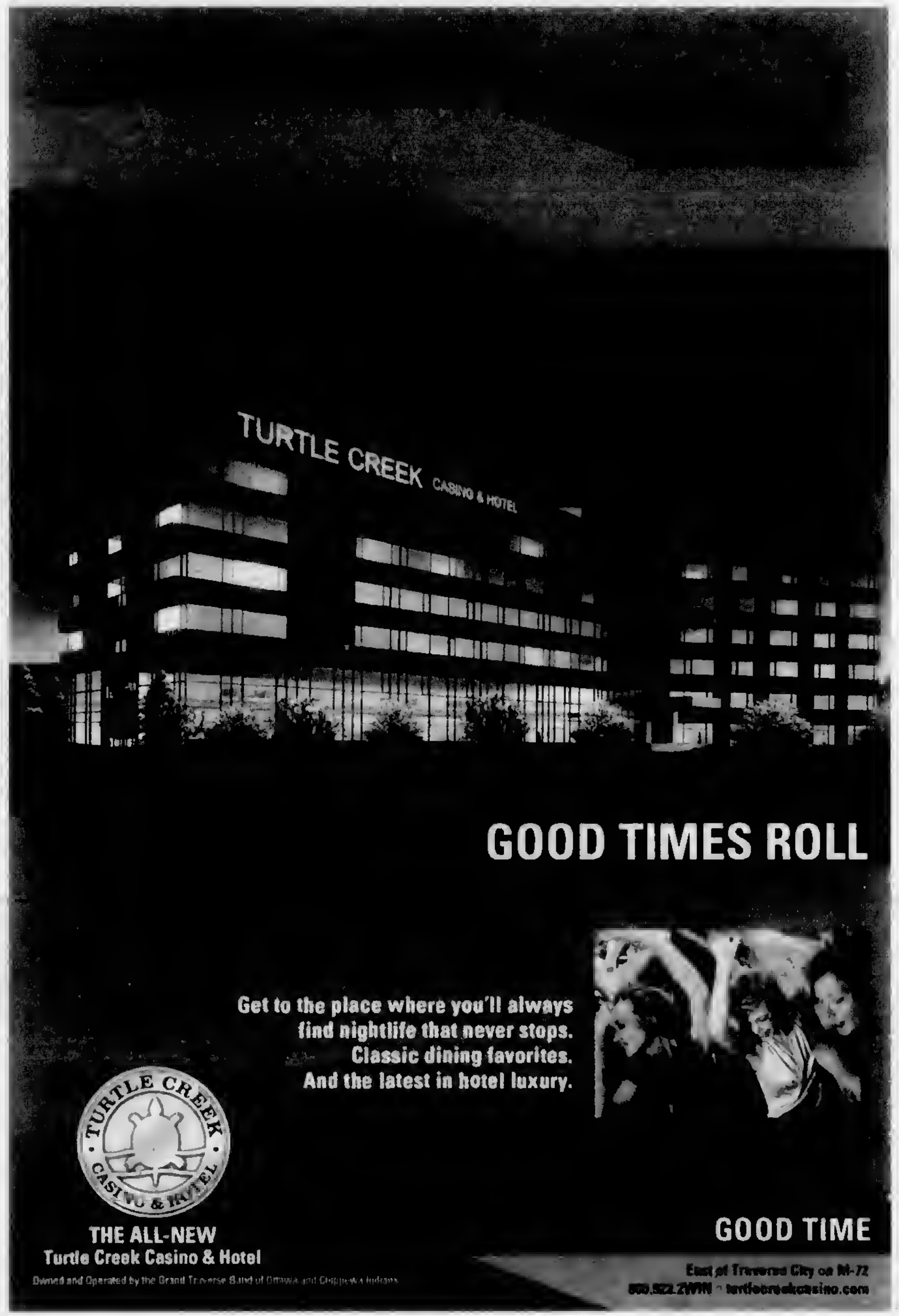

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July 4 parades, festivities

At 10 a.m., the July 4 parade in Charlevoix will be held on Friday.

The parade will start at the American Legion and go through Veterans Park and is planned to end in East Park.

If East Park is still incomplete at that time, the closing of the parade will take place at Bridge Park.

During the closing of the parade, there will be a speaker, and the Charlevoix City Band will be performing as well as the church choir from Bible Baptist Church.

The conclusion of the parade should take place around 11:30 a.m.

After the parade, come down and celebrate the launching of the Mackinaw, a hand-crafted cedar sailboat.

The launching will take place at Dock A in the City Marina at around 11:30 a.m.

According to shipbuilder Bob Schafer, it's sure to be a "never before attempted style of launch."

The City Marina is located down by Bridge Park.

At noon on July 4, Horton Bay will hold its parade.

Shown in the photo (below) the annual press conference held at the Horton Bay General Store. Each year a cast of characters appears for a photo opportunity at the store in anticipation of the upcoming July 4 parade.

This year's theme of politics is evident in the following campaign photo (from left) Lynn Maxwell, Clinton supporter; Sheriff George Lasater; Mike Davis, McCain supporter; Steve Bickley (aka Ernest T. Bass Jr.), with Rednecks for Obama; "BtG" Tony Matthews, Obama supporter; and G.T. Long (aka Sonny Steele) also representing Rednecks for Obama.

Courtesy photo

Peace activitsts honored

Years of tireless work keeping issues of peece end justica before the public garnered recognition end honors for Barbara MecArthur of Charlevoix end Bruce end Char Sanderson of Eest Jordan, during e potluck dinner et Greensky Hill Church on June 26. Eech of the honorees received plaques recognizing their achievements as well es gifts to memorialize and continue their work. MacArthur's career began in 1948 when she worked with World War II refugees in Stockholm and continued es sha has worked in both northern Michigan and nationally to see the establishment of e Depertment of Peece. MecArthur edits "The Peace Digest," e publication that addresses issues of nucleer disermement, is ective with the Little Treverse League for Peece end Freedom end Women in Bleck, and works quietly end constantly to keep issues of peace before the public. Bruce and Cher Senderson helped found the Little Treversa League for Peece end Freedom in 1980, elong with Martha end Gerry Drake, Kirk Osoinach, Don Hartman, end the late Bee and Hugh Henshew, Ruth Hartmen end Doris Scheller. Since then they heve been active with erea environmental groups es well, including Cherlevoix's WATCH. In eddition Bruce Senderson, e veteren, has helped grow Veteren's for Peece into e netional orgenization. Neerly 60 peopla ettended the ceremony and dinner honoring the three ectivists end spoke out during the evening ebout the impect tha honorees hed inspiring others to become involved in working for peece. A Berbara MacArthur Peace Fund hes been esteblished through the Cherlevoix Community Foundation. This fund can receiva tax-deductible contributions thet will be used to meke grents for peece releted projects. A commemoretive circulating bookshelf with books, for ell eged reeders, focused on peeca, is sleted for the Charlevoix Public Librery end other area librerias in honor of Bruce end Cher Senderson. From left, Bruce end Berbere MecArthur of Cherlevoix and Cher end Bruce Senderson, listen es they ere honored for their yeers of work for world peece.

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Monday July 7 is the last day to register to vote in the Aug. 5 primary.

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Riding for the fallen

A procession of approximetely 50 motorcycles rumble through Petoskey at the Bay View overpass, Saturday on their way to Charlevoix and then Geylord as part of the first ennual Randy Seddison Memorial Tour.

Photo by G. Randall Goss, News-Review Photographer

Saddison Memorial Tour

Anna Seddison (from left) widow of Rendy Seddison, chats with Tim Mexwell owner of Mexwell Cycle Shop in Cherlevoix, before beginning the Rendy Seddison Memoriel Motorcycle Tour, Saturday in Harbor Springs. Approximately 70 riders on 50 bikes begen the ride in Harbor Springs, rode to Mexwell's in Cherlevoix, then to Mancelone, Geylord end beck to Herbor Springs in memory of Harbor Springs resident Rendy Saddison who wes killed in a motorcycle eccident last July 13, 2007.

Food pick-up

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 3, at Boyne City Hall

Noon to 12:30 p.m., July 3, at Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., July 9, at Mancelona Community Lighthouse

9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., July 10, at Pellston Village Hall

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Teenager saves house from fire

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Cecil Drost got a call from his granddaughter at about 8:30 a.m. She was the only person in the house and it was on fire

Whitney Drost, who was 13 at the time, woke up on June 13 to smoke. When she opened the door to her room, she heard a crackling noise and saw that the dishwasher was on fire. Thinking quickly, she grabbed her cell phone and ran out of the house.

"I left the house, called 911 and got the dog out," she said. "Then I called my grandpa because he's just up the road a little bit and after that I called my Dad."

Her grandfather, Cecil, who lived a quarter of a mile away from their Phelps Road home, rushed to the scene.

"By the time I got there, I could see flames in the kitchen," he said

Whitney had grabbed a yard hose which was tangled with another hose and the two of them straightened it out across the yard. The quick-witted Whitney dragged her end to a hydrant attached to a well.

After securely tightening her end to a faucet, she yelled to her grandfather that it was on.

"I waited for about 10 seconds and nothing was happening, then I thought, 'oh no' but then water came shooting out," Cecil said. "It was the first time this season the hose had been used, so it was a little dry."

Whitney's father, Larry Drost, was going into work at the time and when he got the call from his daughter, he headed back home.

"The fire department got there in about 10 or 15 minutes after I called 911, and my Dad got there a little after I called him," said Whitney.

Before the fire department arrived, Whitney had successfully put the fire out.

"There was so much black smoke inside of the house (after the fire was out) that you couldn't see anything in front of you," she said.

Even though the fire was out, once the fire department got to the scene, they soaked the interior of the home to ensure no further fire or smoke damage, according to Whitney.

What impressed the grandfather most was how Whitney kept her cool throughout the situation and didn't panic.

"I knew everything was going to be all right," she said. "I just don't really freak out that easy about things like that."

Both Whitney's father and grandfather were irritated by early reports which, according to them, were made to sound as if it may have been Whitney's fault, or that it was the result of a cooking mishap.

"I just want other kids to learn from her story. She deserves all of the credit," Cecil said. "She was quick and knew what to do and I think she's a good example for others to follow."

Larry's family is now currently living at the Edgewater Inn until their house is repaired.

"They say it will be about three months before we can go back home," he said.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

The fire damage in the Drost home was extensive enough that the family could be living elsewhere for up to three months.

Beaver community center doors open

The Beaver Island Community Center opened Tuesday, July 1 with a reception at the facility.

There was a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours of the center. Wednesday, July 2 residents and visitors are invited to Paradise Bay Park to join with the descendants of Beaver Island's first community members in commemorating their ancestors' arrival on the shores of the archipelago. Upon the departure of the Emerald Isle at 11:30 a.m., Native American drums, flutes and even a fiddler will herald the approach of canoes from around Whiskey Point. After the travelers disembark, short speeches of welcome and remembrance will be followed by a Native American Hoop Dancing performance on shore by Raymond Shenoskey, an award-winning national competitor in the Hoop Dance who resides in Petoskey.

Everyone is invited to the Community Center for an afternoon of Native American music, dance, food, art and games beginning at 2 p.m. with a women's drum group from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians. The festivities will conclude back in Paradise Bay Park with a brief ceremonial blessing and thanks for the day's gifts at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 3 welcomes the musical wit, wisdom and inimitable entertainment of

The Chenille Sisters to the Center's auditorium stage with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for the matinee and $20 for the evening performance and may be purchased by calling (231) 448-2022, or in person at McDonough's Market or Montage (across from the library on Donegal Bay Road).

Friday, July 4 celebrates our country's "birthday" with cake for everyone at noon in the Welcome Center, followed by a recognition of Beaver Island's veterans at 12:45 p.m. in the auditorium, featuring performances by the Beaver Island Community Choir. The celebration wraps up in time for the annual Fourth of July parade and resumes with the premiere of the first "Friday Night Flick", Walt Disney's Enchanted at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $7.50 at the door, or are available at a discount by becoming a Beaver Island Community Center Partner For Activities. For more information call 231 448-2022 or visit the Web site at www.pabi.beaverisland.org. Saturday, July 5 holds a celebration of the Island's rich Irish heritage featuring lasting links to the old country through tasty treats and tea, oral histories, and musical and dance performances beginning at 2 p.m. and culminating in an evening of Irish song and dance at 8 p.m.

Islanders, and those with an Island connection, musicians Edward Palmer, Danny Gillespie, Danny Johnston, Cindy Gillespie-Cushman, John McCafferty, Brian Roman, and Glen Hendrix will perform. Admission is free and the cash bar opens at 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 6 wraps up the grand opening celebration with a community-wide invitation to attend a special interdenominational blessing and consecration of the new Beaver Island Community Center by the community's spiritual leaders at 11:30 a.m.

Following the blessing will be an engaging afternoon of lively competition for young and old alike with billiards, euchre, cribbage, and board-game tourneys, as well as the first of many Sunday afternoon movie matinees.

The Community Center will be open regularly to the public 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays.

Information on activities and events can be found in the Welcome Center, at www.pabi.beaverisland.org, or by calling (231) 448-2022.

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East Park update

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

For the week ending June 27

• Harbor Master Building (HMB)

All of the interior work on the HMB is complete less a little bit of clean up. The architect has provided a punch list to Hallmark Construction Inc. (HCI) today for the interior of the building. In reviewing the punch list, all of the items are very minor and will not hold up the completion or opening of the building. This shows that all of the contractors involved have performed a very thorough job completing their portions of the work. HCI is already starting to work on the punch list items and should be able to complete them by the end of next week. HCI is currently working with the Charlevoix County Building Department to separate the electrical permits from the two buildings so that the Building Department can issue an occupancy permit for the HMB while the Performance Pavilion (PP) is being completed. All of the railings on the rooftop have been installed and are soon to be painted. The HCI trailer has been removed from the site.

• Performance Pavilion (PP)

The interior finishes continue throughout the building. Jeff Kroesing, HCI's superintendent, is now working out of the PP staging area. City staff will have a training session on the operations of the mechanical, heating and cooling systems in this building on Wednesday, July 2. The stage floor has been polished and the control joints have been cut. Overall the stage floor looks very nice. The rooftop of the PP is almost 100% complete except for the addition of some planting soil and finishing the painting of the handrails

• Interactive Water Fountain (IWF)

All of the pumps, filters and nozzles are fully functional and operational.

• General Site Work

Starting from the south and working north, plantings and final grading for the sod should be complete by the end of Saturday, June 28 (South of the PP). Plantings along the promenade continue. By the end of today the irrigation system will be fully functional from south of the PP to Plaza C, where the flagpoles are located. The irrigation contractor is currently working in the area between Plaza C and Plaza B. Manthei Development Corp. (MDC) is now placing and grading the soil between the PP and Plaza C. If time permits today, HCI will pour the concrete that will complete the walkway in Plaza C from Bridge Street to the promenade. HCI has removed all of the extra re-rod etc. to the south of Plaza A. This will allow MDC to install the fill material needed, get the rough grades established and allow the irrigation contractor to continue working north. By the end of Saturday, June 28 the stonemasons will be finished except for one set of steps to veneer and some other minor items. The schedule now is to start the re-work of Clinton Street next Tuesday, July 1. Drivers are asked to avoid driving on E. Clinton Street to help minimize traffic congestion. The wheelchair-accessible walkway to the south of the HMB is about 80% complete. Once there is no need for equipment to use this as an access the remaining portion will be poured.

This weekly East Park Construction Update is provided courtesy of City of Charlevoix Street Superintendent Pat Elliott.

Charlevoix Concert Series 2008

Sunday's at 6:00pm in Downtown's Beautiful East Park

*Concert relocated to Bridge Park one block north of East Park due to construction.

DATE	OPENING ACT	FEATURE ACT
JULY 6*	Pine River Jazz	Switchback
JULY 13*	North Country String Band	BetsyBaye & Groove Engine
JULY 20	Petoskey Steel Drum Band	Starfarm
AUGUST 3	Dwain Martin	Fabulous Horn Dogs
AUGUST 10	Acoustic Stew	The Mickeys
AUGUST 17	Chautauqua Express	Steppin' In It
AUGUST 24	Sean & Patrick Ryan featuring Dan Cole	K. Jones & the Benzie Playboyz
AUGUST 31	Jetty Rae	Horton Creek

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- Michaywe Pines Course, Gaylord
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- Wilderness Golf Course, Carp Lake
- Wildwood Lakes Golf Course, Wolverine
- [illegible] Olde Holes Golf Club, East Jordan

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Reading Rainbow winner

Winners have been announced for the 14th Annual Reading Rainbow "Young Writers and Illustrators Contest" at WCMU public television.

The top place contestants were chosen out of a pool of 208 entries from central and northern Michigan.

To enter, children in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade created their own books complete with illustrations, and sent them to WCMU for judging.

First-grader Sophia Thompson of Charlevoix won first-place for her submission.

"The purpose of the annual 'Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest' is to encourage literacy, creativity and fun among children in grades K-3," said WCMU's Ready to Learn Coordinator Charlotte Galgoci.

The first-place winners in each grade level will be treated to a pizza party in June at WCMU to celebrate their success.

They will also be featured in on-air spots for CMU Public Radio and will be videotaped reading their stories for air on CMU Public Television.

Additionally, each first-place story and its illustrations will be available to read on WCMU's Web site, www.wcmu.org throughout the summer.

Entries were judged on originality, creativity, storytelling and integration of copy with illustrations.

Judges for this year's competition were Lise Mitchell, Director, Chippewa River District Library; Sue Ann Martin, Dean, College of Communication and Fine Arts, Central Michigan University; and Karen Adams, Dean, College of Education and Human Services, Central Michigan University.

Local first place winning stories will be sent on to the national Reading Rainbow "Young Writers and Illustrators Contest." Judging of the national contest entries will take place in May, and national winners - Grand Prize, Second Place and Third Place - will be announced in June 2008.

Courtesy photo

United Way celebration

Supporters of Char-Em United Way gathered to celebrate the success of its recent campaign, thank those involved, distribute community investment allocations to partner agencies, and make the annual John Newton Awards. United Way President, Joenne Curtis, welcomed guests. She thanked everyone for their role in raising $323,428 in pledges and donations. It was a record amount for the local United Way. Curtis acknowledged the Board of Directors, other volunteers, and staff who worked on the fall United Way campaign. Shawn and Doug Hall, Campaign Co-Chairs, were honored for their leadership. Curtis thanked event sponsors Circuit Controls Corporation, Harbor Industries, and Arbor Associates. For more information about Char-Em United Way contact (231) 487-1006 or charemuw@sbcglobel.net.

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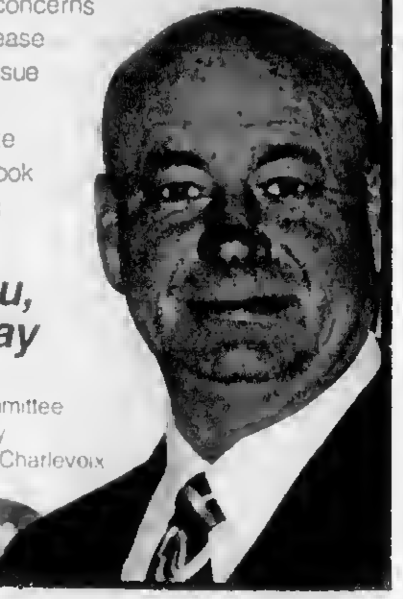
Thank you, Denny Way



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Charlevoix summer concert series

Opening acts begin at 6 p.m. with featured acts taking the stage at 7 p.m.

- * July 6 - Pine River Jazz, Charlevoix, Dixieland jazz; Switchback, Griffith, Ind., Americana, Celtic and folk
- * July 13 - North Country String Band, Charlevoix, old tyme traditional; BetsyBaye & GrooveEngine, Frankfort, raw industrial blues, rock and pop
- July 20 - Petoskey Steel Drum Band, Petoskey, island percussion; Starfarm, Williamston, 1980s retro
- Aug. 3 - Dwain Martin, Charlevoix, folk beats; Fabulous Horn Dogs, Traverse City, New Orleans rhythm and blues
- Aug. 10 - Acoustic Stew, Charlevoix, unique folk rock interpretations; The Mickeys, Mattawan, Americana and blues
- Aug. 17 - Chautauqua Express, Pinckney, interactive family fun; Steppin' In It, Lansing, original acoustic roots
- Aug. 24 - Sean & Patrick Ryan featuring Dan Cole, Petoskey, Irish folk; K. Jones & the Benzie Playboyz, Benzie, Cajun, Creole and Zydeco
- Aug. 31 - Jetty Rae, Charlevoix, acoustic folk, Horton Creek, Charlevoix, simple bluegrass

*Due to continuing construction in East Park, the July 6 and July 13 concerts have been relocated to Bridge Park, adjacent to the trademark drawbridge in Downtown Charlevoix. Upon the completion of East Park's renovations, the Charlevoix Concert Series will settle in its new permanent home: the state-of-the-art East Park Performance Pavilion.

Visit www.DowntownCharlevoix.com for more information on the East Park Renovation Project and the Charlevoix Concert Series.

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority is partnering with Bosmans Mercantile to bring the sweet sounds of the summer concert series to Charlevoix.

File photo

Support the fountain

The interactive water fountain in East Park is now complete, but funds are still needed to pay for the project. Anyone interested in having their name included on the memorial plaque in East Park still has time to donate a minimum of $250; However, donations of any amount are being accepted. Call John Winn at 547-1351 if you would like to help, or send your check or money order to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation c/o "fountain" 507 Water St., P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. All donations qualify for a tax write-off.

Military academy

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) is accepting applications from students seeking a congressional nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and U.S Merchant Marine Academy.

"Each year I am truly impressed with the talented and accomplished young men and woman who apply for this prestigious nomination," Stupak said. "I look forward to learning more about the bright and driven young people who are eager not only to improve themselves through this opportunity but also committed to serving our great country."

To be eligible for a congressional nomination, applicants must be a legal resident of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, at least 17 years old and not past his or her 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of academy entry, unmarried with no dependents, a United States citizen of high moral character, and able to meet high leadership, academic, physical and medical standards.

To assure that nominations to the service academies are based on merit and every applicant has a fair chance to compete for available openings, Stupak uses a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of community representatives from throughout the Michigan's 1st Congressional District. The committee reviews candidate application files, interviews the candidates and recommends selections for nominations.

"I greatly value the time and effort the men and women on the Citizens Advisory Committee put into helping select students to represent northern Michigan at our nation's service academies," Stupak said.

To be eligible for an interview, all necessary paperwork must be completed by Oct. 11.

All recommendations are based on a competitive application process.

Application information may be obtained by calling Stupak's Crystal Falls office at (906) 875-3751 or toll free (800) 950-7371.

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IGN's mission: aid those in crisis worldwide

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
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Tim Salmonson's IGN (Invision Global Network) is on a mission to help people.

IGN is a nonprofit organization that helps put together trips for groups to go on and help people in crisis throughout the world.

"There are three ways people can get involved," he said. "The first way is to go on a trip yourself, the second is by becoming a partner and the third is by simply donating money."

Salmonson grew up in Charlevoix and set up his home base for IGN in St. Petersburg, Fla. He's come back to his hometown to try to get some residents from the area involved.

"I've gone on about 70 trips myself and we've put together somewhere around 12 trips through IGN," he said.

To go on one of these trips, it will cost around $2500 plus airfare. The price includes logistical things, such as tools, food, transportation, housing, translators and project funds.

Salmonson said, if patrons are planning on going on a trip over the Atlantic or Pacific, they should plan to be gone for at least two weeks. If going on a trip to Central or South America, they can plan for an eight day trip.

IGN is an organization dedicated to developing strategic partnerships using holistic practices to help people reach their full potential in life.

One of the ways IGN is doing this is through a social networking site, www.myglobalconnection.org, which connects people who share similar concerns for the world.

With an emphasis on Judeo-Christian values, Salmonson encourages everyone to get involved, in particular, college-aged people and church groups. Church groups are especially encouraged because, according to him, they know what it means to go and help people elsewhere.

Salmonson has people from all over the country getting involved in IGN. Even one of his friends from Chicago, Cindy Gillie, left corporate America last year to come and join the group and become a trainer herself.

IGN is different from other mission groups, Salmonson explains, because they don't just drop off food and water and assume that's going to fix the problem(s) in a particular town or village. Instead, one of his groups will go in, survey the community and try to figure out specifically what the people need, whether it be clean water, medicine, better living conditions, etc.

"It's kind of like the old adage, 'give a man a fish, he'll eat for a day, but teach him how to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime...'" said Salmonson. "We want to go in there and work with these people to help them get what they need, whether this is teaching them how to garden, or farm, or fish, or use tools we provide them with."

A few of the places Salmonson's groups have traveled to have included Thailand after the Tsunami and Haiti after they were hit by Hurricane Jean. In those cases, they brought food and cleaning supplies to those countries.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Grantor, GEORGE E. BALDWIN, who lived at 404 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, died June 2, 2008. There is no Personal Representative of GEORGE E. BALDWIN'S estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The George E. Baldwin Trust dated April 1,1981 will be forever banned unless presented to LULA D. BALDWIN, c/o John D. Fershee, Esquire, 331 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to them.

Date: June 20, 2008

The George E. Baldwin Trust

John D. Fershee (P13393)
331 Bay Street
Petoskey, Michigan 49770
(231)347-1410

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Chet Janik, Superintendent
Charlevoix Public Schools
201 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720

(8-7/2)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by COLENE MCGINN a/k/a COLENE MCGINN-CHERNIAK, to Farm Bureau General Insurance Company, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002, recorded in the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on May 14, 2008, in Liber 0848 Page 0080. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred and Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Dollars ($209,281). No suit or proceeding in law has been instituted to recover all or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of August, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in the forenoon, local time, the following described property viz:

Lots 109 and 110 of Jersey's Addition, City of Boyne City, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241 or MCL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated. July 2, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: That part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Fractional Section 8, being a part of Government Lot 1, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a 1 1/4" iron pipe at the Northwest corner of Fractional Section 8, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0°00'35" East (recorded as South 0°03'54" West) on said West section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a 1/2" iron rod at the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 88°08'46" East 548.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South 24°45'29" East (recorded as South 24°45'36" East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a concrete monument meander point; thence South 00°37'43" East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0°26'36" East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88°34'56" West (recorded as West and South 88°32'10" West) a, distance of 580.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod on the West line of said fractional Section 8; thence North 0°00'35" West (recorded as North 0°03'54" East) on said West section line 122.88 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale

Dated: 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48084
(248)362-2600
ASAP# 2794785
(L-06/25/2008, 07/02/2008, 07/09/2008, 07/16/2008)

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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of November, 2002, by Gary M. Chryster, Jr. and Kimberly L. Chrysler, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on December 3, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 502, page 609, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE AND 85/100 DOLLARS ($57,193.85) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot #32, Bailey and Wilson's Addition to the Village of Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: June 10, 2008

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-06/18, 06/25, 07/02, 07/09)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

JOHN J. McQUILLAN P.L.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by *George Wallace and Carol Wallace*, his wife, *Troy S. Wallace*, a single man, *Jill M. Bell*, a married woman, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagors, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.*, a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 897-909 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars.* The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 4060.00 feet to the North 1/8 line, as monumented; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 320.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 605.00 feet; thence South 52°47'08" West 1342.02 feet to the shore of Nowland Lake; thence South 42°28'00" East along said shore, 200.00 feet; thence North 59°48'30" East 1798.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

Subject to and together with a road and utility easement 66 feet in width, the center line of which is described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 1860.03 feet; thence South 72°30' West 362.70 feet; thence North 17°30' West 619.74 feet; thence South 72°30' West 379.17 feet to the center line of Brock Road; thence South 25°15' East along said center line 74.21 feet; thence South 52°48'25" East along said center line 216.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 24°58'25" East 125.45 feet; thence on a curve to the right 71.11 feet (radius of said curve is 39.30 feet, long chord bears South 26°51'35" West 61.80 feet; thence South 78°41'35" West 215.00 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet; thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet; thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 140.00 feet; thence North 39°32'43" West 64.73 feet; thence North 33°28'33" West 208.04 feet; thence North 27°52'39" West 221.93 feet; thence North 22°30'22" West 213.46 feet; thence North 27°35'30" West 208.33 feet; thence North 37°28'15" West 208.88 feet; thence North 30°10'49" West 230.80 feet; thence North 42°11'29" West 365.87 feet to a line that bears North 41°43'19" East, being the point of ending.

Property Tax Code No. 006-119-015-00.

Commonly known as 2589 Hidden Valley Lane, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee
7254 Michigan Avenue
P.O. Box 560
Pigeon, MI 48755-0560

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

JOHN J. McQUILLAN P.L.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by *Wallace Holdings, L.L.C.*, a Michigan limited liability company, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagor, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.*, a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 884-896 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars.* The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

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The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a 3/4 inch steel bar at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, as monumented, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 33.02 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/4 line, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 826.92 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 88°13'10" West 959.94 feet (recorded as North 88°13'04" West 960.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°02'20" East 269.92 feet (recorded as South 00°03'30" East 270.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 46°39'35" West 493.88 feet (recorded as South 46°38'46" West 493.54 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°00'36" East 2912.56 feet (recorded as North 00°00'18" East 2913.05 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod which is recorded as being 800.00 feet South of the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along a line recorded as being parallel with said North 1/8 line South 88°08'32 East 1685.16 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of the West 3000.00 feet of said Section, as monumented; thence along aforementioned line, North 00°04'41" East (recorded as North 00°04'04" East, parallel with the West line of said Section), 800.39 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, as monumented, South 88°08'32" East 301.25 feet to a point in the centerline of Flag Road; thence Easterly along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 232.22 feet (radius of said curve is 468.66 feet, the central angle is 28°23'23" and the chord bears South 60°10'12" East 229.85 feet); thence continuing along said centerline, South 45°58'30" East 493.77 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 127.18 feet (radius of said curve is 986.93 feet, the central angle is 07°23'01" and the chord bears South 42°17'00" East 127.09 feet) to the East 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 54.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 736.82 feet to an iron stake on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence continuing along said East 1/8 line, South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 2579.27 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 33.01 feet to the South line of said Section; thence along said Section line and along the centerline of said road, North 88°53'08" West 1317.24 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

Property Tax Code No. 014-005-015-10.

Commonly known as 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee
7254 Michigan Avenue
P.O. Box 560
Pigeon, MI 48755-0560

Drafted by:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Randy Puroll, A.S.M. to Alden State Bank dated September 12, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on April 10, 2008 in Liber # 0843 of Mortgages, Page 0794 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Six and 68/100($91,606.68) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County building, 301 State St. in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on July 18, 2008 at 11:00 O'clock in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 9.25 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

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PARCEL A-1
Commencing at a 1 1/8 inch pin at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16, Town 32 North, Range 4 West; thence along the South line of said section South 89°44'14" West 1313.64 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line North 01°10'35" West 1114.70 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 01°10'35" West 205.72 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence along said 1/8 line North 89°46'16" East 964.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Woodward Road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 89°46'16" East 33.03 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along said centerline the following three courses: South 02°24'23" West 103.25 feet; South 12°24'18" West 88.53 feet and South 26°07'52" West 169.33 feet; thence North 69°44'08" West 33.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of said road; thence continuing North 69°44'08" West 340.63 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89°44'04" West 544.41 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 32 North, Range 4 West.

The period of redemption will be One (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: June 4, 2008

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St Marys proposes to use run-off in cooling process

ST MARYS

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CMS has received approval to operate a more than 2,000-foot deep injection well 35 miles south of Petoskey to dispose of the leachate.

"It jeopardizes Lake Charlevoix and the Jordan River watersheds," said Ray Bier spokesman for Friends of the Jordan Watershed, the northern Michigan environmental group spearheading the fight against the Alba well. "Everyone is in a different situation here. The bottom line is that it makes no sense to take the problem from Emmet County to Antrim County."

Noting the early stage of the research, Petrosky said transfer of the wastewater to St. Marys is being considered as one interim approach to handling the seepage; and perhaps as a long-term approach as well. Given the quantity of wastewater generated at Bay Harbor and East Park, he noted that the St Marys idea wouldn't divert all of the seepage proposed for injection in Alba.

CMS doesn't yet have a clear idea of how the St Marys idea would compare on a cost basis to other seepage disposal options, Petrosky added.

According to St Marys officials, any quantity of water they can draw from Bay Harbor's contaminated site is less leachate that will end up in the Alba well.

"St Marys currently consumes water to control gas and material temperatures within various parts of the cement manufacturing process," Cox said. "The water currently used for this purpose is a combination of Lake Michigan and other waters collected within the plant in our own drain fields. We propose to use some of the Bay Harbor water to displace as much of the Lake Michigan water as possible."

He added, "We all seem willing to discuss this if there is net environmental benefit."

While CMS has yet to commit the St Marys plan, Petrosky said CMS will "evaluate" all potential long-term water disposal options and is "reviewing the technical, environmental and legal issues associated with the concept."

Bier and the Friends of the Jordan are willing to continue discussions with both CMS and St Marys on bringing water to Charlevoix. However, they remain adamant that the Alba injection well must not be used.

"It's not only a bad idea, but it solves nothing in the long run," Bier said. "The well they're considering in Alba is only 2,100 feet deep and a deep well injection is supposed to be from 4,000 to 10,000 feet deep."

He added, "It's not our view that this (water) should be put down a deep well anywhere. There are other alternatives that are reasonable towards public health and safety and they should all be explored."

Bier also said "I don't really have anything against CMS or Bay Harbor or any of the people involved in this whole leachate problem. What I have a problem with is the transfer of this towards Alba. All I want to do is protect our watersheds."

Cox offered no opinion on the Alba well issue, but said CMS is prudent in taking their time to review all legal obligations associated with St Marys potential use of the waste water.

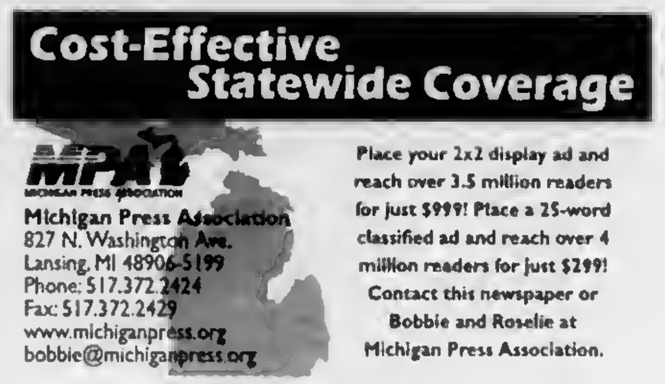
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, a Petoskey-based watershed services and advocacy group, has followed the contamination and cleanup issues at Bay Harbor for the past several years.

"At this point in time, any and all potential alternatives and pollution prevention measures should be evaluated to determine the best resolution for the environment and the community," Tip of the Mitt policy specialist Jennifer McKay said.

With the limited information currently available about the St. Marys idea, McKay said a preliminary natural resources concern would involve air emissions. Noting that the CKD leachate has chemicals which could pose environmental concerns if released as a gas, she said she hopes such concerns are examined as the idea is researched.

"The idea to my knowledge, came from St. Marys," she said. "I commend St. Marys for trying to help come up with an alternative that would be best for the community."

Petoskey News-Review staff writer Ryan Bentley contributed to this report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Is Hatch Act outdated?

HATCH

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the District of Columbia government and some state and local employees who work in connection with federally funded programs.

All officers and employees subject to the Hatch Act are restricted from soliciting, accepting or receiving political campaign contributions, and they may not use their official authority to influence the result of an election. These individuals are also not allowed to run for elective office in a partisan election. People are free to obtain an opinion from the Office of Special Counsel, and can even take a disagreement with the government agency to court. Complaints can be filed anonymously.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, has introduced legislation, H.R. 4272, that would limit the Hatch Act in municipalities with a population less than 100,000 people.

Although Stupak would not comment on any specific Hatch Act investigations, he has been outspoken that the law needs to change.

"I am concerned about the confusion caused by the way this law is applied to local candidates who work in connection with federally funded programs," said Stupak. "Unfortunately, the Hatch Act, in its current form, may severely limit which residents can serve in local office."

Recently, Sheriff George Lasater amended Schneider's job title and duties, hoping to bring him into compliance under the federal act by removing most of his authority.

"I think the Hatch Act is being abused by parties who may want to take advantage of it to embarrass the sheriff's office and candidates out of it," Lasater said.

Schneider is running against Don Sproul, a former 25-year sheriff's department employee. Sproul has declined to comment on Schneider's investigation while it is open.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners have also declined to comment on the investigation.

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Master Plan Update - Public Hearing

The Hayes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed the Hayes Township Master Plan Update at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in the Hayes Township Hall at
09195 Old US-31, Charlevoix.

All Interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed Master Plan Update. The proposed Master Plan Update is available on-line at www.charlevoixcounty.org/hayes.asp. Additionally, hard copies can be viewed at the Charlevoix Public Library or Hayes Township office by appointment for additional information, contact Marlene Golovich, Hayes Township Clerk at (231) 547-6961 or Jonathan Scheel, Zoning Administrator at (231) 342-9025. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Clerk, Marlene Golovich, Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US-31 N, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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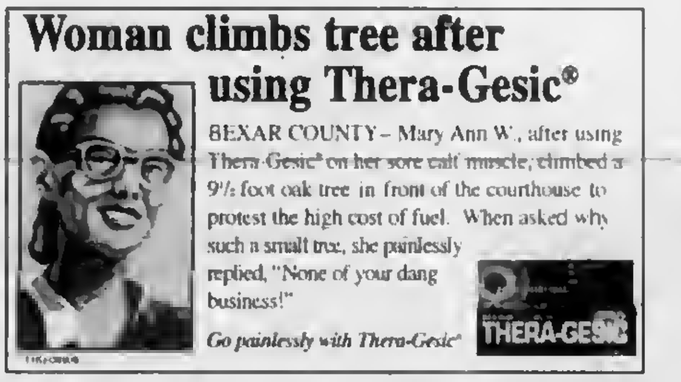
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Currently

Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. In 2001 and 2003, a rotating crew of artists sailed ahoard the Alwihta, a homemade replica of an historic wooden sailboat built by Fritz Seegers of Kalamazoo, around the circumference of Lake Superior from ice-out in June until the storms of October. The Reflections of Superior exhibition is a collection of work inspired by that voyage. Visit the center to see the work of seven of the artists who made the journey. Included in the exhibition are drawing/digital works by Fritz Seegers, etchings by Ladislav Hanka of Kalamazoo, woodblock prints by Mary Brodbeck of Kalamazoo, paper constructions by Cynthia Coté of Calumet, oil paintings by Brent Spink of Kalamazoo, a video documentary by Mark Spink of Colorado, and fiber art by Phyllis Fredendall of Houghton. Reflections artist Mary Brodbeck will be at CTAC on June 30 and July 1 conducting a two day workshop on Japanese Woodblock Printmaking. The workshop will begin with an introductory history of woodblock prints. The class will continue with design development, with a focus on composition, and then proceed to carving and printing. Step by step demonstrations will be given throughout. No experience is necessary to attend this workshop.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

JULY 5

At 7 p.m. The Milroys along with Rodd & Annie Capps at (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix

BIER ART GALLERY

On July 5, there will be an art demonstration day at Bier Art Gallery, the red and white schoolhouse six miles south of Charlevoix. Call 547-2288 for more information.

JULY 10

7 p.m. on July 10 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - The Well Fed Kids with opening act hy Pinky Lee.

JULY 12

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp is from 10 a.m. to noon on July 12 at Kipke Field. This free event is for third- through eighth-graders. Players should wear shorts, T-shirts and cleats. Charlevoix High School coaches and players will be running the camp.

JULY 14

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's picnic will be at 11:30 a.m., July 14 at Michigan beach pavilion. Anyone interested in volunteering for the hospital is welcome. For more information, please call 547-8651.

JULY 18

At 7 p.m. on July 18 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - MJ Bishop followed by Dennis Palmer.

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

JULY 27

At 7 p.m. At the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix Jill Jack & Billy Brandt

AUG. 2

Heise Event: The Architecture of Alden B. Dow.

At 2 p.m. Regina Clark, Public Relations Director at the Alden Dow Museum in Midland will be discussing the architectural vision of Alden B Dow who was "never afraid to fail." Lecture and reception are in honor of library volunteers, Kay and Don Heise. Reservations appreciated. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

AUG. 3

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3, at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix — Don Julin & The Neptune Trio

AUG. 7

It's that easy

At 7 p.m. It's That Easy: The High Vibe Guide to Attracting What You Really Want. Would you like to attract more of what you desire in life? Presenter and author, Dr. Beth Rosenthal will help you discover how to shift your vibrations and attract exactly what you desire! Adults and teens welcome. Dr. Rosenthal is an author, entrepreneur, teacher, facilitator and speaker. She holds MBA and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago and a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Charlevoix Public Library 220 West Clinton St. 237-7340.

CAH GUILD AUCTION

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's silent auction will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7. Reasonable minimum bids will be set. Anyone wishing to donate may call Lorene Sakamoto at 547-3431.

JULY 8

Professor Anson Pantz

At 6:30 p.m., Catch the Summer Reading Bug at the Library and learn why "Insects Do the Strangest Things."

JULY 8 THROUGH AUG. 12

Kindermusik

Birth to age 3, 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.; ages 4 and 5, 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Stimulate your child's mind with Kindermusik, movement and music for parent and child at the Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 9

Jazz at the library

At 7 p.m. come learn about the great jazz masters and listen to their music. Grandma Geri's Children's Garden, BYOC (bring your own chair). Session two will feature one of our favorite players, Steve Little, who will perform the music of great Jazz guitarists such as Wes Montgomery, Charlie Christian, and Joe Pass. Steve is also an accomplished vocalist, and will add his talents to the backing of the JATL trio. In case of rain, JATL will be held in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 12

Classical music lecture with Jung-Ho Pak

At 2 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, Jung-Ho Pak, Conductor, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, will be talking about how to listen to classical music. A reception in honor of Library Director Valerie Meyerson will follow.

AUG. 9

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

BIER ART GALLERY

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 9 at Bier Art Gallery six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse, there will be an art demonstration. It's a day to meet and talk with working artists, also refreshments will be available.

AUG. 11

Magical Mystery of the Sea

At 7p.m. Underwater sea photographer, Ruth Petzold shares her passion for the sea and her work of artistic and humorous portraits. Born in Michigan, Ruth blends her love of nature into unique photographic images. Her work is a collection of artistic and humorous portraits of the sea and its curious inhabitants. Join us in this unique opportunity to meet the artist, hear her speak and see her work, some of which have been published in National Geographic magazine. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

AUG. 19

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

AUG. 22

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

AUG. 28

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The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant .

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

- The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.
- The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

- The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.
- The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.
- The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.
- The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.
- The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.
- The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the conference room near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information, call 547-8651.

CHURCH GROUPS

- The St. Mary Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.
- Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

- The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.
- The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.
- The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.
- The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

Hospital groups

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of February, April, June, September, November and December in the meeting room of the hospital. The July meeting is a picnic at Lake Michigan Beach. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

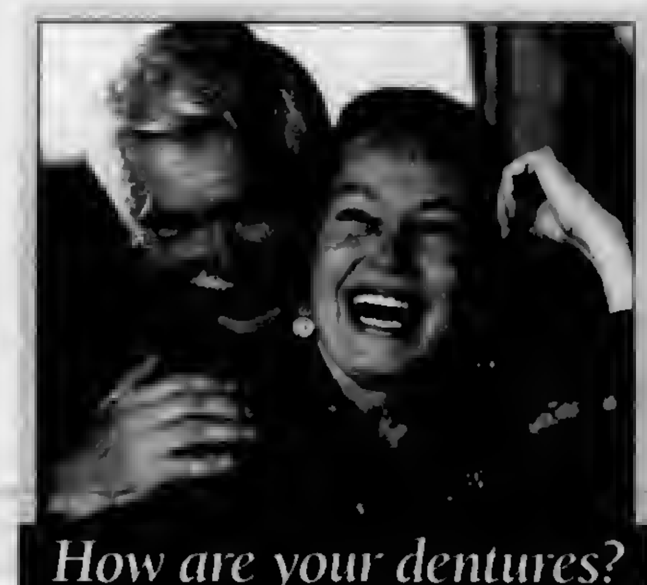
For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

HISTORICAL GROUPS

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.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God Bless America

On Friday July 4, the annual patriotic parade took place in downtown Charlevoix. The parade started at 10 a.m. and traveled down Bridge Street to Bridge Park where the Charlevoix City Band honored veterans and celebrated the day with tunes like God Bless America and the Star Spangled Banner. *For more photos of July 4 celebrations, see page 10.*

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Teens save drowning man

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

When they saw a dinghy circling around in the middle of the lake with no one in the driver's seat, they knew there was something wrong.

When Margeaux Leakas, 16, of Dayton, Ohio, and her friend Lacey Flanigan, 17, of St. Louis, Mo. decided to meet their friend and go for a ride in Flanigan's jet-ski, they saw something that didn't look right.

"People were just standing on their docks, pointing to the water. All those people had bigger boats or yachts, so they couldn't really do anything," said Flanigan. "I mean, by the time they would have gotten themselves untied and started up, it would have been too late. So, we just hooked it over there."

What the people on the dock saw was a drowning man.

"We could see a man in a bright blue shirt from where we were, and he was just throwing his arms around everywhere," said Leakas.

The man in distress, Robert Leitz, 62, of Sister Bay, Wisc., was not wearing a life jacket.

"I figured it wasn't going to be a very long trip, and I could see my friend's boat from where I was," he said. "I was going to visit a friend of mine on the other side of the lake, so I kind of had my guard down."

According to Leitz, he was only about 100 yards off of the municipal dock when he

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Possible treasure on ice

By Benjamin Gohs
Editor

He braved the icy depths of Lake Michigan, long hours on the road and even handcuffs to deliver what could be a piece of a centuries old French ship to U.S. Marshals.

The diver who surfaced with the artifact, leader of Great Lakes Exploration Group (GLEG) Steven Libert, was on June 2 granted the admiralty arrest he has sought for years.

"The meeting with the Marshal went very well. We discussed various matters involving the case and the Attorney General's Office wanted me arrested for removal of the artifact," Libert wrote in e-mailed response to questions. "I guess the A.G.'s office still refuses to believe that Federal Law supersedes State law on matters of admiralty claims."

During a phone interview Libert explained to the Courier that he was not arrested per the Attorney General Office's request and was later told the "problem was sent on vacation."

The admiralty arrest simply means the court holds the artifact and constructive possession of the ship, that is holding the ship without actually having physical possession of it, until it can be determined whether the wreck is Le Griffon and if the State of Michigan or France owns the ship.

Now that Robert Holmes Bell, Chief U.S. District Justice and his court have jurisdiction over the unidentified wreck it cannot be seized, moved or disturbed without a court order.

The state also gets what it wants from the admiralty

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The grass is always greener

Contractors began laying sod into place in Charlevoix's East Park on Wednesday, July 2. City of Charlevoix officials still expect the park to be ready for use by Venetian Festival. *See page 13 for an update on East Park progress.*

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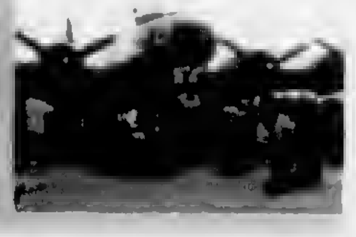

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Jason Michael Manore, 37, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 41 days in jail with one day of credit.

Stephen Paul Liddicoat, 23, Charlevoix. Minor destruction of property more than $200 but less than $1000. Pay $1000 in fines and costs and serve 365 days in jail with four days of credit

Kyle Colwick Heid, 21, Charlevoix. Minor destruction of property more than $200 but less than $1000. Pay $500 in fines and costs and serve 365 days in jail with two days of credit.

Susan Faith Nicholson, 43, Boyne City. Operating while impaired. Pay $850 in fines and costs and serve 41 days in jail with one day of credit.

Scott William Yarbrough, 30, Boyne Falls. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Eddie Frank Lesure Jr., 35, Boyne City. NSF over $50 but less than $200 in damages. Pay $400 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail and serve two days in jail with two days of credit.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Whitney Jane Ager, 20, Charlevoix. Attempted animal abandonment/cruelty. Pay $1,021 in fines and costs and serve 180 days in jail with one day of credit.

Kerry Robert Wilson, 46, Boyne City. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams. Serve 69 days in jail.

Cody Michael Anderson, 18, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. probation violation. Serve 30 days in jail with 27 days credit.

Kurt Vernon Ziegler, 42, Traverse City. Weapons - carrying concealed. Pay $120 in fines and costs and serve 203 days in jail.

Jesse Glenn Johnson, 22, Boyne City. Home invasion - third degree. Pay $220 in fines and costs and serve a minimum of 20 months and a maximum of 60 months in jail.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Clearview Roofing, 07797 Upper Bay Shore Drive, Charlevoix, by Jeffrey Wiatrouk

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June 29	76	56	—
June 30	68	58	—

Le Griffon hunters secure artifact

arrest: the location of the wreck must be disclosed to both Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries.

"Our major concern was the protection of the site from interlopers and looters," Libert stated. "This issue will be our major concern throughout the entire process of identification and recovery."

For now, the four-inch long piece of wood roughly the size of a slender cigar believed to be from the bowsprit, will be kept in a freezer for safe storage and has a one million dollar insurance policy covering it.

However, getting the overgrown splinter to its current resting place wasn't easy. Due to the excitement, number of stops along the way and concerns of airport security, Libert spent days on the road from Virginia to Ohio, then on to Grand Rapids, Traverse City and back to Virginia.

"I calculated that in 86 hours I had six hours of sleep and 30 hours of driving," he stated. "The decision to drive was made as we were concerned that the TSA security would confiscate the artifact as it was packed in a medium size cooler with eight pounds of dry ice."

Hoping to ease tensions between his group and the state, Libert is working with CMURM the Center for Maritime Underwater Research Management of Laingsburg, to prepare a "memorandum of understanding" for a scientific investigation to identify the site in cooperation with GLEG and the Michigan Historical Center Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

"I expect the Attorney General's office to continue their efforts, although I am working toward a cooperative relationship with the Michigan Historical Center," Libert wrote. "Our only recourse is to seek protection from the Federal Court."

The next step for GLEG was to host more fundraising efforts for their expedition, but the idea was scrapped due to past actions by State of Michigan officials.

"It was decided however not to under take this endeavor until we have complete assurance from the A.G.'s office that they would not attempt to sabotage our efforts as in 2006," Libert wrote, referencing an incident where, though he was legally raising funds in Charlevoix, a Michigan official sent letters to Libert's partners and even Charlevoix City officials stating that he was in violation of the law. A letter of apology from the state was later sent, but Libert contends it was too little, too late for the damage they caused.

"I do not anticipate any further dives to the site this summer. GLEG will be working with CMURM on an archeology design review. This details the scope of work to be performed, timetables and budget for the project," he stated.

While State of Michigan officials did not respond to the Courier by press time, they continue to contend that anything on the bottomlands belongs to the state unless it could be proved the ship belongs to France.

"Two of our colleagues just returned from France where they met with French officials with regard to our project and to conduct some further research. France is willing to send over a representative as is Canada. The invitation however has to go through diplomatic channels. That would be GLEG requesting the State of Michigan to contact the U.S. Department of State to make the formal invitation," Libert wrote. "Of course we want a Michigan official also present during the identification phase. GLEG and CMURM are excited about the opportunity to enter into a cooperative relationship with the State of Michigan."

He added, "As always we are striving to promote Michigan's shear beauty and it's cultural and water resources. If this ship is identified as being Le Griffon it is our hope that Charlevoix will be its new home. Numerous productions companies are interested in our story. We hope to film everything in Michigan and use Michigan's talented resources.

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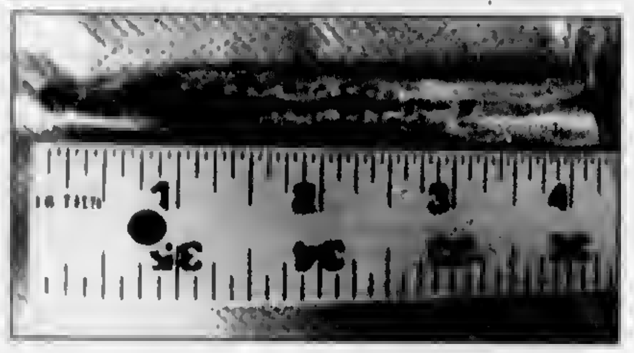

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This artifact from an unidantified wreck was surrendered by Staven Libert to U. S. Marshals Service on July 1 in Grand Rapids. The wooden artifact, thought to be the bowsprit of the famed 17th century ship Le Griffon, measures nearly four inches in length.

Courtesy photo

Stave Libert, head of tha Great Lakea Exploration Group (GLEG) is seen (above) handing over a wooden artifact taken from an unidantiflad ship 100 feet below Lako Michigan's surface. GLEG racently complatad tha next atop in thair search by securing tha artifact undar lock and kay and protectiva refrigaration.

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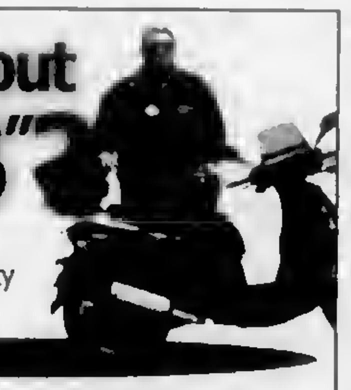

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EDITORIAL

hands off!

Clever as some people think they are when they deface or steal political signs, we can think of few things as rife with cowardice, stupidity and downright jackassery (no offense to the democrats) within the political dirty trick grab bag. We get it, you're passionate about your candidate and really loathe the opposition, but there must be something better you can do with your time than destroy another person's property. As far as we're concerned, vandalizing political message boards is no different than destroying any private property: these signs cost money, and often Joe Ham-n-Eggs spends a portion of his own paycheck to show support for his favorite politician. And, even more disgusting than broken windows, raw eggs thrown at houses or toilet paper strewn trees is the act of denigrating the political opinions of your fellow citizens and neighbors. We have to wonder how you vandals would feel if your opponent decided to destroy your property, political sign or otherwise, in the name of their presidential candidate.

For those of you unsure of how best to serve your political party, we have devised some productive ways to engage in the political process.

Check out the following:

- Write a letter to the editor expounding on all the ways your candidate is superior to the opposing party.
- Start a conversation at your favorite coffee hangout about who would best serve America.
- Jump on Charlevoixcourier.com and begin blogging all those thoughts about John McCain, Barrack Obama, Connie Saltonstall, Kevin Elsenheimer, Don Sproul and Don Schneider.

We'll never be rid of hooligans, but maybe, just maybe, we can work together to elevate politics.

Wait is worth it

As a citizen who has earned semi-retired status, I have more time to take in my surroundings and appreciate what envelops my life and others. Something I couldn't miss noticing in this mild reflective state of mind was the amount of impatience that pervades our lives. I am the first to admit that my own diminished capacity to be patient has created a new way of communicating – I rarely start a sentence with the first couple of words. I leave the listener clueless as to what I am talking about. Okay, I admit I did that before retirement. I thought things would slow down when I left a rewarding but time consuming job. Now I find myself very much mistaken. I can't help but notice others around me getting frustrated as well because a line is too long, a light isn't changing fast enough or an Internet connection is taking too long. It appears we are always running behind- and why is that? Has technology enabled us to move at such a pace that we expect every aspect of life to move at the same break neck speed . It's easy to see why we have a society who now possesses the inability to simply wait. My message today is to encourage people to slow down, decompress and remember good things take time.

Like wine and cheese and even babies, the wait is always worth it. As I begin to rock in my Cracker Barrel chair on the front porch, I started thinking about good things that have come while waiting. With the passage of time, the insight of newcomers, a touch of creative vision, and a sprinkle of feisty determination, some beautiful changes have taken place near my front door. Change is a good thing and it automatically comes like the rise and setting of the sun . Some of us may cling to the past as a safety and security net, others thrive on the new. I appreciate the history of Charlevoix but enjoy seeing creative visionaries at work. In my opinion, historically we have not lost the taste of what Charlevoix was; we have improved her appearance and melded in the old with the new and it has met with success.

We have a school board and superintendent that are working together weathering budget cuts to keep us current under times of financial stress. Charlevoix has a hard working city council who negotiate and mediate at every curve to save the tax payers money. On the shores of Lake Michigan sits a beautiful hospital with a home-like maternity ward, B&B- look sleep clinic, top notch CT scan, topped off with a restful solarium. I'd be remiss in not mentioning the Charlevoix Public Library. So phenomenal that when Dr. Billington, the Librarian of Congress arrived this past week he said he needed to cut out of his speech. His planned talk referred to how the Library of Congress could assist us and he was presently surprised the help wasn't warranted. We have a new city park that has come together with the thoughtfulness and communication of all parties and protected by a caring street superintendent. For some the park moved slowly but contracts and changes that needed to be made take time so it could be picture perfect. We have a city manager who listens and communicates with his staff and is a team player. A chamber of commerce that is moving in tune with technology which has led to additional members.

Good things like art, tea and getting into shape all take time. What is our hurry unless there is an urgent need due to a catastrophe occurring. We all need to step back and say why are we rushing through life so quickly. Doing something in a too swift manner increases the chance of error. We are more apt to lose things, drops items and forget something when we hurry. Time does wait for man and woman and child. We hurry to wait in line. We hurry to wait at a red light. Sometimes situations are placed in front of us to make us slow down to remember something else we need to do.

I am reminded that all good things must come to an end so with that being said I'll end here and wish you a thoughtful day. Take a deep breath and enjoy your surroundings-the mental health you may save may be your own.

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Charles Bronson the key to cheap gas

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I'm not a praying man, but even a deist knows when enough is enough, and having my comfy American lifestyle disrupted by crude oil rapists has driven me to seek higher council.

It all started last weekend when I was miserly metering $25 worth of unleaded second mortgage into my truck's gas tank. Though it might as well be Carlsbad Caverns, cause it's never going to see full again.

Granted, my six-mile-a-day round-trip commute to work is laughable, but before you roll up this here paper and try to bludgeon me to death with it, know that the wife goes to and from Traverse City four days a week.

Now, don't get me wrong, I don't mind the pinpricks of capitalism when supply and demand are at work, but as I recently discovered, as much as 60 percent of the oil price spike could be related to speculation.

"The price of crude oil today is not made according to any traditional relation of supply to demand," wrote F. William Engdahl. "It's controlled by an elaborate financial market system as well as by the four major Anglo-American oil companies."

Gas is worth $1.72 per gallon, yet we're paying $4.29. Those who claim it an issue of supply and demand are either ignorant, simple or both. The issue of why a natural resource like oil, which it seems should be treated like air and water, has been allowed to be hijacked by profiteers and spineless worm speculators who crank the prices up while they offer nothing productive to the process.

The whole act of speculating is a fraud: Guys in suits buy oil that doesn't exist with money they don't have and then sell it to other guys in suits for a premium. All this selling and reselling artificially inflates the value of the oil we do have.

Meanwhile we still have people screaming that we invaded Iraq for cheap oil. So, where the hell's my cheap oil? And, if that's the case, why isn't Uncle Sam putting his star spangled boot up the collective keister of these soulless speculators?

"But Gohs, what would Jesus do?" asks the part of my brain that's been watching episodes of Bible Man every Saturday.

Well, he flipped over gaming tables and chased out the money changers on at least one occasion. But I think what we really need in this case is Mr. Majestyk; Charles Bronson, now there's a man who can break some tail and get things done.

So, Charlie, if you hear this prayer all the way up there in Heaven, could you take a break from beating up bad guys and blowing up drug manufacturing operations long enough to come back and straighten out these goons?

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Editor:

Twenty-two years ago one generous benefactor, a group of forward thinking recovering people and a cadre of friends and supporters joined together to form The Serenity House - Alano Club of Charlevoix.

Since that time legions of suffering alcoholics and others in need of various twelve-step groups have benefited from that selfless act. Having outgrown the aging and ill-suited two story building at 106 Mason Street, the board of directors, with broad support of the membership, made the difficult decision to demolish the old house and build anew at the same location. Looking towards the next twenty years and beyond the board of directors is announcing a modest fund raising campaign to expand the current meeting space. The needs are simple and at a projected cost of $200,000 not extravagant. All members of the board of directors have pledged financial support and are looking to the entire membership for that kind of commitment. Support of the community is not only welcomed but in fact crucial. Early donations have pushed the effort more than half way to the goal.

Rare is the family or business that has not been impacted by addiction issues and as one early and very generous donor said, "what happens at the Alano Club in Charlevoix has had a profound effect on my life and the life of my family. We need to ensure that this continues."

Donations can be made to "Charlevoix Alano Club" and mailed to P.O. Box 422, Charlevoix, MI 49720. If you have questions, please contact Alano Club Management Services Coordinator Scott Kelly by calling 547-1144.

Richard O'Leary, Charlevoix Alano Club Board Chairperson
Charlevoix

GOHS FULL OF BEANS

Editor:

I am one of those readers in disagreement with your article from the June 25 edition of the Courier (Oppression 101), because I can't see anything wrong with having legislation swayed by Christian ideas.

Our thoughts, actions and even our laws are bound to be influenced by something, and for many people there is no stronger persuader than religion.

We are taught to apply lessons from history, but when that history involves religion it is often labeled unconstitutional.

We should not disregard the teachings of Jesus and other biblical figures solely because they are associated with religious beliefs. Non-religious people should try to view Jesus as a historical figure rather than a religious one, and maybe they will be able to appreciate his philosophy instead of believing it is a threat to our government.

I don't think anyone has a problem with our government being influenced by great thinkers such as Plato or Immanuel Kant, so when it comes to matters of legal policy, drawing from the knowledge of religious teachers should be no different than drawing from the knowledge of others.

If I were to quote Hobbes in backing up my stance on a specific piece of legislation, no one would have an issue, but if I supported the same position with the words of Jesus or Paul, somebody would immediately bring up separation of church and state and deem my argument irrelevant.

Our consitution does nothing to prevent the sharing of ideas between religions and government, and it would be a shame if it did.

Billy Roloff
Charlevoix

COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

Editor:

The staff and Board of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan would like to thank everyone involved in the 2nd annual Women Can/Women Do Charlevoix County Benefit Luncheon.

This event helped raised over $25,000 for the WRC. It would not have been successful without each of the individuals mentioned below. Our gratitude goes to: The event committee members: Joyce Herbert, Kathy Lame, Nancy Porter, Gretchen Tambellini, Jean Van Dam, Carole Vial and Trish Wright.

These hard-working volunteers begin their efforts in December each year and are responsible for all the details involved in planning an event of this size.

The table captains: Patti Aikin, Melody Collins, Charlotte Diller, Sue Dixon, Susan Flanders, Joyce Herbert, Gaye Hodge, Vel Kammermann, Diane Kidder, Shari Kitchen, Kathryn Lobenherz, Carolee Macfarlane, Barb Malpass, Marcia Newkirk, Jane O'Brien, Nancy Porter, Connie Saltonstall, Debbie Sears, Nancy Sherman, Ralph Stowe, Gretchen Tambellini, Carole Vial, Nancy Weber, Linda Wertz, Phoebe Wietzke and Robin Wottowa.

These wonderful individuals made sure that the event was standing room only with all of the available seats being sold.

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Special thanks to the Gaillard String Trio members for their performance of the Prelude music and to Diane McMahon for preparing and donating the most delicious desserts.

Finally, thanks to Linda and Richard Mueller for providing

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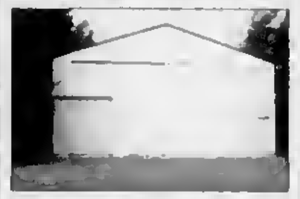

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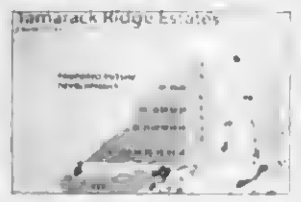

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COMMUNITY Charlevoix people

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Charlevoix partners working with Lori Meeder (standing from left), Director of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Entrepreneurial Division, to provide services and resources to start-up or existing businesses include Keith Carey, Executive Director of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority; Michael Hinkle, President of Charlevoix State Bank; Erin Bemis, Executive Director of Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce; (seated from left) Rob Straebel, City Manager for City of Charlevoix; Zane Carter, Vice President, Northwestern Bank-Charlevoix; Greg Bryan, Broker/Owner, ReMax of Charlevoix; and Robert Hoffman, CPA, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants.

Leaders promote entrepreneurship

A group of business, chamber, government and community leaders in the City of Charlevoix has banded together to strengthen the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Entrepreneurial Division's goal to make the region the hub of entrepreneurial energy. The partnership will help the NLEA Entrepreneurial Division make northern Michigan become a more fertile ground for innovation and business creation and attract additional talents and resources for existing businesses.

"We have brought together a good cross-section of business and community leaders to help us grow as we build what we call an incubator for new or existing businesses," said Lori Meeder, Director of the NLEA Entrepreneurial Division.

Partners in the Charlevoix area include Keith Carey, Executive Director of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority; Robert Hoffman, CPA, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants; Michael Hinkle, President of Charlevoix State Bank; Erin Bemis, Executive Director of Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Zane Carter, Vice President of Northwestern Bank-Charlevoix; Greg Bryan, Broker/Owner of ReMax of Charlevoix; and Rob Straebel, City Manager for the City of Charlevoix.

Meeder said NLEA will count on these partners to identify start-up and existing businesses that could use services and resources to help turn an idea and a dream into reality.

As the NLEA division continues to grow its services, local community partners will assist two-fold: first, by identifying entrepreneurs needing assistance and secondly, possibly providing expert advice or services in areas such as talent development, early-stage funding, regional marketing, business outreach, and more. Ultimately, the NLEA Entrepreneurial Division hopes to form what is called "incubators" which could take a variety of shapes and forms; From an actual building that provides affordable space for new companies with common services, to a menu of experts to help with human resources, finance or marketing.

For more information about NLEA and its Entrepreneurial Division, visit www.northernlakes.ne or call Meeder at (231) 582-6482

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LETTERS

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the incomparable venue for the luncheon.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to the 200-plus community members who either attended the luncheon or made a contribution towards the event.

Your financial assistance and support are most appreciated.

This was a truly remarkable occasion, and we appreciate everyone's hard work and support. Thank you all for caring and sharing.

Jan Mancinelli

WRC Executive DirectorEditor:

STILL KICKING

Editor:

The Charlevoix Girls Varsity Soccer Team had its most successful year ever this year.

For the fourth year in a row they were conference champs, won their second district title, their first ever regional title, and competed in the state semi-finals losing to the eventual state champion Kalamazoo Christian. Of the four final schools remaining, Charlevoix was the only public school and on top of that, the girls had the highest grade point average. This year's team had a cumulative GPA of a 3.7. (sixth in the state regardless of division). We also placed six girls on the all state teams.

However, as in most successful endeavors, we did not do this without help and support from a great many members of the community. I'd like to thank all the fans for coming out not only to our home games, but also those who made the trip(s) to Holton. It was great to hear the cheering and the girls were really picked up by the support. Thanks to Tom Bergmann, Charlevoix 4-H soccer, Bob Schofield, Charlevoix Sports Boosters, CHS Staff, Doug Drenth, Ken Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Way, Don Voisin, Zita Winn, Jim Marsh and parents.

You all added to our success and we thank you.

Coach Carol Madison

Coach Tom ConlanEditor:

HELP FOR GRIEVING

Editor:

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than we can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing your job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness, or even losing a pet. Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designated to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will beheld from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from now through Aug. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitator for this program is Dr. Andrew Sahara of North Country Community Mental Health. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

We would appreciate anyone interested in attending these classes to pre-register by calling the hospice office at 582-8800. After the first session, the classes will be closed. There is no charge for this program.

Margaret Lasater, Bereavement Coordinator

Hospice of Northwest Michigan

MUCH TO-DO 'BOUT NOTHIN'

Editor:

I'm a tax payer and I think all this to-do about Mr. Schneider is a big to do about nothing. He has always been very honest and up front about everything.

Why is Hatch Act going after Mr Schneider? Why don't they stick to cleaning up some of the big shots or so called.

This is a small town, Sheriff Lasater did a good job and I think Mr. Schneider will also do the same.

George Krchak III

Charlevoix CountyEditor:

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL UNDERSHERIFF

Editor:

This letter is to the citizens of Charlevoix County. I am writing in regards to the true professional you already have as your undersheriff and what a benefit it would be to your county to have him as your next sheriff.

Sheriff Lasater has filled, with great honor, the office of sheriff for almost 32 years and he has always had my utmost respect as a fellow sheriff. He will be missed. However, you have the opportunity to fill that void with another official that I believe will never miss a beat and represent your county with honesty, integrity, and the knowledge of what it takes every day to get the job done.

I have worked with Don Schneider on several occasions and sit on a Mutual Aid Committee with him. His agenda is always what is best for Charlevoix County. I have served as the Antrim County Sheriff for almost 8 years and believe it is important to my office to work hand in hand with an adjoining county.

In closing, I highly recommend Don Schneider as your next Sheriff for Charlevoix County

Sheriff Terry L. Johnson

Antrim CountyEditor:

ACCESS FOR ALL

Editor:

This time of the year brings on the summer festivals, like July 4 and locally the Charlevoix Venetian Festival. All of us enjoy all of the musical events, art and craft festivals, parades and last but least of all, fireworks displays.

All of these activities are available to everyone, or are they?

How about that segment of our society who are physically or mentally challenged?

Why are there not designated areas at these events for specialized vans reserved for these people close enough so that they too could enjoy these activities.

Granted, every town has parking issues, but one would think exceptions could be made.

I personally have a very close friend, who has been a health care professional for 25 years in the field of care for the physical and developmentally disabled, and she assures me that parking is a huge issue.

Let's make it an equal playing field, and remember that all of us could end up dealing with disability in our lifetime.

Parris Halverson

Charlevoix

WHERE DOES IT END?

Editor:

Granted gasoline prices are going up. A number of us are using another method of transportation: a bicycle. We ride our bikes to work, appointments and to the grocery store. Now why are we paying 75 cents for air to do all the running around we could do in a car?

What's it going to cost to breathe?

Martha Burger

Charlevoix

Official Notice

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETING

Norwood Township will hold a public meeting on Saturday. July 12, 2008, at 8:30 AM. Meeting will take place at the Norwood Township Hall, 19759 Lake St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. The purpose of the meeting is to interview candidates for the position of Zoning Administrator. Any comments or questions on this matter may be sent to 17534 Ferry Rd. Charlevoix, MI 49720, or call 231-437-0105. If planning to attend this meeting and have special needs requiring special attention, please call 231-437-0105 at least two days prior to the meeting.

Denny Way

Norwood Township Board

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OBITUARIES

Robert Tripp: Oct. 14, 1928 - July 5, 2008

Robert L. Tripp, 79, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, July 5, 2008, in Charlevoix. Funeral is 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, July 9 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Rev. Gloria Ward officiating. Burial will be in Undine Cemetery. Bob was born Oct. 14, 1928, in Livonia to Lester E. and Ione (Struble) Tripp. His family moved to the Burgess area in Hayes Township when he was 16. Bob served as a corpsman and baker in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. On Sept. 21, 1957, he married Shirlene G. Allison in Petoskey. Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing, growing roses, wood turning, helping Shirlene in their ceramics shop and painting, and he loved his dog, Babe, who was his best friend. He was a member of VFW Post #3675, Northern Michigan Flywheelers, the Whirlaways Square Dancing Club, Sam's Sportsmans Alliance of Michigan, and the Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club. Bob retired as a police officer from the City of Charlevoix Police Department in 1989, after serving 18 years. Bob is survived by his wife Shirlene of Charlevoix; daughter, Charlene (David Trautman) Kitson of Alanson; son, Duane L. Tripp of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Joshua and Amanda Kitson, Robert L. Tripp, and Danielle Tripp; great-grandson, Kayden, visitation was 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers P.O. Box 494, Walloon Lake, MI 49796.

Dekar Ezri Schmidt: Died June 27, 2008

Dekar Ezri Schmidt passed peacefully in the arms of family on June 27, 2008. He was born at 10:46 a.m. and met the eyes of Jesus at 7:10 p.m. the same day. Dekar was the son of Cortney and Marge Schmidt of Atwood (Ellsworth). He is survived by eight siblings, Hali, Aaron, Solomon, Eli, Rachel, Jadon, Melchizedek, and Isaiah, all at home. His paternal grandparents are Jerry and Judy Schmidt of Tomahawk, Wisc.; and maternal grandmother, Laura Pehoski of Stevens Point, Wisc. Dekar gave us a lifetime of love during his short time on earth. The Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep Foundation provided a volunteer photographer to record his short life with us. In lieu of flowers we would be pleased to have you support their mission to help other grieving parents through their remembrance photography at: The Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep Foundation, 7800 S Elati St. #111, Littleton, CO 80120, or: http://nowilaymedowntosleep.org/pageDisplay.php?page=42. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Vera M. Edison: Nov. 3, 1938 - June 19, 2008

Vera M. Edison was born Nov. 3, 1938 in Charlevoix and passed away June 19, 2008 in East Grand Rapids, Mich. She was married to her best friend and love, Larry Edison (CS) for 42 years. She was the daughter of William Harold and Mary Towsley of Charlevoix. Her brothers are Allan (Loretta) Charlevoix, Robert (Bette) Sand Lake and Stanly in the UP. She was a mother to Ross Case of CS, Corrine Ginnever of Charlevoix, Scott Case of CS. Ronald Edison of Sparta and Mary Kay Golcyzski of Rhode Island. She has fourteen grandsons and two granddaughters, 10 great grandsons and two great granddaughters. Vera retired from 28 years with GM-Fisher Body, was a member of the Red Hat Society and graduated from Charlevoix High School. She was a gracious, non-judgmental friend who enjoyed life. Services were held ata Bliss, Witters & Pike (CS). A simple ceremony attended by over 200 family members, Red Hats and friends followed by a luncheon provided by the American Legion (CS Post). Private interment at Sand Lake Cemetery. For memorial contributions, please donate to the American Cancer Society.

Katherine "Katie" Curtis: Feb. 18, 1942 - July 4, 2008

Katherine "Katie" Curtis, one of Charlevoix's shining stars, passed away peacefully, liberated from cancer on July 4, 2008 at the age of 66. She was born in Petoskey on Feb. 18, 1942, to Frank and Sophie (Sobleskey) Foster, and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1960. Katie loved Charlevoix and tirelessly volunteered her talents to various organizations. She led the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton Post #226 Auxiliary serving at its president for over 30 years. In addition to the Legion, she also donated her time to the Alano Club, and Saint Mary's Church Altar Society in Charlevoix, she loved being a member of the Red Hats and all will miss her blue eyes and radiant smile. Katie had a special 44-year friendship with Birdie Whitley. Together, they operated Birdie's Beauty Shop and side-by-side kept the ladies of Charlevoix looking beautiful. Katie was a devoted wife to Jack Curtis who preceded her in death just 64 days ago. She was a wonderful mother and is mourned by her children, Kimberly (Jim) Atkinson of Bloomfield Hills, and Denny Curtis of Charlevoix. Katie's lights of her life were her grandchildren. She was a doting grandma and will be deeply missed by Stephanie, Katelyn, Trey and Courtney. Katie is survived by her sisters, Teresa Golding of Petoskey, Annie (Eddie) Shepherd of Harbor Springs, Ruthie Grady and Hazel Lund both of Grand Rapids. Annie and Ruthie never left Katie's side in the last days of her illness. Katie's brothers, Al and Frank Foster, both of Petoskey, preceded her in death. Her mother in law, Ruby Curtis and sister in laws Jeanie (Rick) Davis and Linda Ostling also survive as well as over 40 nieces and nephews. Visitation was Monday at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the Rosary was recited. Rite of Christian Burial was 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiating. Burial will take place next to Jack in Saint Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

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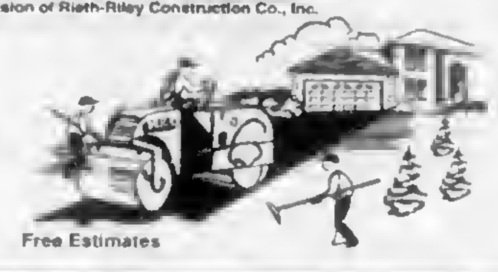
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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Courier sister paper to host 105th candidate debates

USERS INVITED TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

The Petoskey News-Review will begin hosting an online debate between the three candidates in the 105th District race today at www.mismartvote.com.

Every week, reporters and editors will create a question for Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, and his two opponents — Democrat Connie Saltonstall and Libertarian Greg Dean. The three candidates will have a week to respond and portions of their answers will appear in Monday's issue of the paper, along with the question for the following week.

Readers are invited to follow and comment on the candidates answers, and submit questions of their own.

Elsenheimer is running for his third term in as representative to Lansing. After establishing himself as a rising star among the Michigan's GOP, Elsenheimer initially did not plan on running for re-election this year. However, after not securing his party's backing for the a seat on the court of appeals, Elsenheimer filed for re-election. He said that he plans to let his past record in the House speak for itself, and maintains that he is a fighter for the interests of Northern Michigan.

Saltonstall has already begun to reach out to her Democratic base, meeting with a local chapter of the UAW earlier this month. She said she hopes to ride the wave of support the Democrats are enjoying thanks in part to low approval rating of President George Bush.

Dean, who ran against Elsenheimer back in 2004, first as a Republican then dropped out of the crowded field to run as a Democrat, recently won the nomination of the Michigan's Libertarian party. He said that Democrats and Republicans are "two sides of the same coin," and hopes to challenge both candidates on a number of issues.

All three were e-mailed the following question, earlier today:

What do you think are the three most important issues voters must consider when casting their vote in the race for the 105th District?

Noah Fowle can be reached by e-mail at nfowle@petoskeynews.com

"Rebuilding the Michigan economy. With nearly 94,000 jobs lost this year alone, we continue to lose jobs at an alarming rate in our state. We must find a way to replace those jobs. One major step is to fix a broken legislature that has put partisan politics and special interests ahead of the challenges facing our state. It is the job of a state representative to work with all legislators for a Michigan that benefits both workers and business." **Candidate Connie Saltonstall (D)**

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"The key issues that I believe voters will consider this fall include: Size and scope of government; energy; and state spending," Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin." **Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Kewadin)**

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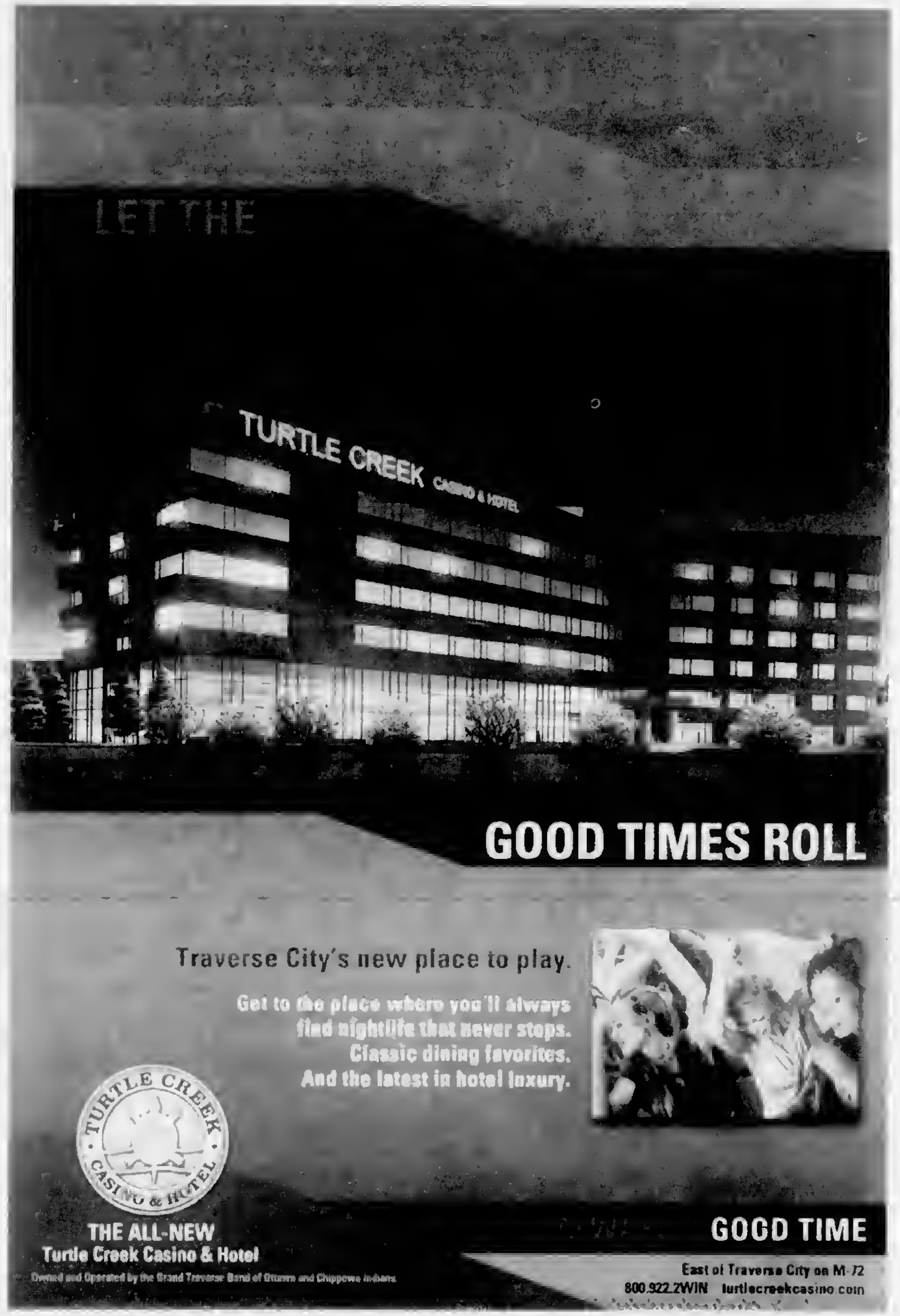

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Horton Bay's own lady liberty (top, left) struts her stuff during the Horton Bay Fourth of July parade last Friday. The Rockfish band performs Neil Young's "Rockin' In The Free World" during the parade (bottom, left) and Horton Bay's very own "Fat Lady" gives a high five to a young bystander during the close of festivities.

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Friday	6-8am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm
Saturday	11:30am-1pm

OPEN SWIM	
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Tuesday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Wednesday	6-8pm
Thursday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Friday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Saturday	1-4pm

What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz at the Library *Wednesdays in July and August 7:00pm*
[illegible]

July 9 [illegible]

July 16 [illegible]

Story Time *Thursday, July 10, 10:30am*
[illegible]

Classical Music Lecture *Saturday, July 12, 2:00pm*
Jung Ho Pak, conductor of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen, will be discussing "How to Listen to Classical Music" [illegible]

[illegible]

Fly Fishing Demo *Tuesday, July 15, 1:00 pm*
[illegible]

Kindermusik *Tuesday, July 15*
Birth - 3, 6:45-7:15pm • Ages 4 - 5, 7:15-7:45pm
[illegible]

Karen Czarnik's Bug Stories for K-Grade 4. *Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 pm*
[illegible]

Make a Garden Stepping Stone for Tweens Grades 5-8. *Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 pm*
Join the staff in making a garden stepping stone that may be on display in the children's garden.

Oral Traditions *Thursday, July 17, 7:00 pm*
Judith Ivan, Library Assistant & Interviewer Extraordinaire, will be presenting excerpts from the Charlevoix Oral Traditions and Charlevoix Veterans History video project.

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Sheriff and Clerk candidates as well as those vying for county commissioner in districts 4, 5 and 6 will be present. The event will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 15 at Grey Gables Inn on Belvedere Avenue. Candidates will speak at 6 p.m.. There will be a cash bar, and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Call Susan Flanders at 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at 547-0866 for more information.

W.O.W.

At 7:30 p.m. on July 15, at the Norwood Schoolhouse on Fourth Street in Norwood, the Norwood Area Historical Society will host Rebecca Lessard from WOW, "Wings of Wonder". She will bring 3 live raptors with her along with touchable raptor artifacts. This program is suitable for all age groups. Call 547-7545 for more information.

Food program

Pick-up times, dates:

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 3, at Boyne City Hall; Noon to 12:30 p.m., July 3, at Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church; 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., July 9, at Mancelona Community Lighthouse; 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., July 10, at Pellston Village Hall; 11 a.m. to noon, July 10, at VFW Hall in Harbor Springs

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City manager looks back on first year, forward on future

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Straebel

The end of this summer will mark the one year anniversary of Roh Straebel being on the job as City Manager.

Straehel said the thing he enjoys the most about his job is the day to day interaction he has with such an "eclectic group of people."

"I've also enjoyed the positive interaction with the City Council and staff members," said Strachel. "City Council has been doing a good job of setting the parameters and letting us do our job."

Everyday, he gets to talk to a variety of people from attorneys, to developers to environmentalists.

In his position, Straehel noted the top three challenges he and the city have had to face so far: the East Park Project, the inability to hire two new Journeyman-Lineman and balancing the budget.

"The East Park Project has been one of the most complicated to manage," he said. "It's gone from trying to re-imburse grant dollars to a whole range of other little problems."

As far as the Journeyman-Lineman situation goes, he said there just haven't been too many qualified applicants for the position.

"We're thinking of possibly raising the hourly rate as an incentive," he said. "We currently have two on staff, but we really need two more so that we have four on board. That would complete the staff in that area."

Last, but not least of challenges Straebel faces is the budget.

"The first budget goes from April of 2008 to March 31 of 2009. Right now, we're $139,000 in the red, even after slashing $185,000 from the draft budget," he said.

Aside from those obstacles a city manager is expected to deal with, Straehel said the city is running smoothly and there seems to be no major complaints.

Though the delay of the East Park Project has been an issue with many residents, Straehel said there's nothing to worry about.

"We've had great oversight on the project from Pat Elliot, so we're hoping to close that out in the next couple of weeks or so," he said.

Straebel feels that it's not the city manager's job to set goals for the city or to come in with an agenda.

"In general, it's the city council's objective to set the goals for the City of Charlevoix," said Straebel. "Through many meetings I've helped council define those goals. Ultimately, it's the City Council's job to decide what direction to take the city in."

Originally from Saginaw, Straebel moved out West after graduating from Ferris State University. After spending a few years in Breckenridge, Colo., he decided to become a Peace Corps. volunteer.

He eventually moved to Denver to become a Community Development Specialist and found that he really liked local government.

After that, he got accepted to the University of Colorado and completed his Master's program there.

Straebel spent six years as a town manager in Hayden, Colo. and then moved to Taos Ski Valley and became a village administrator for three years.

Family is what brought Strachel back to Michigan.

He said he always had a great affinity for the northwestern part of Michigan and the recreational opportunities offered around here.

Strachel's job today, in a nutshell, is to make sure the City Council runs as smoothly as possible.

"The more information you can get to the council before a meeting, the less questions that arise and the more efficiently they can run," he said.

The everyday matters that Straebel deals with are many phone calls, following up on concerns and complaints, putting together council packets, negotiating contracts, writing correspondence and signing off on a lot of bills.

"I like the broad, long-range overview of the City Manager's office," said Strachel. "I think I have the type of personality that thrives in a challenging work environment."

Local grad first in state

The first class of the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) students have graduated from Baker College Center for Graduete Studies. In the photo, MOT graduates and Baker faculty and staff, from left to right, back row are: Jennifer Van Baak of St. Clair Shores, Susan Tons (faculty), Sarah Crouse of Charlevoix, Amanda Foist of Warren, Theresa Kovacik of Roseville, Cathy Rozanski (faculty) and Tamara Gerber (faculty). In the front row, left to right, are: Dr. Jo Anne Crain (dean and program director, MOT), Nicole Vicencio of Roseville, Emily Thompson of Imlay City, Kristin Okopien of Swartz Creak, Ann Hoadley of Burton, Joelle C. Grandy of Fenton, Dr. Michael Heberling (Baker College Center for Graduate Studies president) and Juliane Chreston (faculty).

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Synopsis June 25, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Hudson Township. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting were approved as amended

Motion approved the bid of B & G Enterprise for $2,548.00 for one time only clean up of landscaping.

Motion approved Resolution #08-055, Inmate Labor.

Motion approved Resolution #08-056, Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Implementation Plan.

The July 2008 night meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Eveline Township Hall.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

East Park Progress

The Harbor Master Building (HMB) was opened to the public on Thursday, July 3. Boaters now have access to all marina amenities and the public can now access the public restrooms. All veneered stone work is now 100 percent complete. Remaining concrete flatwork around the HMB will be completed this week. Clinton Street is currently being reworked, with new curbs to be poured today. Sod laying activities in East Park continue with a second load of sod earlier this week. The remainder of the sod will be delivered on Thursday, July 10. By Friday, July 11, the entire project should be deemed substantially complete. A punch list will be generated following shortly thereafter detailing any small fixes required to fully complete the project.

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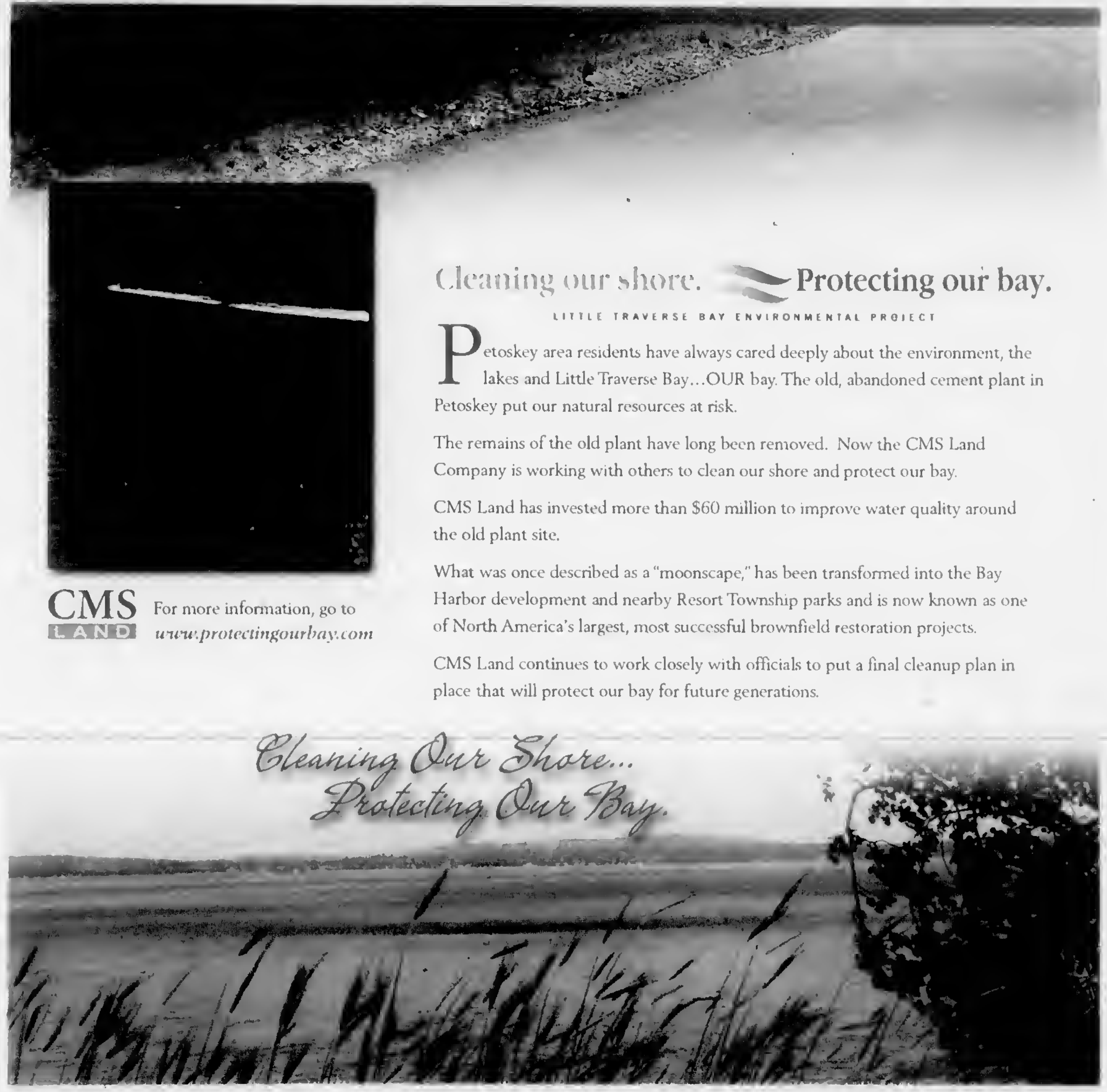
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Chamber Golf Outing!

Join us for the 10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing on **August 26th** at the Belvedere Golf Club, a four-person scramble event with a shot-gun start at 1pm. All are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a light lunch onsite and a dinner buffet and award ceremony immediately following at the Belvedere Club Casino. Prizes for longest drive, closest to pin and hole in one. Gifts for all who participate. There will also be a contest for the 2008 Chamber Putting Championship with a chance to win a $5,000 first prize! Space is limited, so register your team today!

The member of the month program recognizes Chamber member businesses in our area. Chamber members are chosen at random monthly, surprised with an unannounced visit by our Ambassadors and featured in the Chamber Monthly.

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Pictured left to right: Darron Munson, Susan Clark and Marge Ramsey

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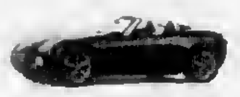

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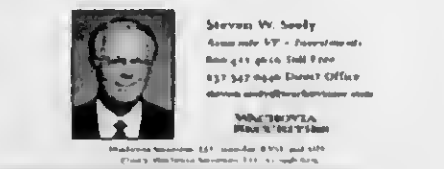

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Jul 12 - Odawa Casino Resort welcomes 38 Special - 877-442-6464

Jul 12 - Castle Farms Garden Railroad 237-0884

Jul 12 & 13 - 40th Annual Art & Craft Show 547-2101

Jul 16 - Charlevoix Area Garden Club 10th Annual Garden Walk & Flower Show 237-4294

Jul 19 - 16th Annual Street Legends Classic Car Show - 547-9013

Jul 20-26 - 78th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival www.venetianfestival.com

Jul 26-27 - Castle Farm Fiber Arts Festival 237-0994

Jul 30-31 - LTC Young Naturalist Program at Susan Creek Nature Preserve - 347-0991

Aug 1 - Friske's Farm Market Craft Show 599-2604

Aug 7C - Casino Royale Night at the Yacht Club to benefit St. Mary School 547-6652

Aug 7 - LTC Save the Trees Benefit 347-0991

Aug 8 - Odawa Casino Resort welcomes John Anderson with Aaron Tippin - 877-442-6464

Aug 9 - Bier Art Gallery Demonstration Day 547-2288

Aug 9 - 50th Annual Waterfront Art Fair 547-2675

Aug 10 - 19th Annual Pool Auction - 547-0982

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

September 5 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables.

Erin Bemis, *Executive Director*

World War II bombardier will fly again

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

It's been 63 years since he's flown in a B-17.

Now, at the age of 83, Elson Spangler, a World War II veteran, will be taking his first flight in a military aircraft since the war ended.

"I flew in 24 missions," said Spangler, "it would have been 25, but the war had ended before my last mission."

In several missions, Spangler was the lead bombardier.

"The bombardier would fly the plane over the last 30 miles or so of the mission to try to find the target," Spangler said. "The navigator would help the bombardier find the target."

Spangler will be flying on the Yankee Lady B-17 during the Beaver Island Air show on July 18 and 19.

The Yankee Lady is one of only 12 flyable B-17s in the world.

It is a B-17 G, which is a model that was built in 1945.

Spangler was with the 15th air force out of Southern Italy.

He and his crew had flown over Yugoslavia, Greece, Ukraine, France and many other European countries. During that time, he survived two crash landings.

"The first crash was near the Adriatic Sea. We were shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire," Spangler said. "We just ditched the B-17 that had crashed. The second time I was shot down was my last mission of the war. It was in the Alps near a marshaling yard. During the end of the war, one of the main targets was the railroad yards because the Germans were trying to get all of their materials out of the area."

Spangler was 19 years old when he first started flying combat missions.

When he turned 21, he went home and started college at Michigan State University in 1945.

At that time, while he was home, the war in the Pacific ended.

While at Michigan State, he studied engineering. After he went through four years of college, he got married in 1949 to his wife, Helen, who he's been married to ever since.

He and Helen had three children and six grandchildren.

After receiving his education, Spangler went to work at General Motors in the research lab.

Spangler wrote a book called, "An American Flyer," which is for sale at the Smithsonian Aerospace Museum in Washington.

"I'm very excited about them thinking highly enough about the book to include it in their museum," said Spangler. "It's an honor."

McSauba heat hut makeover

Calling all builders, architects, and do-it-yourselfers.

Come witness the extreme makeover of the Charlevoix Ice Skating Warming Hut on the grounds of the Mt. McSauba Ski Hill from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 18.

The warming hut will be converted into a log cabin.

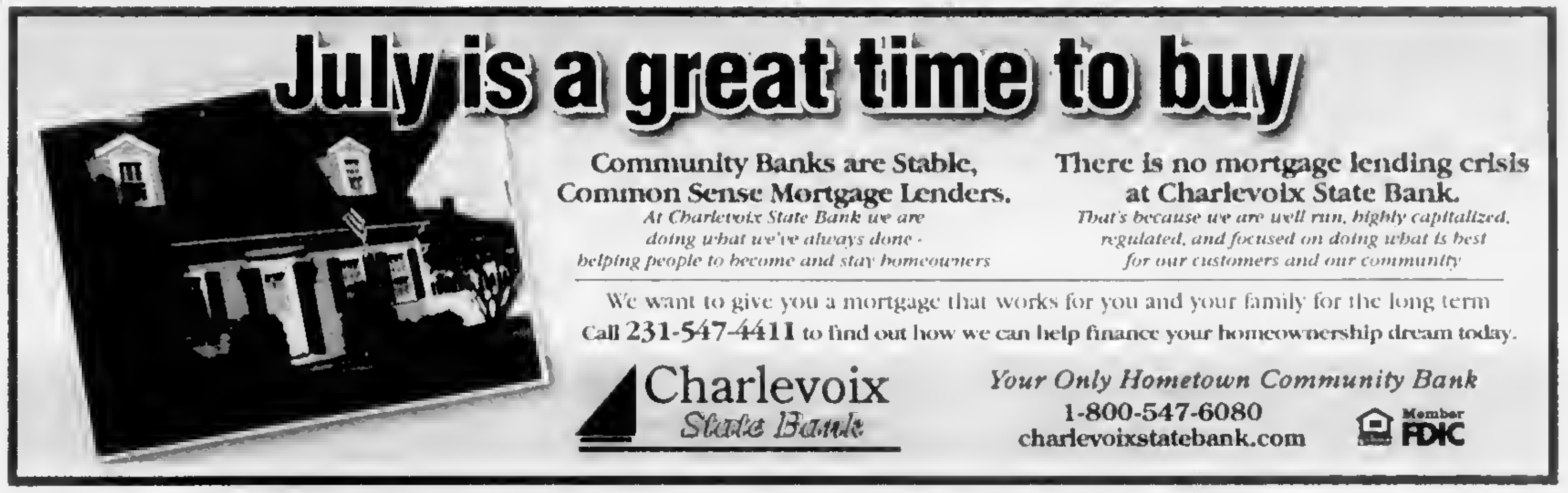
An 18 inch band of cultured stone added to the bottom of the building will create the appearance of a stone foundation. Finishing touches will include new windows and doors, a front deck, and roof.

Generous contributions made by local businesses helped make the event possible.

Call the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce for more information at 547-2101.

Livestock program

Livestock producers have until July 18, 2008 to enroll in 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Eligibility requirements for LCP have been determined that a producer must be in a primary (or contiguous) disaster county declared by the Secretary or President between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 18 2007 or must be in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice that is directly associated to a disaster declaration made by the President. Producers who owned livestock during calendar year 2005 in Michigan may be eligible for LCP with the exception of the following Counties: Alcona, Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Macomb, Midland, Ogemaw, and Wayne. Producers who owned livestock in calendar year 2006 in Michigan may be eligible for LCP with the exception of the following Counties: Alcona, Arenac, Iosco, and Ogemaw. All counties are eligible for calendar year 2007. Keep in mind that producers may only receive benefits for one year LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers interested in applying for assistance should contact their local FSA county office



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SPORTS reviewing the action

A few words with a Lion quarterback

...AND IN THIS CORNER

A.J. Hoffman

On Saturday, June 28, I got the chance to sit down and talk with Drew Stanton of the Detroit Lions.

At 6-3" and 230 pounds, the 24-year-old quarterback from Michigan State University was the 43rd overall pick in the 2007 NFL draft.

Stanton had been mentioned as a potential candidate for the Heisman Trophy by several ESPN analysts.

Though Stanton missed all of his rookie year due to a knee injury during training camp, he says he's excited about the upcoming season.

The second-year quarterback was originally born in Okemas.

He and his family moved to Oregon for awhile. And after his sophomore year in high school, they moved back to Michigan.

After graduating from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, he was ranked as a four-star prospect by rivals.com.

Q: Did you run in the marathon today?

A: No, but my sister and my sister-in-law did. They both did the half marathon today (13.1 miles). Also, I'm sponsoring a runner today through the Special Olympics. I met him at the Summer Games at CMU (Central Michigan University). His name is Todd Williams.

Q: Did you come up for just the marathon, or are you planning to stay a little while?

A: We're up here on vacation for the week. It gives us a chance to relax and hang out near the lake and just enjoy the area. We come up every year for about a week during the week of the fourth of July.

Q. Last year you were put on the reserve/injured list for a little while because you had to undergo arthroscopic knee surgery, how are you feeling now?

A: Oh, I felt much better in the Spring and I feel really good now. I started running and training and it felt better. It became really encouraging from that standpoint.

Q. I understand they've been changing the location of summer training camp for the Lions, it used to be at Saginaw Valley State University, the area where I'm originally from, so do you know when and where it's going to be held this year and will you be ready to participate?

A: I'll definitely be participating in training camp, and I'm really excited about it. Training camp starts July 23 and it's going to be at the Lions new training facility. It's a very nice facility, its brand new.

Q. Aren't you speaking later today at the awards ceremony?

A: I'm not sure if I'm speaking or not, but I'll definitely be down there. Right now, my family and I are just waiting for Todd to come through. We're just waiting for him to finish the race then we'll be over there.

Q: Is this your second or third season with the Lions, and do you expect to get any starts this year? Aren't you anxious to get in there and replace Kitna?

A. This will be my second season, and actually I've learned a lot from him. The offense is a lot more quarterback-friendly this year. Jon knows how to do the right things and he's been teaching and working with me on a lot of different things.

A.J. Hoffman's sports column appears monthly in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

Official Notice

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Norwood Township will conduct a public hearing on establishing an Industrial Development District as authorized by Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended.

The hearing is at 7:00 pm, Monday, July 21, 2008, at the Norwood Township Hall, 19759 Lake St., Charlovoix, Michigan.

The request is from Manthei Development Corp., 05481 US 31 S, Charlevoix. The property tax identification numbers are:
15-011-005-025-20, 15-011-008-002-10,
15-011-005-008-10, 15-011-005-006-00,
15-009-004-020-00, and 15-009-004-019-00.

Written comments are accepted until 5 pm, July 21, 2008, at the Township office. All written comments will become part of the records of the hearing.

Michelle Cyr
Township Clerk

Mens' softball results

July 2 games.

RGM Services : 10 – 2 : Island Airways/McDonough's Market

For RGM, Bo Moore had two doubles.

For Island Airways, Shannon Gillespie had a triple.

Carlson's Home Improvement : 15 – 2 : ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting

For Carlson's, Doug Waha had a double.

Boss Engineering : 11 – 6 : The Muffler Shop

For Boss, Scott Boss had a homerun and Jon Boss had a double.

For The Muffler Shop, James Thomas had a homerun. Russ Williams had an in the park homerun and Branden Darrah had two doubles.

Charlevoix Men's Slo-Pitch Scores for Monday AND Tuesday Games

June 30 games:

Island Airways/McDonough's Market : 19 – 14 : ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting

For Island, Shannon Gillespie had an in the park home run.

Wojan Window & Door : 12 – 11 . Art Form & Frontier Classic. For Wojan, Sparky Nitchman had an in the park homerun and Tyler Munson had two doubles.

For Art Form, Matt Kochanny had a double

RGM Services : 5 – 2 : The Muffler Shop

For RGM, RJ Moore had a triple.

For The Muffler Shop, Chris Loper had a home run.

RGM Services : 15 – 11 : ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting

For RGM, RJ Moore had an in the park homerun, Ryan Leitner and Tom Moore each had a triple, Danny Waldron had a double and Eddy Waldron had a homerun.

For ACE, Trevor Cole had a double.

July 1 games.

The Muffler Shop : 16 – 1 Art Form & Frontier Classic

For The Muffler Shop, James Thomas had a triple and JD Pop had a double.

Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire : 12 – 0 : ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting. For Flight Deck, Bob Williams had a triple.

Boss Engineering : 5 – 2.

Little League advances to quarter final against Lewiston

Charlevoix Little League, 11 and 12-year-old division, opened up tournament play Monday night against Boyne City in game one with a 5-4 victory.

The winning pitcher was Shane Sutherland who pitched 4 and two-thirds innings collecting 10 strikeouts while giving up only two walks and four hits.

JJ Bottomley came in relief pitching 1 and one-third inning to pick up the save striking out three of the six batters he faced giving up two hits.

Leading hitters included Sam Eakes with a triple and two runs scored; Will Telgenhof with a single and a RBI, and a single a piece for Brad Rizzo, Noah Certa and Shane Sutherland who also scored a run.

In game two, Charlevoix fell to Gaylord with a score of 8-6, but fought back from an early 5-0 deficit.

"The boys never gave up" said team manager Brian Certa. "They are a great group of kids full of enthusiasm for the game."

Telgenhof was the losing pitcher but settled down after the first inning.

Logan Eckhardt came in relief and shut Gaylord out the last two innings.

Leading hitters for Charlevoix were Noah Certa and Bottomley with two singles apiece.

Brad Rizzo, Sutherland, Telgenhof, Luke Klinger and KeNen Borths all had singles. There were nine hits in all.

In game three, Sutherland picked up his second pitching win as Charlevoix defeated East Jordan 8-4

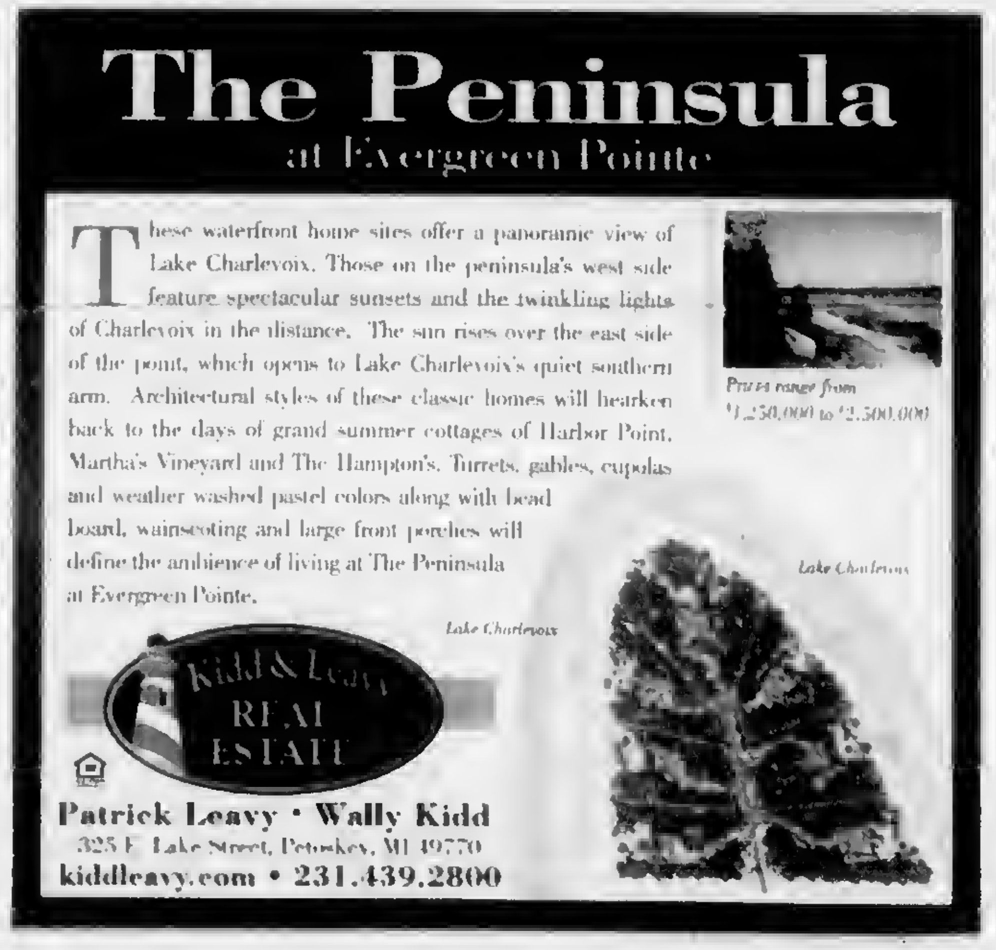
Sutherland pitched 4 and two-thirds innings striking out eight and walking two.

Bottomley finished the game striking out two.

Leading hitters included Sutherland with two singles and a single each for Sam Eakes, Noah Certa and Telgenhof. Noah Certa and Telgenhof scored two runs apiece.

Charlevoix Little League now advances to District 8 Quarter Finals in Lewiston.

Results were not available by press time.



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Several restrictions lifted at Bay Harbor

Restricted access area reduced along Lake Michigan shore.

Public Health officials issued a revised Public Health Advisory on July 1, 2008, for Bay Harbor , allowing access to two sections of shoreline that had been previously restricted because water along portions of the five-mile Bay Harbor shoreline was contaminated by highly caustic leachate. At the same time, officials caution that contact with contaminated by highly caustic leachate. At the same time, officials caution that contact with contaminated water in the areas which remain restricted can cause severe burns to humans and animals.

The local health department and the Michigan Department of Community Health are partnering with other regulatory agencies to assure that human exposure to harmful contaminants is restricted by issuing Public Health Advisories and controlling access to sites of concern. The other agencies involved include U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) , Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

Access restrictions at Seep 1, a release area west of Bay Harbor Lake, has been reduced from 1,800 feet of restricted shoreline to 930 feet, according to Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "We revised the Bay Harbor Public Health Advisory when spring monitoring data collected by CMS Energy and EPA confirmed that pH values continue to be less than 9.0 standard units, which is considered safe by the Michigan Department of Community Health and which meets Michigan's surface water standard," he said. Additionally, EPA has authorized the removal of access control fencing and signage along the previously impacted shoreline.

CMS Energy is responsible for environmental clean-up caused by cement kiln dust (CKD) piles at the former Penn-Dixie cement plant site. When water runs through CKD piles, it creates a highly caustic liquid known as "leachate."

"It is encouraging that the interim control methods are having a positive impact on the amount of leachate collected and improved water quality along the shoreline,' said Kendzierski. CMS has installed elaborate collection systems along release areas, which are continually monitored and undergo ongoing modifications to enhance their ability to collect leachate before it can vent to Lake Michigan.

Near other seeps, leachate continues to discharge into Little Traverse Bay, posing a health threat. Public Health Advisories were issued for these area based on the acute risk of exposure to high pH and its ability to damage body tissues, Kendzierski said. Exposure to leachate at pH values of nine to 11 can result in irritation to eyes, skin, and mucus membranes. Irreversible damage can be caused by exposure to leachate at pH values above 11.

Elevated Ph Values along Bay Harbor shorelines have been shown to extend out up to 90 feet out into Little Traverse Bay in some areas, but generally are diluted below 9.0 closer to shore. Despite improvements, some areas continue to show leachate pH levels ranging between 9.0 and 13.0.

Five distinct locations continue to discharge leachate and are restricted under ongoing Public Health Advisories. East Park Seep, owned by Resort Township and located east of Bay Harbor, has been under a significant construction project to divert water and encapsulate CKD material left on site. Village Harbor Lake Seep, which lies adjacent to East Park was discovered to have high pH leachate on a 400-foot trough at the bottom of the channel and discrete areas of high pH along the southwestern corner. Seep 1, a long stretch of shoreline west of Bay Harbor Lake, is now restricted to a reduced 930-foot section between Bay Harbor Lake and Circle Drive. Pine Court Seep is an area just north of private homes on Pine Court. West CKD Seep exists northwest of the clubhouse at the Bay Harbor golf course.

"These areas, though showing improvement, still exhibit pH levels that are considered by the Michigan Department of Community Health to be a health threat. People are warned to avoid contact with these waters and are advised to restrict swimming, diving, and other recreational activities to waters outside the advisory areas," said Linda Dykema, PhD, Toxicology & Response Section Manager from the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"We are monitoring CMS and EPA testing results for each of the seeps very closely," Kendzierski said.

This is the second time since 2004 that the Health Department has lifted portions of ongoing Public Health Advisories. In 2006 the Health Department removed restriction for some 1,600 of shoreline.

"As we confirm the effectiveness of the collection systems and see continued improvement with respect to pH and human exposure issues, Public Health Advisories will be modified or removed accordingly. Our top priority is the health and safety of residents and visitors. We'll continue to issue Health Advisories and communicate why they are in effect until the public health issues have been resolved at Bay Harbor," he said.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

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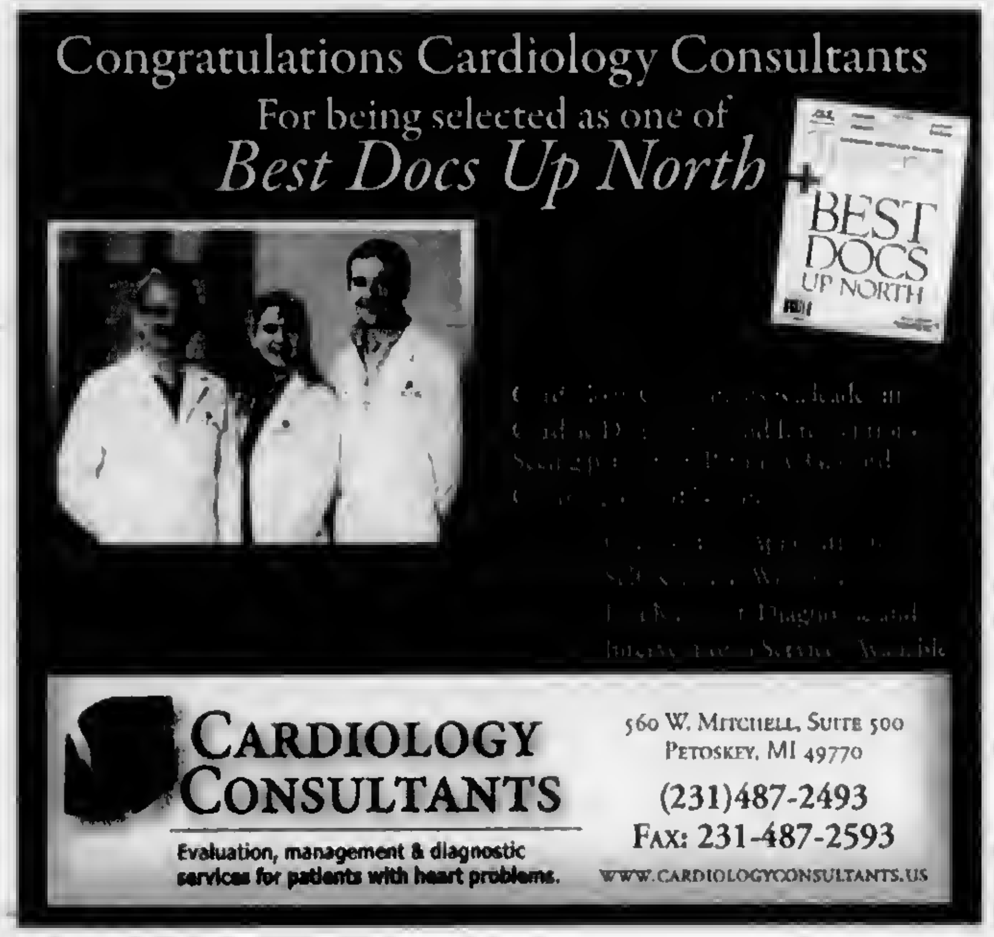

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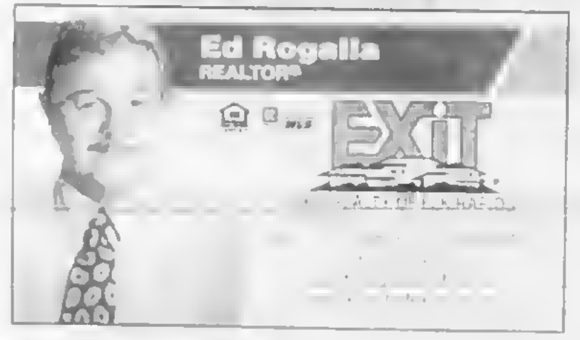

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Peg Herring, historical novel author, will be signing from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12 at the Round Lake Bookstore on 107 Mason Street, Suite 102.

Herring's book, "Macbeth's Niece" is a romance that the Historical Novel Society called "an entertaining yarn worthy of a place by a Celtic fireside."

Herring, a former educator, published with Five Star, a part of Cengage Learning.

In addition to writing, she speaks to groups about the joys of reading, particularly mysteries and historical novels. She recently presented her workshop "Write, Edit, Publish" at both the Indian River and the Petoskey Public Libraries, where people interested in becoming published writers gathered to learn about this challenging process. Herring spoke on mystery novels at the Charlevoix library in April of this year.

A native of Onaway, Peg began publishing plays for high school students in 2002 and has since added short stories and magazine articles on various subjects to her resume.

Novels are her first love, however, and her first has received critical praise.

Day of Caring planning continues

Spearheaded by Char-Em United Way and Harbor Industries' Get Involved Team, the Day of Caring is one day on which hundreds of volunteers throughout Charlevoix and Emmet Counties provide services to non-profit agencies needing help with special projects. Last year, over 600 volunteers worked on 50 projects throughout the two-county area. The 5th Annual Day of Caring is scheduled for Tuesday Sep. 16, and United Way hopes to involve 1,000 volunteers this year.

Julie Voci, Day of Caring Coordinator for United Way, explained the need. "Everyone knows that our community is suffering under the stress of a weakened economy; loss of jobs, the high cost of gas, health care, and even milk. As more people need assistance, they are turning to our community agencies which, like everyone else, have to get by with less. People who never thought they would need help are struggling and asking for aid. The Day of Caring provides us the opportunity to fill this need in our community."

The Day of Caring was started locally in 2004 by Harbor Industries, which encourages employees to be involved in their communities. In the first year, 70 volunteers worked on seven projects, and that has grown dramatically over the past four years. Volunteers perform tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building shelves for the Red Cross, to washing windows at the Safe Home.

Other members of the Day of Caring planning committee include Bay Winds Federal Credit Union; Huntington National Bank; Way Transportation; Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Manufacturing; and Charlevoix High School.

"Just to give you an idea of the value of your volunteer efforts," Voci said, "every volunteer hour you provide is worth $19.51. It doesn't matter if you are a stay at home mom, a receptionist, CEO, retiree, line worker, your time and efforts are priceless to the agencies you help and the people they serve. It is our hope that you will find this to be a fulfilling, gratifying, and wonderful experience which will lead you to not only want to participate next year, but to join us as we work to make volunteering a year round endeavor."

If your non-profit organization has a project that has been on your wish list, just waiting for you to have the time to "get to it", please contact United Way so a Day of Caring Project Request Form can be sent to you. Businesses, organizations, faith communities, or individuals can form a team of 1 – 100 to help with Day of Caring. Volunteer teams will be matched with projects. Deadline for applications are the first week of August.

To get a Project Request form or a Volunteer Sign-up form, contact Julie at United Way. Call (231) 487-1006 or e-mail your form requests to charemuw@sbcglobal.net and put "Day of Caring" in the subject line.

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FILE NO 08-011153-DA

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Date: 07/02/2008
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Lots 109 and 110 of Jersey's Addition, City of Boyne City, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241 or MCL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: That part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Fractional Section 8, being a part of Government Lot 1, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a 1 1/4" iron pipe at the Northwest corner of Fractional Section 8, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0°00'35" East (recorded as South 0°03'54" West) on said West section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a 1/2" iron rod at the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 88°08'46" East 548.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South 24°45'29" East (recorded as South 24°45'36" East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a concrete monument meander point; thence South 00°37'43" East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0°26'36" East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88°34'56" West (recorded as West and South 88°32'10" West) a distance of 580.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod on the West line of said fractional Section 8; thence North 0°00'35" West (recorded as North 0°03'54" East) on said West section line 122.88 feet to the point of

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

JOHN J. McQUILLAN P.L.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default.

Mortgage made by *George Wallace* and *Carol Wallace*, his wife, *Troy S. Wallace*, a single man, *Jill M. Bell*, a married woman, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagors, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.*, a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004 in Liber 648 at Pages 897-909 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars*. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 4060.00 feet to the North 1/8 line, as monumented, thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 320.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 605.00 feet, thence South 52°47'08" West 1342.02 feet to the shore of Nowland Lake; thence South 42°28'00" East along said shore, 200.00 feet; thence North 59°48'30" East 1798.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

Subject to and together with a road and utility easement 66 feet in width, the center line of which is described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 1860.03 feet; thence South 72°30' West 362.70 feet, thence North 17°30' West 619.74 feet; thence South 72°30' West 379.17 feet to the center line of Brock Road; thence South 25°15' East along said center line 74.21 feet; thence South 52°48'25" East along said center line 216.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 24°58'25" East 125.45 feet; thence on a curve to the right 71.11 feet (radius of said curve is 39.30 feet, long chord bears South 26°51'35" West 61.80 feet; thence South 78°41'35" West 215.00 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet; thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet; thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 140.00 feet; thence North 39°32'43" West 64.73 feet; thence North 33°28'33" West 208.04 feet; thence North 27°52'39" West 221.93 feet; thence North 22°30'22" West 213.46 feet; thence North 27°35'30" West 208.33 feet; thence North 37°28'15" West 208.88 feet; thence North 30°10'49" West 230.80 feet; thence North 42°11'29" West 365.87 feet to a line that bears North 41°43'19" East, being the point of ending.

Property Tax Code No. 006-119-015-00.

Commonly known as 2589 Hidden Valley Lane, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Electa M. Soden, who lived at 06455 Stolt Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died on March 6, 2008.

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Dated: June 30, 2008.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Mortgage made by *Wallace Holdings, L.L.C.*, a Michigan limited liability company, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagor, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust* Co., a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 884-896 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is One *Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty* and *94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars*. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

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The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a 3/4 inch steel bar at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, as monumented, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 33.02 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/4 line, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 826.92 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 88°13'10" West 959.94 feet (recorded as North 88°13'04" West 960.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°02'20" East 269.92 feet (recorded as South 00°03'30" East 270.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 46°39'35" West 493.88 feet (recorded as South 46°38'46" West 493.54 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°00'36" East 2912.56 feet (recorded as North 00°00'18" East 2913.05 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod which is recorded as being 800.00 feet South of the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along a line recorded as being parallel with said North 1/8 line South 88°08'32 East 1685.16 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of the West 3000.00 feet of said Section, as monumented; thence along aforementioned line, North 00°04'41" East (recorded as North 00°04'04" East, parallel with the West line of said Section), 800.39 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, as monumented, South 88°08'32" East 301.25 feet to a point in the centerline of Flag Road; thence Easterly along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 232.22 feet (radius of said curve is 468.66 feet, the central angle is 28°23'23" and the chord bears South 60°10'12" East 229.85 feet); thence continuing along said centerline, South 45°58'30" East 493.77 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 127.18 feet (radius of said curve is 986.93 feet, the central angle is 07°23'01" and the chord bears South 42°17'00" East 127.09 feet) to the East 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 54.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 736.82 feet to an iron stake on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence continuing along said East 1/8 line, South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 2579.27 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 33.01 feet to the South line of said Section; thence along said Section line and along the centerline of said road, North 88°53'08" West 1317.24 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

Property Tax Code No. 014-005-015-10.

Commonly known as 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

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took the throttle of the boat and throttled up.

"All of a sudden, the boat jumped out from under me," he said.

Leitz, who claims to be a pretty good swimmer, and has been involved with boating for over 30 years, said he just made a stupid mistake.

"My first instinct was to try to catch up to the dinghy because at the time it was just idling away from me," he said. "The water was so cold though and I was losing strength as I was trying to catch up to it."

Leitz said someone told him the water was 52 degrees when he fell in. Anything less than 70 degrees can induce hypothermia.

"I was in the water for about four or five minutes. If those girls hadn't gotten to me in time, I think I would have lost consciousness," said Leitz.

Leitz's only hope was the two girls on the jet-ski who were still out of reach at that point.

As he was fighting to keep his head above water, the dinghy was coming back at him.

"I knew there was nothing I could do, so I lifted my arm up to try to knock the boat out of the way," Leitz said. "The next thing I knew, I was looking at the bottom of the dinghy."

The propellor of the dinghy sliced his ear and a part of his shoulder, leaving him in need of approximately seven stitches in his ear.

When the girls got to the scene, they saw Leitz bleeding and flailing around in the water.

One of the girls threw him her life-jacket but Leitz didn't respond to it. So, Leakas decided to jump in the water and save him herself.

Flanigan was not only steering the jet-ski, but she was tied to it as well, so this left Leakas to saving the man's life.

The 135 pound Leakas was somehow able to swim the 250 to 300 pound Leitz to safety by getting him to a nearby boat that was on its way.

"There was a family on that boat, and the father kind of helped me lift him up onto their boat," Leakas said. "From there, the family covered the man's face with a towel because that's where the bleeding was coming from; then they headed to Ward's to get the man to a hospital."

After Leakas got back on the jet-ski, the girls located the out-of-control dinghy. Flanigan jumped on the small boat, which had run into a moored sailboat, and hit the killswitch.

Later in the day, the girls met the man they saved, and his wife, at the hospital.

"Both he and his wife gave us a great big hug and they just kept saying 'thank you, thank you, thank you.' They were incredibly grateful towards us," Flanigan said. "It's so weird: Last summer, I rode the jet-ski around and used it for fun all season long; This year, I used it to save somebody's life."

Leakas said the event was all a blur.

"I had never taken any life-saving classes before," she said. "The water was freezing, and I don't even know how I was able to do it. I can hardly remember how I swam with him."

Leakas added, "He was moving around everywhere and I think I just put my arm around his chest or over his shoulder to get him over to that family's boat."

Ann Denison, Leakas' grandmother, was the first to receive the girl following her heroic action.

"She just came home to me and didn't say anything. She was just shaking," Denison said. "When I asked her what was wrong, she said, 'I just saved a man's life.' You could tell she was in shock."

She added, "I told her, 'you should feel lucky, not everyone gets the chance to save somebody's life.'"

Both of the girls work as camp counselors at the Belvedere, where they'll be living for the summer.

"They really are very amazing girls," Denison said. "They did the right thing and I'm very proud of them."

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Heroic duo Lacey Flanigan (left) and her friend Margeaux Leakas.

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At 7 p.m. come learn about the great jazz masters and listen to their music. Grandma Geri's Children's Garden, BYOC (bring your own chair). Session two will feature one of our favorite players, Steve Little, who will perform the music of great Jazz guitarists such as Wes Montgomery, Charlie Christian, and Joe Pass. Steve is also an accomplished vocalist, and will add his talents to the backing of the JATL trio. In case of rain, JATL will be held in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 10

At 7 p.m. on July 10 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - The Well Fed Kids with opening act by Pinky Lee.

JULY 12

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp is from 10 a.m. to noon on July 12 at Kipke Field. This free event is for third- through eighth-graders. Players should wear shorts, T-shirts and cleats. Charlevoix High School coaches and players will be running the camp.

JULY 14

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's picnic will be at 11:30 a.m., July 14 at Michigan beach pavilion. Anyone interested in volunteering for the hospital is welcome. For more information, please call 547-8651.

JULY 18

At 7 p.m. on July 18 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - MJ Bishop followed by Dennis Palmer.

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

JULY 27

At 7 p.m. at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix Jill Jack & Billy Brandt

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JULY 15

At 1 p.m. there will be a fly fishing demonstration. Fly fishing is made easy in this beginner's workshop at Charlevoix Public Library.

At 6:30 p.m., Karen Czarnik's Bug Stories for Kindergarten through fourth-graders. Join Czarnik and the Charlevoix library staff for some humorous and silly hug stories at the library.

Garden Stepping Stone Craft for Grades five through eight.

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BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

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JULY 10

Silver Metal Clay Charms Class with Susan Lambert from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 16 and up or younger with adult.; $50 includes all materials.

Patterned Silver Earrings Class with Susan Lambert from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ages 12 and up. Cost is $40.

JULY 11

Viking Knit Bracelet Class with Susan Lambert from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 16 and older, younger with adult. Cost is $50.

JULY 15

Demonstrations and Insights on Sculpting Animals by Todd Warner from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is $25.

JULY 18

Birch Bark Ornament Workshop with Yvonne Walker Keshick, Native American artist from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $65, for ages 12 and older.

JULY 19

Landscape Painting Class by Margie Guyot from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For ages 14 and up. Cost is $60.

JULY 21

Landscapes with Depth: Fiber Art Workshop with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $50. This class is for adults only.

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Castle choo choo

Castle Farms unveiled its new Train Garden feature on Saturday, July 12 before a crowd of dozens who were able to see the HO scale trains traverse bridges, tunnels and winding hills. The castle is open for self-guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays for $6 per person.

suspects arrested

BY STEVE ZUCKER NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER AND BENJAMIN GOHS EDITOR

Eric Scott May (Left) and Michael Lee Allred

The charges against a pair of men arrested earlier last week in connection with a rash of business and church break-ins are beginning to stack up.

Following a cooperative investigation involving police agencies in Emmet and Charlevoix counties, police arrested Michael Lee Allred, 23, of Petoskey, and Eric Scott May, 21, of Charlevoix on Wednesday.

The two are facing a host of breaking and entering charges in connection with break-ins that took place in the Alanson, Petoskey and Charlevoix areas in recent weeks.

They were arraigned Friday, July11 on one count each of possession of burglar tools, breaking and entering with intent, and criminal enterprises stemming from an early Wednesday break-in at the NAPA store on Charlevoix Avenue in Petoskey. They were also arraigned on three counts each of breaking and entering in connection to three recent incidents in Charlevoix County. The Charlevoix cases stem from break ins that took place on June 16 at the Church of

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County seeks relief in whistleblower's lawsuit

BY BENJAMIN GOHS EDITOR

Two defendants now remain after four county officials were dropped earlier this April from a whistle-blower suit filed by former jail administrator Babette Meggison.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema and county commissioners Shirley Roloff, Chris Christensen and Joel Evans were voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff following depositions in the case filed in June, 2007, which leaves Charlevoix County and its Sheriff George T. Lasater, then Meggison's supervisor, to do battle in the case now overseen by U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids.

"We have no authority over her as an employee. She is an employee of an elected official," Jarema said. "She was told to clean things and she didn't do them. Naming us four was a frivolous lawsuit right from the beginning."

The county's legal representation intends to file a motion to dismiss the remaining suit in the coming weeks.

THE COMPLAINT

According to the complaint filed by Meggison's attorney Debra A. Freid of Saginaw, Meggison, who was hired as a corrections officer in 1988 and named jail administrator in 1997, and an undisclosed number of her co-workers developed respiratory and other illnesses in 2001 due to poor air quality following renovations and construction of an addition to the jail.

"Staff and inmates continued to get sick and the complaints to plaintiff (Meggison) continued," the

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East Park open for Venetian

BY BENJAMIN GOHS CHARLEVOIX COURIER EDITOR

July 20 is the deadline of all deadlines.

Charlevoix city officials say despite starting nearly eight months later than planned, and lagging months passed the most recent of several moving deadlines, East Park will be ready in time for The 78th Annual Venetian Festival.

"My hope and prayer is that we will open the park on schedule and then we'll just have a punch list left after that," said Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. "The punch list is little odds and ends you find when you first start using things. They are little things that a contractor may overlook, like touch-up paint, that a fresh set of eyes might catch."

The project, now expected to be complete when the first act goes on stage at East Park's new performance pavilion, has been plagued with bureaucratic bog-downs from the State of Michigan's Waterways Commission, which is one of three parties with a con-

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DISTRICT COURT

THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Martin Michael Stowe, 46, Boyne City. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 34 days in jail with one day of credit.

Carrie Lynn Bellant, 37, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Pay $350 in fines and costs.

Tohiah Pflug, 25, Pellston. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Jeffory Lynn Speer Jr., 41, Manistee. Disorderly person. Pay $300 in fines and costs and serve 30 days in jail with one day of credit.

Shawna Nicole Anderson, 18, Boyne City. No identification on person. Pay $100 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Northern Michigan, 05795 US 131 South, Boyne Falls, by Brandon Giem

Connected: A business magazine of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce, 221 Water St., Boyne City, by Michelle Cortright

Molly Bricker Holistic Massage Therapy, 4661 Korthase Road, Boyne City, by Molly A. Bricker

Northern REO Data Entry, 617 State St., East Jordan, by Amy Roberts

Fish On Sportswear, P.O. Box 444, Charlevoix, by Michael Kent Seymour Jr. and Shari M. Jones

Bragg About, 02100 Wheeler Road, Boyne City, by Elizabeth Bragg

MARRIAGES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Jeffrey Williams Stevens, 48, of Charlevoix and Chris Carol Hunter, 51, of Caledonia

Ernest William Alex Sulkowski Jr., 22, and Jana Louise Derosia, 24, both of East Jordan

Jayson Duane Ouderkirk, 19, and Moriah Lynn Whisler, 19, both of Charlevoix

Charles William Williams, 73, and Jennifer Rose Green-O'Hara, 48, both of East Jordan

Arden Arthur Vallad Jr., 40, and Jessica Leigh Smith, 27, both of Boyne Falls

Matthew Walter Kondrat, 23, of Boyne Falls and Heather Marie Garcia, 22, of Charlevoix

Timothy James Berry, 38, and Michelle Marie Schlosser, 37, both of Charlevoix

Nicholas Edward Moyer, 28, and Lisa Renee Arner, 24, both of Cedar Park, TX

Ricardo Luis Lugo Garay, 34, and Martha Angelin Guth, 31, both of New York, NY

Matthew Edward Keating, 37, and Stephanie Lynn Moon, 36, both of Charlevoix

Jeremy Orlo Linman, 29, and Kimberly Irene Roberts, 26, both of Dacula, GA

Christopher John Clark, 40, and Colleen Schaefer Smith, 33, both of Darien, IL

Nicholas Edward Miller, 23, and Amanda Joyce McNeil, 22, both of East Jordan

Guy Terry Foss Jr., 21, and Shawnee Marie Sellers, 23, both of East Jordan

Jeffrey Peter Foltz, 36, and Trischa Lynn Shuttleworth, 45, both of Boyne City

City Council business brief

The following actions were taken by the Charlevoix City Council during their July 7 meeting.

Item: Journeyman Lineman Wage Increase

In brief: Raising the hourly wage from $24.88 to $28.88 as an incentive to hire two more Journeyman Lineman.

Board action: Passed

Item: Venetian Festival Contract

In brief: A contract has been drawn up between Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, which agrees to charge "no fees in connection with various music entertainment and public activities within the city."

Board action: Passed

Item: Airport Grant Agreement

In brief: A request for the passage of two resolutions required by the FAA/MDOT for recently approved airport grant projects.

Board action: Passed

Item: Granger Renewable Energy Agreements

In brief: In order to meet future energy legislation in Michigan, it was proposed to purchase approximately 10 percent of current energy requirements from renewable landfill gas plants.

Board action: Passed

Item: Discussion Regarding City's Financial Commitment for Purchase of a Groomer for Mt. McSauba

In brief: The Mayor requested that Council discuss a possible funding commitment from the city for the purchase of a proposed ski groomer. The funding commitment was OK'd.

Board action: Passed

Charlevoxi Public Schools 2008-2009 meeting schedule

THE CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL MEET AT 7 P.M. IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S LARGE GROUP ROOM FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.

They will meet on the following dates.

- Aug. 11
- Sept. 8
- Oct. 13
- Nov. 10
- Dec. 8
- Jan. 12, 2009
- Feb. 9, 2009
- March 9, 2009
- April 13, 2009
- May 11, 2009
- June 8, 2009

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Meggison claims she was 'froze out' of job

LAWSUIT

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complaint stated. "Plaintiff sought help from Sheriff George Lasater, but again, nothing was done which actually cleaned up the air and/or addressed the perceived health risks."

The issue then seems to have lay dormant for nearly four years until, in 2005, it was once again brought to the surface with an environmental testing report which determined that Co2 levels in the jail's control room were high

THE PROBLEM

A May, 2006 report by Rhoades engineering stated that the ductwork should be cleaned, and in June, 2006, Jarema was directed by the board of commissioners to determine whether their insurance carrier would pay for the work. It was later discovered that improper use and maintenance of the heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system by Babette Meggison's brother-in-law Tom Meggison, then a jail maintenance worker, may have contributed to the air quality issues.

County documents reveal that fresh air vents were kept closed despite orders to keep them open, air exchange grills were not cleaned, filters and belts were improperly fastened.

THE CONTROVERSY

The issue climaxed when, at the February, 2007 board of commissioners meeting, Babette Meggison and several coworkers spoke out about the jail's HVAC system, going so far as to say she felt there might be a cover-up.

The commissioners, four of whom had been on the job for less than two months when the accusation of a cover-up was levied, voted unanimously to have two companies perform a full clean-up of the HVAC system.

THE WHISTLEBLOWER

The bulk of Meggison's suit relies on her claim that she was subsequently mistreated by her bosses because she came forward with said jail air quality concerns.

In addition to emotional distress, mental anguish and ill-effects to her physical health, she claims to have suffered injury to her feelings, loss of professional esteem and reputation, humiliation, embarrassment and loss of income.

The Whistleblowers Protection Act of 1980 was designed to protect employees who report violations or suspected violations of law or who participate in hearings, investigations, inquiries or court actions.

Employers may be in violation if they are found, "Discharging, threatening, or otherwise discriminating against employee reporting violation of law, regulation, or rule."

Babette Meggison seeks an amount exceeding $25,000 not including costs, interest and attorney fees.

"It was a collective effort to try to deal with it including myself, Tom Meggison, we had interest from some of the county board of commissioners, specifically (Connie) Saltonstall and it included her (Babette Meggison)," Lasater said. "Everyone I've talked to say it's (HVAC system) excellent and I've had no complaints thanks to the efforts of John Jarema and the county board of commissioners."

Lasater said when he was first notified of the issue he asked the testing agency if his employees were in harm's way.

"They said definitely not," he said. "There was a realignment of assignments due to the fact that some of the required preventative maintenance was not being taken care of."

Lasater said the accusations that he refused to respond to Meggison's pleas for help and that jail staff treated her poorly are "absolutely false."

Jarema said she never made a complaint, nor was she about to make a complaint about a perceived violation of law, rule or regulation per the Whistleblower's Act.

"(The) only violation I know of is the violation of the maintenance person who shut off the air dampers which caused a high level of Co2 in the control room," Jarema said. "She never brought that forward, it was the engineers, mechanical inspector and installer. By her own admission, the maintenance person was under her guidance and she could be held liable for his negligence."

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All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed Master Plan Update. The proposed Master Plan Update is available on-line at www.charlevoixcounty.org/hayes.asp. Additionally, hard copies can be viewed at the Charlevoix Public Library or Hayes Township office by appointment for additional information, contact Marlene Golovich, Hayes Township Clerk at (231) 547-6961 or Jonathan Scheel, Zoning Administrator at (231) 342-9025. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: Clerk, Marlene Golovich, Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US-31 N. Charlevoix, MI 49720

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EDITORIAL

East Park ecstacy

Ecstatic: The only word of which we can think to describe the culmination of the 78th Annual Venetian Festival and the completion of East Park. Sure, there were a few bumps along the proverbial road, but with a stellar team consisting of street superintendent Pat Elliot, city manager Rob Straebel and Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority head Keith Carey, in addition to Hallmark Construction and the city's new architect, the project has come to fruition.

Not only is the park more beautiful, functional and unique than we ever could have imagined, but its first use will be for Charlevoix's largest celebration.

We want to thank all those men and women whose hard work made the realization of the park possible, and we also want to thank all the folks who exercised great patience in waiting for what is truly the gem of the north.

So get ready, folks, for soon we may all enjoy what is arguably the pride of Charlevoix, and beyond.

Black smudge = green living

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I will confess right at the start that I buy a copy of the New York Times every day if I can find it. Unlike the decades-ago readers of Playboy Magazine who would tell us that they bought the magazine for the written articles and did not look at the pictures, I am inclined to look at the pictures before reading the news or commentary.

The photographs are often outstanding, even spectacular, and the written material is of high quality.

As any reader of that newspaper rapidly becomes aware, the ink comes off the page and onto the fingers handling it.

I called the Times, as I am sure thousands of other readers have, and was informed that they use a soy-based ink, which is environmentally friendly and makes recycling simpler.

Initially I was annoyed by the gray smudges I left on everything I touched after reading the paper, but I have had second thoughts.

A former student of mine, who was for some years the Minnesota State Epidemiologist told everyone who would listen that the most important key to general public health and to reducing the spread of contagious infections was to do diligently what our mothers had all told us to do. "Wash your hands," they said.

Especially wash your hands before eating anything, so the germs on the hands would not get to your mouth, nose and throat. According to my former student, hand washing is the key to public health.

During the course of a morning reading of the New York Times, I am almost forced to wash my hands at least once and often twice. When I bundle up the Times for recycling, I need to wash my hands again. All that hand-washing must surely contribute to my personal continued good health.

There is a larger issue lurking here. I am not sure how many people read the New York Times daily, but it is a larger number.

There is a better than even chance that as a result of all that encouraged hand-washing, the population of Times readers is generally healthier than their peers who read the Wall Street Journal or U.S.A. Today which do not have ink on their fingers after reading.

They might even be healthier than readers of the Charlevoix Courier.

I am certain this is not a plot or a conspiracy, but the combination of environmentally benign ink and a potentially healthier readership is too much of a win-win circumstance to ignore.

Every newspaper could contribute to general good health by using ink that smudges easily, thus encouraging hand washing.

We are told that reading of actual print and paper newspapers is generally declining. If we could just get all the papers to use smudging ink, flu and colds might almost disappear from our world, or at least from newspaper readers.

And newspapers might be saved from extinction once their contribution to good health is recognized.

Either that or more and more people would just walk around with ink-stained fingers and hands. The choice is ours.

Roger Knutson can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

In light of a recent string of area break-ins, are you more apt to lock your doors ?

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57% of 61 people feel the Hatch Act investigation will not affect Don Schneider's county sheriff bid.

Memories of a well spent youth

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Is it pathetic for a dozen or so guys in their mid-30s to gather for a weekend each summer? Maybe.

There's a lot to be said for letting go of the past. But, hecks, who doesn't wish they were young again?

As I ready the campsite, and my liver for the fifth annual reunion of the guys, I can't help but look at this picture of us from 1994. It was taken at my first apartment in a little slum in Cheboygan.

Having never spent more than a day away from one another, it wasn't long before most of the guys made the trek from our hometown, Bay City, to the great white north to see how their "Benny" was doing.

And that's how it always was. No matter where we were or how long apart, our close-knit group could always take up right where we left off.

Gone now are the days of partying in the old barn, camping in Rose City and climbing a billboard in a gorilla suit just to mess with passing cars: After a short police chase, Johnny Law called it distracting to the flow of traffic.

We called it hilarious. And, looking back, I suspect the officer got a chuckle as well because he never did ticket us for trespassing or running from him.

I guess life can't be all Mad Dog 20/20 and fishing on the Rifle River, which is exactly why we still get together once a year.

I laugh when I think about how long it takes for these guys to revert from fathers, husbands and professionals back into 15-year-olds. In no time at all we're laughing and ragging one another and trying not to be the first one to fall asleep for fear of that compromising picture appearing on a T-shirt.

Sure, not everyone can make it; Kyle moved to Arizona back in '92 and was never heard from again; Joel moved to Montana; and one of the guys, who shall remain nameless for reasons which will soon be clear, shot three fellas during a brawl a few years ago. It was ruled self-defense, but we know better. I haven't seen the gunslinger in nine years, but I miss him.

I suppose a couple of the guys who haven't made it to a reunion yet are suffering from some problems which make taking a trip just too much to handle, and I sympathize.

Some of us got fat, some of us got divorced, one of us still lives in his mother's basement and at least three of us are raging alcoholics—In case you were wondering, I'm the fat one.

It's tough to find the time and money to drop everything, but when you take the trials of life into consideration, we generally get a good turnout.

We had about seven show up last year, which ain't half bad considering the first get-together consisted of four. It sounds like this year we might get as many as 10, but that remains to be seen.

Well, I've got to get packing my Tums and aspirin.

Oh, and if you happen to see a picture of yours truly in full makeup and sleeping with an inflatable pig, try to remember that it was merely a desperate attempt to recapture my youth, and not just another Saturday night for Gohs.

Courtesy photo

This 1994 photo was taken at Gohs' first apartment in Cheboygan. Seen here is longhaired little brother (from left) Hammy Gohs, (back row) Timmy, Joel, Chunky, Blarne, (middle row) Kevin the gunslinger, Ben, Doc and Mikey. Standing off to the right is cousin Danny and sitting behind Gohs' son, Nicholas, is Dan. Missing from the photo are Kent and Kyla.

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LETTERS to the editor

SUPPORTERS OF SCHNEIDER

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the supporters of Don Schneider, candidate for Charlevoix County Sheriff, who walked in the East Jordan Freedom Festival Parade with nearly 60 in attendance and the Boyne City July 4 parade, with over 110 from all over Charlevoix County, was wonderful. We all know what a busy time summer is in northern Michigan and say-thank you to everyone who made the time to be there for Don; you are all very much appreciated.

Joanie Balch

PROSECUTOR APPROVED

Editor:

As the Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Law Enforcement Official for Charlevoix County, I have had the opportunity to work with both candidates running for Charlevoix County Sheriff.

The prosecutor's office and the Sheriff's Office must work as a team to ensure the safety of our citizens.

We must be on the same page and be pro-active in our programs to make this community safe.

In my first term, I have prosecuted two murder cases, both of which were handled by the Sheriff's Office.

These cases were complex and involved and I was fortunate to have the professionalism of the Sheriff's Office in seeking justice.

Don Schneider was instrumental in both cases. He has integrity and is a true leader.

Don Schneider has implemented several pro-active programs at the Sheriff's Office including a forensic computer analyst, free DNA kits for parents, Prescription Drug Recovery Program and Project Lifesaver.

The in-house forensic computer analyst has been invaluable in seeking swift justice so that victims have closure as soon as possible.

Don Schneider is ethical, moral and a proven leader.

He has chosen Chuck Vondra as his Undersheriff.

Chuck Vondra, mayor-pro-tem in Boyne City and City Commissioner for nine years, has extensive experience in budgets.

Schneider's Office will be fiscally responsible and an office we can all be proud of.

The team of Schneider and Vondra will carry on the foundation established by Sheriff Lasater.

I fully endorse Don Schneider for Sheriff of Charlevoix County. He is a proven leader; he is pro-active and will run the Sheriff's Office with dignity and professionalism.

Please join me in voting for William Donald Schneider for Sheriff on Aug. 5.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John A. Jarema

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TAKE A BOW, TAKE-A-SEAT HELPERS

Editor:

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped make the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction on June 25 a huge success. We were able to net a approximately $25,000 to be distributed among our five recipient organizations: B.A.S.E.S., Challenge Mountain, First Congregational Church Community Outreach, Hiland Cottage Hospice House and Northern Community Mediation.

We especially want to thank the 43 artists who generously donated their time and creative talents to create one-of-a-kind pieces of functional art to make our auction so unique. In addition to the artists we are greatly appreciative of the participation of 141 others from all over the state who helped in myriad ways as committee members, sponsors, advertisers, event volunteers, furniture donors, repairers, sanders, and primers, and silent auction donors.

Our hats off to the team that made the evening so enjoyable: our caterer, for the fabulous food; John Murray, our auctioneer, for making spending money fun; and pianist Don Neidert, for his lovely music.

And, of course, thank-you to the 235 people who attended the event, purchased items and/or generously donated to the five organizations the night of the event.

This event was a reflection of the spirit that is alive here in our communities, and confirms our belief that we live in a very special area whose residents care deeply about their communities and want to show their gratitude by giving back in whatever way they can.

Thank you for helping us with our community outreach mission.

Joyce Herbert and Joan Robinson, co-chairs

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DON IS DANDY

Editor:

As chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican party for the past 24 years, I am endorsing William Donald Schneider, candidate for Charlevoix County Sheriff. He has been a supportive, active and registered member of the Charlevoix County Republicans for 11 years, currently serving as vice-chair. He supports our party by making our local events a priority and always attends our Lincoln Day Dinner each spring and our annual picnic each summer, as well as other events we hold throughout the year. Please join me in voting for William Donald

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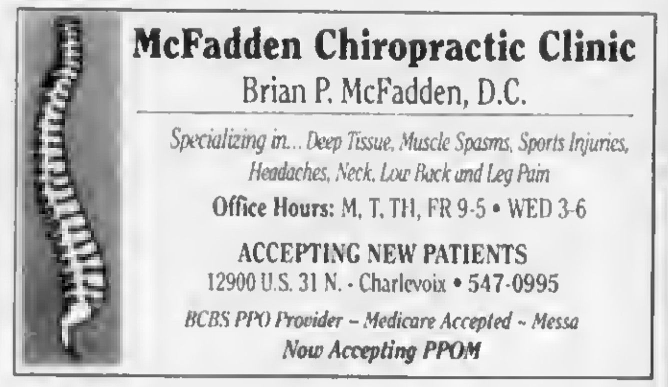

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Crafty shopper

During the 40th Annual Art and Craft show, Joyce Ross of RMG Family Sugar Bush waits patiently for Jennifer Garcia, from Grand Blanc, to decide which items she wants to purchase. The show was held in downtown Charlevoix all weekend long, and people from all over the state attended.

Dig that crazy jazz

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to present the second season of Jazz at the Library at 7 p.m. over several Wednesdays beginning with July 16. No concert will occur Venetian week, July 23. The trio of Chris Ames, Andy Evans and Steve Stargardt will explore the music of various musicians including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Dave Brubeck and Bill Evans. Call 237-7360 for more information.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Summer concerts

"Sundays at Six" in Downtown Charlevoix is presented by Bosman's Mercantile and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

Following are the dates and times for concerts:

Jul. 13 - North Country String Band / Betsy Bay & Groove Engine

Jul. 20 - Petoskey Steel Drum Band / Starfarm

Aug. 3 - Dwain Martin / Fabulous Horn Dogs

Aug. 10 - Acoustic Stew / The Mickeys

Aug. 17 - Chautauqua Express / Steppin' In It

Aug. 24 - Sean & Patrick Ryan / K. Jones & the Benzie Playboyz

Aug. 31 - Jetty Rae Horton Creek

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July 16 - For session three, we turn to the great vocal styles of the Swing era and the Big Band years. Accomplished singer / songwriter Claudia Schmidt returns this year to help us recreate those sounds, infused with her unique styling. Don't miss this award-winning artist in an intimate outdoor setting as she brings back the songs of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Etta James and more.

No concert Venetian Week – July 23

Story Time
Thursday, July 17, 10:30 am

Join other youngsters for stories, songs and crafts. Birth to age 5.

Oral Traditions
Thursday, July 17, 7:00 pm

Judith Ivan, Library Assistant & Interviewer Extraordinaire, will be presenting excerpts from the Charlevoix Oral Traditions and Charlevoix Veteran's History video project.

Kindermusik
Tuesday, July 22

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Ages 4 - 5: 7:15 - 7:45 pm

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Stevens Puppets Present "Aladdin" K - Grade 8
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Venetian Street Parade
Saturday, July 26, 11:00 am line up at 10:30

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A home for Kalli

Shortly after the article on Kalli the dog appeared in Charlevoix Courier several weeks ago, interested parties began contacting her temporary owners to offer the English pointer a home. Four families were interviewed before Kalli chose the family with three young daughters (above).

For the kids

Courtesy photo

Emmet-Charlevoix County Bar Association President Katrina D. Martin presents a donation check to the Honorable Frederick R. Mulhauser. To further its purpose of positively influencing the community in which they practice law, the Emmet-Charlevoix County Bar Association recently made a $200 donation to the Charlevoix County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. This donation will be used to provide appropriate clothing for juveniles who appear in court. The Charlevoix County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court promotes recovery for non-violent juvenile offenders who have problems resulting from alcohol and other drug use. This is accomplished by providing a range of strength based services and intense supervision to youth and their families.

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- Free Popcorn & Balloon

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- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Giant Inflatables Fun*
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mongo The Mechanical Bull*
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House

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OBITUARIES

Christine Boss: Feb. 22, 1915 - July 10, 2008

Christine Boss, 93, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, July 10, 2008 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born February 22, 1915 in Banks Township, the daughter of Herman and Maggie (Veenstra) Heeres.

On February 20, 1937, she married William Boss in Ellsworth. They made their home in South Arm Township for many years, moving to Ellsworth in 1967, and to Charlevoix in 1997. Mr. Boss died February 20, 2008 on their 71st wedding anniversary.

Christine worked as a homemaker who especially enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading, doing puzzles, drawing and painting. She was a member of the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

Surviving are her children Ronald (Jan) Boss of Albuquerque, NM and Cindy (Kenneth) Derenzy of Alamogordo, N.M.; son-in-law Michael Jacobson of Mancelona; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, Henry (Kathryn) Heeres of Ellsworth. She was preceded by an infant daughter Margaretta, son Gordon Boss, and daughter Lois Jacobson.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Carl J. Afman

officiating. Burial will be in Atwood Cemetery. For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests Ebenezer Christian School or the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.

Gerald Johnson: Nov. 23, 1919 - July 8, 2008

On July 8, 2008, November's Angels came and took their beloved Gerald home to rest, their valiant soldier will fight no more.

He was born Nov. 23, 1919, in Boyne City, to John Adolf Johnson and Hazel Lillian (Smith) Johnson. As a small child, he worked alongside

adults digging potatoes and picking cherries to help support the family. He held several farm related jobs while attending Boyne City

Public Schools. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1937. He was a certified lumber grader through Michigan State University. He joined the Civilian

Conservation Corps in 1938. He worked at the Motor Wheel Factory in Lansing, where he fell in love with the love of his life, Edith. On June 5, 1942, he married Edith Bebee in Lansing, where they made their home. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in December of 1942. He was a member of the 508 Battalion of the 82nd Airborne. Within 19 days, they saw he was a natural born leader of men. He was promoted to staff sergeant and assigned to the 3810th Quarter Master Trucking Company. He served under General Gavin, Patton and Ridgeway. He participated in the European Theater of War. He fought battles in Normandy, France, Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He participated in combat for five major campaigns of the war: The Invasion of Normandy (D-Day), Battle of the Bulge, The Bridge at Remagen, The Liberation of France, the Fall of Berlin. He was one of the suicide drivers, men who hauled gasoline and incendiary bombs to

the front lines. Out of 45 trucks that left Spa Germany, only two trucks made it to our tanks, which had run out of gas 3 miles outside of Berlin. He also drove the first gasoline truck across the Bridge at Remagen. He was a survivor, he was a leader, he was a soldier. He received the motor vehicle drivers badge, M1917 Rifle Marksman Carbine Expert Medal, Good Conduct Medal, W.W.II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars. After the war, Gerald and Edith moved to Northern Michigan and made their home on their farm in Hayes Township on Maple Grove Road. Gerald owned and operated Kant Hardley Lumber Company for 30 year. He also worked for log homes and the Buick factory in Flint, while maintaining the family farm. He was a lifetime member and past post commander of the VFW Post 1153 in Charlevoix. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was the bingo chairperson of the VFW bingo for 17 1/2 years. He also volunteered to pick up the supplies for the food pantry for its distribution for 18 years. He enjoyed his bingo patrons and spending time with all of his many friends and neighbors. He lived up to his name: spear mighty and strong, the Norseman. He was a powerful man in both mind and body. Driven by a strong work ethic, he demanded it of others. He was a man of justice. He possessed a grand sense of humor and used it often. He was a big bear of a man with huge, hardworking hands. Hands that drove trucks, built several homes, cut logs, carried a gun through a tragic war and held babies lovingly to his chest. A beloved son, husband, brother, father, grandpa and friend, he will be missed forever. He is survived by his beloved wife, Edith, and their children, Gerald Johnson, Mike (Rosemary) Johnson, Hazel (Gary) Loder, Judy Johnson, Cindy (Steve) Johnecheck, Melody (Gerry) Marquardt and Bonnie Johnson. He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Thomas (Tiny) Johnson, Glenna Gillespie, Leonore Baker and Johnny (Mary) Johnson. He is survived by his grandchildren, Dianna (Ron), Michael II (Heather), John, Karl (Tammy), David (Andrea), Laura (Tim), Jessica (Tim), Steve (Kim), Matthew (Taryn), Tyson, Kristine, Gerald (Valerie), Jared and Sarah. He is survived by his great-grandchildren, Michael III, Amber, Jayde, Kayla, Cash, Ali, Morgan and Michael, Star, Naomi, Lilymarie, Lilah, Lillian, Kimberly, Margo, Noah, Kaylee, Gabriel, Tanner, Samuel, Forest, Rylin, Meghan and Madeline. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Hazel; brother, Sherland Pixley; sister, Clarice Gillespie; and his beloved son, Gilbert. His battle for peace was long and hard, but he rose from the field victorious with Gilbert by his side. A memorial service honoring Gerald's life will be held in the future. Memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Old soldiers never die, they just fade away. Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Donald E. Potter: Dec. 22, 1947 - July 11, 2008

Donald E. Potter, 60, of Charlevoix, died Friday, July 11, 2008, at his home in Charlevoix. Funeral scheduled for July16 at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Reverend Michael Arp officiating. Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home, and burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Don was born December 22, 1947, in Charlevoix to Ernest "Ernie" and Marguerite "Millie" (Gamble) Potter. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1966, then attended college in Nebraska as an education major. He worked for the City of Charlevoix parks. In 2005, after 32 years, Don retired from Charlevoix Public Schools where he worked as a custodian. He coached Major Little League in Charlevoix for fifteen years, Charlevoix Girl's Basketball for seventeen years, and volleyball for two years. He was passionate about model trains, enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and bowling; taking friends for long rides on his pontoon boat, and sports of all kinds. The friendship he had with the Charlevoix School staff was very special to him, as were his friendships to students, relatives, and all of his buddies. His parents were his best friends, and he spent weekends with them at his home in Central Lake cooking out, fishing, and spending time with his dogs. Don is survived by his mother, Millie of Charlevoix, and all of the friends mentioned above. Don's father Ernie preceded him in death in 2006. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, the Charlevoix/Antrim County Humane Society, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, or to the Salvation Army.

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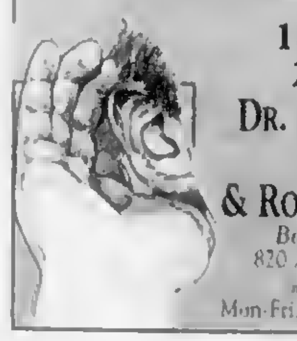

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Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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05855 M-66

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4100

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m
Evening Service	6:00 p.m
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m
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Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Council approves ski hill groomer funding

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

City council committed to funding part of the purchase of a new ski hill groomer for Mt. McSauba.

A $5,000 fully refundable deposit has been made by the city on a used 2007 Pisten Bully groomer that is $20,000 less than a new model.

"If other possible donors see that the city council made a financial commitment, then they'll probably see that it's OK to do the same," said Ike Boss, city recreation director. "I think if you commit now, the rest of the city will follow."

At the last city council meeting, there was discussion regarding the city committing up to $100,000 towards the purchase of the groomer.

Boss

However, since the city does not have sufficient reserve funds in the Mt. McSauba fund, the city will need to borrow the money.

According to Boss, fundraising to date is estimated at around $20,000.

Grants have been submitted to the Dow Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Oleson Foundation, the Frey Foundation, and a Bay Harbor granting organization.

Costs for the 2007 model with a 1-year engine warranty at $1,500, switchblade which costs $8,000 and $2,300 in shipping is totaled at $228,300.

City treasurer Rick Brandi recommended the city's water fund could be used for the loan with repayment over the next 10 years.

The loan would include interest at the market rate, which the water fund would have earned otherwise.

"I like to keep it clean and know where we're getting the money from," Brandi said. "The electric fund was already committed to a possible loan for the East Park Project if we needed it."

Brandi also said structuring the loan from the water fund in this way with the interest rate guarantees that the money will all be repaid.

Funds to pay the annual debt service would come from revenue generated from tower leases at Mt. McSauba. Annual revenues amount to nearly $13,800.

"The ski hill will not be able to make capital improvements," said Brandi. "The money from the tower lease will go back to paying the water fund."

Last month, Boss came before the city council to ask the city for approximately $215,000 for a new ski hill groomer for Mt. McSauba.

A groomer provides better conditions for skiers and makes the trails safe to ski on.

Without a groomer, Boss said Mt. McSauba would be unable to operate this winter and would face the possibility of closing down permanently if they never got one.

Boss suggested that, since Charlevoix is "so pro-recreation," they should not mind contributing to the purchase of a new groomer.

The old groomer broke an axle and Dwight said he and his workers spent more time trying to fix it than they did actually using it.

He also said operating the hill without a groomer is not an option because it puts people in danger.

Boss said he's very confident he will have raised $150,000 by Sept. 1 of this year through fundraising.

According to Boss, the rates for the ski hill this winter will increase slightly to help contribute to the cost of the groomer.

However, because of Mt. McSauba's popularity over the years, the minimal price hike won't make too much of a difference.

"We've filled every summer session this year (for children's day camp)," Boss said. "We've never done that in 34 years. I'm confident that the ski hill will be successful this winter."

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Thursday	6-8am, 9-10am, 5-6pm
Friday	6-8am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm
Saturday	11:30am-1pm

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Monday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Tuesday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Wednesday	6-8pm
Thursday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Friday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Saturday	1-4pm

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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Schneider, a friend and true Republican, on Aug. 5.

John Haggard
Charlevoix

BEST THINGS IN LIFE NOT FREE

Editor,

Looking back upon the July 4 festivities with its parades, picnics and fireworks celebrating the birth of our nation, with all its liberties and freedoms, we often fail to fully acknowledge that these liberties and freedoms are not free.

Looking back five weeks further to the ceremonies of Memorial Day with the processions, prayers, rifle salutes and buglers sounding taps, the reality of the cost of our liberties and freedoms were solemnly made visible in cemeteries across our nation by the American Flags waving above the graves of our veterans who all gave some and some gave all to ensure our way of life, liberties and freedoms.

When our men and women entered the military service, took the oath and donned a uniform, they entered into a contract with the people of the United States, through our representative form of government, and agreed to defend our Constitution, giving their lives if necessary, that our nation would remain free as the founding fathers intended.

In return, the people, through our government, agreed to ensure that all veterans would be afforded an opportunity to receive a higher education, buy a home, find employment, be cared for medically and receive a dignified funeral when answering the final call.

The Veterans Administration (VA) has long been reputed to not be user friendly as veterans are often flooded with paperwork, given excuses and, at times, forced to wait years to receive benefits to which they are entitled.

The VA offers very little information as to benefits available to veterans and usually only after contacting a county veterans counselor, or a service officer of a veteran's organization, will the veterans receive the benefits they are entitled to.

One of those little known benefits is end of life care authorized by the Veterans Eligibility Act of 1998.

Any eligibly veteran, who is enrolled in the VA health care system, may receive hospice care at a VA hospital, a community hospice or at home through a community hospice agency and the VA is obligated to pay the entire bill. Period. No means test.

The requirement to qualify for hospice is that a doctor has to attest that the patient is likely to die within six months. But, known this: an enrolled veteran is entitled to end of life care at VA expense.

Electing to get some of the end of life care through Medicare does not change the veteran's right to get care from the VA when that is what the veteran wants.

The nation that forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten.

Duty and honor for God and country.

Jerry Evans
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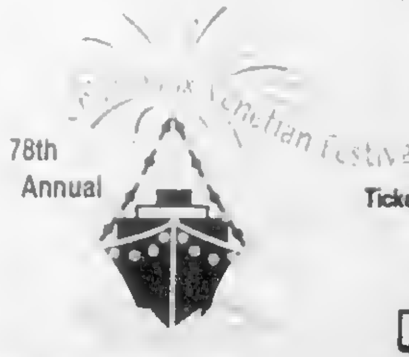

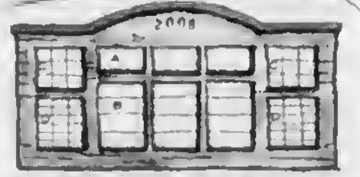

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Meeting scheduled to discuss Norwood's roads

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Care about Norwood roads?

Then be sure to make the 6 p.m., July 21 meeting at Norwood Township Hall when the Roads Committee comprised of Denny Way, Rod Richardson, Bill Gnodtke and Tim Boyko, will be discussing the possibility of starting a construction project on the roads.

"We took a ride around the Norwood area and examined the roads and their conditions," said Way. "Dixie Highway, which is one of the target roads we've got in mind, is a half mile stretch and it hasn't been worked on in over 25 years."

Two of the other target roads are Lake Street and Harris Street.

Way's big concern is getting local residents out to the meeting so that he and the committee can hear everyone's feedback and answer any questions they may have.

The township plans on splitting the construction into two big projects. Dixie Highway by itself and the other project would be Lake Street and Harris Street collectively.

"If the residents support the idea of new roads, which we very badly need, then we'll go and get money from the road commission," Way said.

The roads committee is looking for ways to solve the drainage problems with the roads which would include cleaning out the culverts, build a base back up, add slope and re-paving them with a crown.

"The excess money over and above what was in the road fund was simple excess general fund balance," said Boyko. "We (township board) concluded the best use of this money would be to maintain the roads in our township. We still have, and will maintain, a safe rainy day balance."

According to Way, the project will cost approximately $215,000.

"We're sitting on around $190,000 for the project," he said.

Way also said that there is a possibility, if residents express a concern of too much construction, that the two projects can be done at separate times.

"We can even do one this summer and one next summer if that's what the people want," he said.

The Roads Committee is a local group in Norwood that drives around and evaluates road conditions.

Way said he and the other three members ask themselves two things: Where is the need for a better road, and where is traffic impact the highest?

"I think the task force has done a good job prioritizing projects," Boyko said. "We hope to discuss what roads were fixed recently and what roads we propose to work on this year."

Way said the meeting is meant to draw discussion between local residents and the Roads Committee to make sure it is an accepted idea amongst everyone before they go to the Charlevoix County Road Commission and ask them to coordinate it.

"We're inviting all Nor

See ROADS, page 12

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Death notices:

Robert C. Mites, 71, of Charlevoix, died June 28, 2008, at his home. No services are planned. Arrangements by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

James Lewis, 72, of Charlevoix, died July 12, 2008, at his home. A memorial open house will be 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday, July 19th, in Ransom Hall at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. A complete obituary will follow. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Joseph P. Nicolai, 83, of Kalamazoo, and formerly of Charlevoix, died July 11, 2008, at his home in Kalamazoo. No services are planned, and interment will take place at Undine Cemetery in Hayes Township. Winchester Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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Summer Reading Club
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, July 8 - August 12
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July 29
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August 5
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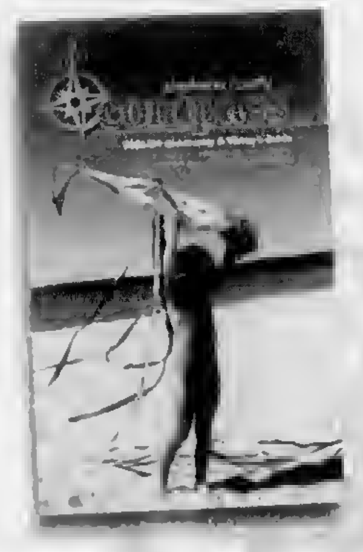

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The digital TV transition is coming soon

What Is The Digital TV (DTV) Transition?

Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. After February 17, 2009, full-power TV stations will broadcast only in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

Why Are Broadcast Stations Switching to Digital?

Federal law requires the switch, which will free up the airwaves for police, fire, and emergency rescue communications, allow broadcasters to offer programming with better picture and sound quality and offer more programming choices, and allow for advanced wireless services for consumers.

What Should I Do to Be Ready?

You have three choices.

• choice one - Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box. Digital-to-analog converter boxes are in stores and have a one-time cost of $40-$70. To help you pay for the boxes, the U.S. Government is offering two $40 coupons per household. For more information on the coupons, visit www.DTV2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY). Plus, you should not need a new antenna if you get good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with your existing antenna. Or

• choice two - Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner). You do not need a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television. You only need a digital TV (or an analog TV connected to a digital-to-analog converter box). Plus, you should not need a new antenna if you get good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with your existing antenna. Or

choice three - Subscribe to a paid TV service. If your TV set receives local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, it is already prepared for the DTV transition. Cable companies are not required to transition or switch any of their channels to digital. However, if you have an analog TV that does not receive local broadcast stations through your paid provider, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to watch digital broadcasts on that TV.

For more information call (888) CALL-FCC or visit www.DTV.gov.

Norwood discusses road improvements

ROADS

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wood Township residents to come out here and go over quotes and look at the numbers and give their input into these projects," said Way. "I feel its very important we get their input and their feelings on how we're spending their money."

Way said there will be plenty of informational handouts available at the meeting.

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In a March 12, 2007 letter from Babette Meggison to Lasater, she complained of being treated poorly and having her duties altered, she believed, as a result of speaking out about the air quality.

"I expressed frustration about the perceived lack of action by the board and the prosecutor," she stated. "Since that time, my working conditions have continued to deteriorate and have become almost unbearable."

Lasater put jail maintenance oversight under the purview of the undersheriff because Babette Meggison failed to ensure her maintenance employee Tom Meggison was properly maintaining the HVAC system.

Tom Meggison was then transferred to work at the Charlevoix County Building for the final months leading up to his retirement and a new maintenance worker replaced Tom Meggison at the jail.

According to Jarema, Babette Meggison, "Did not do her job, as she let him (Tom Meggison) violate the mechanical code. He was a contributing factor, if not the sole factor, in high Co2 levels in the jail (and) he didn't maintain the filters in an appropriate manner."

Jarema also said Babette Meggison was well aware the HVAC system's vents needed to remain open and that it was a health risk to keep them closed.

Babette Meggison, who did not return phone calls by press time, called in sick to work on March 12, 2007 and, though still considered an employee because she has not quit and was not fired, she is currently receiving no pay.

Babette Meggison has been off work for nearly 16 months, during which time Charlevoix County Jail corrections officer Derek Gaylord has been the acting jail administrator.

Babette Meggison's husband, Jerry, is running for the District Five Charlevoix County Board seat.

Tom Meggison is running for the District Six county

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix girls help Blaze to second place

Courtesy photo

The Petoskay Blaze 14-under softball team placed second in tha T.C. Softball Spectacular. Team members are front (from left) Katie Hybl, Kristen Espinoza, Valerie Peters, Haley Drenth; middle, Chelsie Hoffman, Maddy Zimmerman, Morgan Skop, Reilly Philliben, Kara Lavanway, Tori Thompson, Hannah Hybl; back, bat boy Adam Hybl, coach Robert Hybl, assistant coach Tex Drenth. Absent, assistant coachea Tony Zimmerman, Ken Hoffman.

The Petoskey-based Blaze 14-under softball team featuring several players from the Charlevoix area, lost to Traverse City, 5-4, in the championship game Sunday at the T.C. Softball Spectacular.

The Blaze finished 3-2 in the tournament. They opened with a 7-1 victory over Traverse City as Hannah Hyhl tossed a two-hitter, while striking out eight and walking five.

The Blaze then fell to Muskegon, 7-5. Katie Hybl took the loss, allowing four hits, while walking five and striking out two. Katie Hybl, Hannah Hybl, Haley Drenth, Mandy Zimmerman and Kara Lavanway each had an RBI for the Blaze.

Hannah Hybl fired a two-hit complete game as the Blaze then topped Dearbom Heights, 3-1. Hyhl struck out eight and walked four. Drenth led the Blaze with two hits, while Katie Hyhl had an RBI single.

The Blaze then topped the other Petoskey Blaze squad, 6-0, as Hannah Hybl tossed a two-hitter, striking out four and walking two. Rieley Philliben had two hits to lead the winners at the plate, while Katie Hybl, Hannah Hybl, Val Peters and Maddy Zimmerman each singled.

In the Blaze's 5-4 loss in the title game, Peters pitched 5 1-3 innings and Hannah Hyhl went the balance of the game in relief. Peters struck out three, walked four and allowed three hits, while Hannah Hybl allowed two hits, walked two and streuk out three. Katie Hyble douhled, while Hannah Hyhl, Kristen Espinoza, Chelsie Hoffman, Tori Thompson and Philliben each singled.

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Get ready for next year

Seen hare (above) is the 2008 Junior Division Little League team from (back, right) Coach Tom Zipp; Tommy Zipp, outfield/third base; Jesse Drost, outfield; Coby Herriman, pitcher/short stop; Jordan Farmer, catcher; Nate Klooster, coach; (front, left) Morgan Stewart, outfield; River Gauthier, outfield; Isaac Klooster, second base; Nolan Agar, first base/pitcher; Andrew Potter, pitcher/ahort stop. Absent from the picture are outfielder Alex Waha and third baseman Will Jeakle.

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WEEKLY BRIEFS

A collection of governmental, law enforcement and community happenings

• Charlevoix County Planning Department is currently taking public comment on their future land use plan and recreation plan. Visit www.charlevoixcounty.org to view the plans and get more information.

• As the bounty of local food is becoming readily available, more people are getting access to fresh, local produce through Project FRESH this summer.

Project FRESH (Farm Resources Expanding and Supporting Health) is a program that makes fresh produce available to low-income, nutritionally-at-risk consumers and also supports Michigan farmers. Project FRESH operates from June 1 through Oct. 31 each year. Coupon booklets are provided to participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables at authorized farmers markets and roadside stands. Specially printed coupon booklets are issued to WIC participants who reside in participating counties. Each participant receives ten $2 coupons which may be used at the authorized markets and stands. For more information about Project FRESH, visit www.projectfresh.msu.edu. To learn more about MIFFS or MIFMA, visit www.miffs.org or www.farmersmarkets.msu.edu, or call (517) 432-0712.

• Michigan residents and visitors need to adhere to Michigan's quarantine banning the transport of ash trees, ash materials and all hardwood firewood from quarantined areas to prevent the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Quarantine violators face fines/penalties ranging from $1,000 up to $250,000 and face up to five years in jail if found guilty.

• The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club announces its 2008-2009 Board of Directors: president Michelle Burke, director Crystal Schemanski, treasurer Celina Wanek, secretary Alicia Guidice, and vice-president Elisabeth Drost.

• Supporters of Char-Em United Way recently celebrated the success of its recent campaign, thank those involved, distribute community investment allocations to partner agencies, and make the annual John Newton Awards. They raised a record $323,428 in pledges and donations. Call (231) 487-1006 or e-mail charemuw@sbcglobal.net for more information.

• Free family planning services are available at Health Department offices for women age 19 to 44 who qualify for the Plan First! program. Plan First! coverage includes office visits for family planning-related services, prescriptions for birth control, birth control supplies, and lab tests.

The plan covers: American citizens or qualified immigrants, those who meet monthly family income limits, those with a Social Security number or who have applied for one and those who are not receiving Medicaid benefits. Applications for Plan First! are available at Health Department offices, www.nwhealth.org or www.michigan.gov/mdch.

• The Board of Directors of the United Way of Northwest Michigan appointed Steven Wade, out of 46 applicants, to serve as its Executive Director. Wade has a degree in Social Work from Shepherd College in West Virginia and has worked for and run several non-profit organizations. He has been an area resident for the last eight years.

• The Charlevoix Junior Golf program participants and their parents saluted the Municipal Golf Course at a special family night event recently in an effort to publicly thank the city course management team and to also enable parents to become aware of the excellent golf facility. The event attracted 60 junior golfers and 90 moms and dads.

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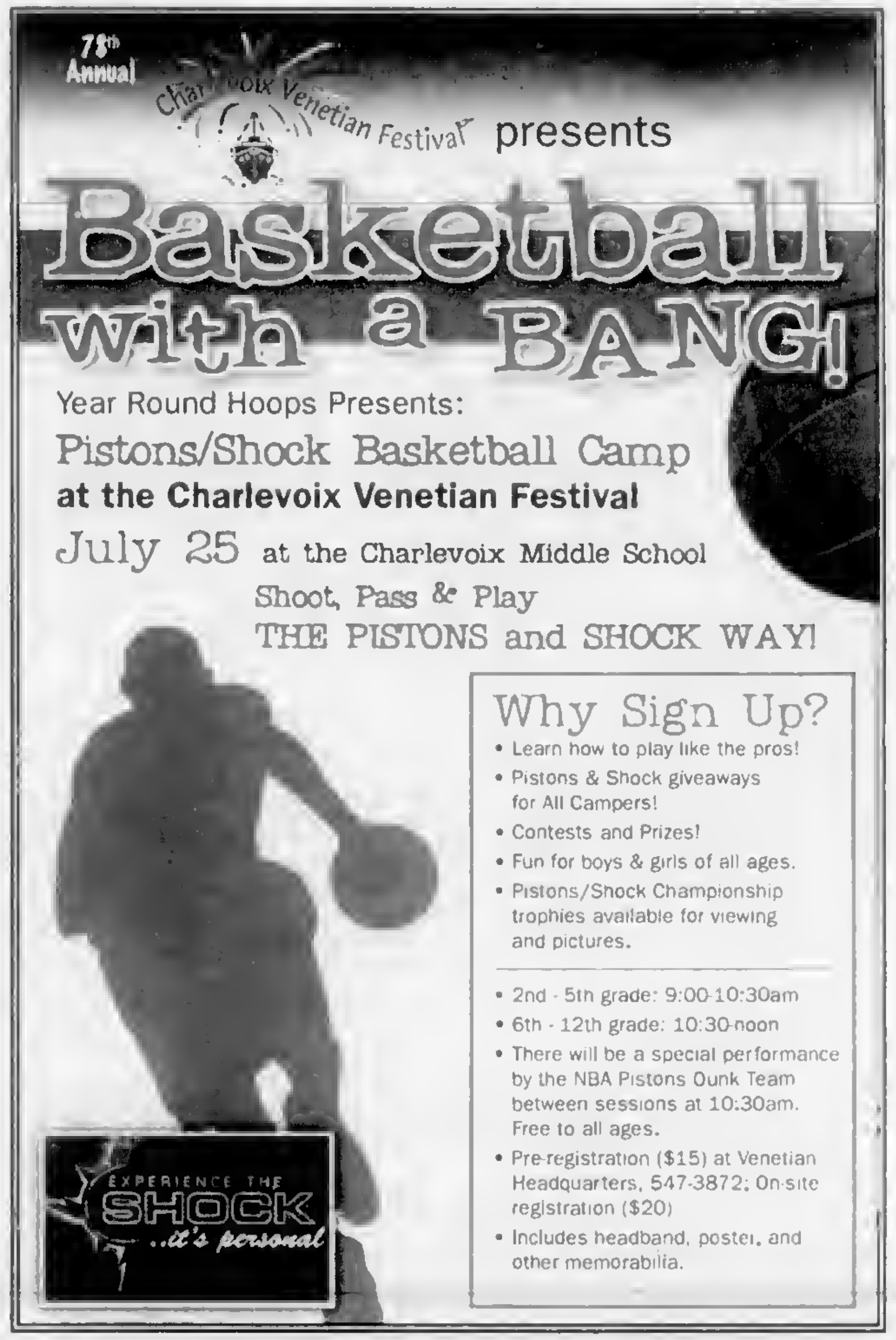

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• Mallard Golf Club, East Jordan
• Michaywe Pines Course, Gaylord
• Springbrook Golf Club, Walloon Lake
• Wilderness Golf Course, Carp Lake
• Wildwood Lakes Golf Course, [illegible]
• [illegible] Golf Club, East Jordan

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• The Charlevoix Area Community Pool recently installed a new ultraviolet light (UV), which is the newest and most advanced water purification and treatment method for swimming pools, water parks, and municipal drinking water processing plants. The pipe carrying water from the filters to the pool is interrupted with new pipes to carry the water into, and then from, a polished stainless steel cylinder approximately four feet long and 10 inches in diameter. Inside the long axis of this cylinder is the four-foot, UV emitting, electric light tube in a waterproof quartz container. The UV rays interrupt the microscopic metabolism of any and all living organisms thusly killing all germs in the water, including those organisms resistant to prolonged contact with chlorine or bromine, the traditional chemical sanitation treatments in pools.

• U.S. military personnel and other Michigan motorists have the option of buying temporary license plates for vehicles they drive infrequently, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminded them today. A 30-day plate costs one-tenth of the vehicle's annual registration fee or $20, whichever is more, plus a $10 service fee. A 60-day plate costs one-fifth of the registration fee or $40, whichever is more, plus a $10 service fee. The plate is a paper permit that must be displayed in the vehicle's rear window. Visit www.Michigan.gov/sos for more information.

• Public health officials recently tested their plans to distribute over 120,000 doses of life-saving medication within 48 hours in case of a communicable disease outbreak in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. The Homeland Security Administration requires local health departments to develop plans for distributing medications from the Strategic National Stockpile of pharmaceuticals and in coordination with local emergency operations centers. The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is maintained by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention. Once local and federal authorities agree that it is needed, medicine and medical supplies can be quickly delivered to any state in the U.S. within 12 hours. For additional information about the exercise, call Paxton at 547-6523. For additional information about the CDC's Strategic National Stockpile visit www.bt.cdc.gov/stockpile.

Law Enforcement

• Sheriff George T. Lasater and W. D. (Don) Schneider, of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office announce a new program to deal with the disposal of prescription drugs when the usefulness of those drugs has ended. The sheriff's

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• The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a watercraft accident at approximately 3:30 p.m. on July 6 with injuries on Lake Charlevoix near Oyster Bay. Patrick Murphy, 26, of Howard City, was operating his father's 28 foot watercraft when an unusual wave struck the vessel. This wave caused victim, Connie Denton, 55, of Grand Rapids, to injure her back when being jarred in her boat. Charlevoix EMS was contacted and Connie was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital and later relocated to Northern Michigan Hospital of Petoskey. The jarring from the waves caused Connie Denton to have injuries to her back consisting of a fracture that will require surgery. The accident remains under investigation.

• Under a new law, teen drivers whose cell phone use contributes to a traffic crash or ticket may be prohibited from using while driving, under a probationary licensing restriction. During the last 10 months of probation, any tickets, at-fault crashes or license suspensions extend the probationary period until the teen completes 10 consecutive months of violation-free driving.

• A 23 year-old male Charlevoix resident, was arrested for one count delivery of morphine in a school zone and one count maintaining a drug house. The subject was lodged at the Charlevoix County Jail.

• At approximately 6 p.m., June 1, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to Charlevoix Area Hospital where a 17-year-old old male was being treated for injuries sustained in an ORV accident. The Colorado teen lost control of the red 1998 Honda four-wheeler he was driving and struck a tree on Forest Ridge Trail near Phelps. He was found wandering aimlessly down the road. Cozart was transported by his father to the hospital and treated for scratches, bruises and possible head and C-spine injuries. Cozart was not wearing a helmet. Accident is still under investigation at this time.

• At approximately 6:45 a.m., June 2, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched

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Basketball (Pistons/ Shock Clinic)	Friday, July 25	Charlevoix Middle School Gym	Boys & Girls all ages; 2nd-5th grade: 10 a.m. Others: 11:30 a.m.	Pre-register ($15) at Venetian HQs, 547-3872; On-site registration ($20)	Sarah Titus, 547-3872
Bingo	Wednesday, July 23	Bridge Park	Senior Men & Women	On-site - No registration	Earl Murna, 547-5361
Croquet	Tuesday, July 22	East Park	Youth & Adult Doubles	On-site, registration 1:30-3:30 p.m.	David Fowler, 547-9314
Golf Adult Finals	Tuesday, July 22	Municipal Course	Senior, Men, Women, flights	Registration at Municipal course	Tom Bennett, 547-3268
Golf Youth Finals	Venetian Week	Country Club	Restricted to Junior Golf Program members		Dean Davenport, 547-6433
Drenth Footrace	Saturday, July 26	Michigan Beach	10k, 5k, 1 mile, all ages	6:30-8:30 a.m. at Michigan Beach	Matt Peterson, 547-3407
Sailing Regatta	Wednesday, July 23	Lake Charlevoix	Many fleets	Rec Dept form	Rod Tinney, 536-3447
Soccer	Tuesday, July 22 (Finals - Wed., July 23)	Shanahan Field	Youth - men, women	Rec Dept form	Carol Madison, 348-3317
Swimming	Wednesday, July 23	Community Pool	All ages	Pre-register at pool, 547-0982	Al Gooch, 547-0982
Tennis Finals	Thursday, July 24	Straud Park Courts	Youth, women, men, co-ed, seniors	Rec Dept form	Karen Peters, 547-4368
Volleyball	Wednesday, July 23	Ferry Avenue	Six-player co-ed	On-site registration	Chris Seymour, 547-6513

Charlevoix Venetian Festival

*Changes may occur on-site due to weather and/or participation.

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to a motorcycle personal injury accident. The accident occurred on M-66 within Eveline Township, near Ironton in the S-Curves. The accident occurred after a motorcycle struck a deer. The motorcycle was driven by John Antaya, 54, Charlevoix County. Antaya was immediately transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by the Charlevoix ambulance. Antaya sustained a broken leg, broken vertebrae and damage to his face. Antaya was later transported from Charlevoix Area Hospital to Munson for surgery. Prior to the surgery, Antaya was in stable condition. Drugs and Speed were not a factor in the crash.

• The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a watercraft accident with injuries at approximately 1:45 p.m. on July 6 on Lake Charlevoix in Eveline Township. Judy Niswonger, 65, Charlevoix, was in the cabin of her vessel that was docked in Ironton when it was struck by another vessel. Niswonger sustained a contusion to her lower left arm. Niswonger refused medical treatment.

• The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a watercraft accident with injuries at approximately 4:30 p.m. on July 3 on Lake Charlevoix near Loab Bay.

Joey Alessi was operating a jetski with Ryan Reid, passenger, when they hit a wave, lost control of the vessel and fell off. Reid suffered bruises and a laceration to his lip. He was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Michigan Hospital in Charlevoix.

• Sheriff George T. Lasater advises political signs are being taken at an alarming rate as the primary comes close to the election. Taking a political candidate's sign is a criminal offense of larceny and also very disturbing to the candidate supporters. The Sheriff's Office will be offering a reward of $100 for information on larceny of a political sign resulting in the apprehension of the perpetrators. Information may be submitted to Sheriff Lasater by mail at 1000 Grant St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720 or by telephone at 547-4461.

• Maurice Claude Labelle of Canada was injured while riding his 4-wheeler in Chandler Township. The driver struck a rut and was ejected from the ATV which then drove over him. The driver severely injured his upper torso area. The driver was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital by Allied EMS where he was listed in serious condition.

• At approximately 7:26 p.m., on July 1, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on Beaver Island received a call from 911 that a windsurfer went missing and was overdue returning to

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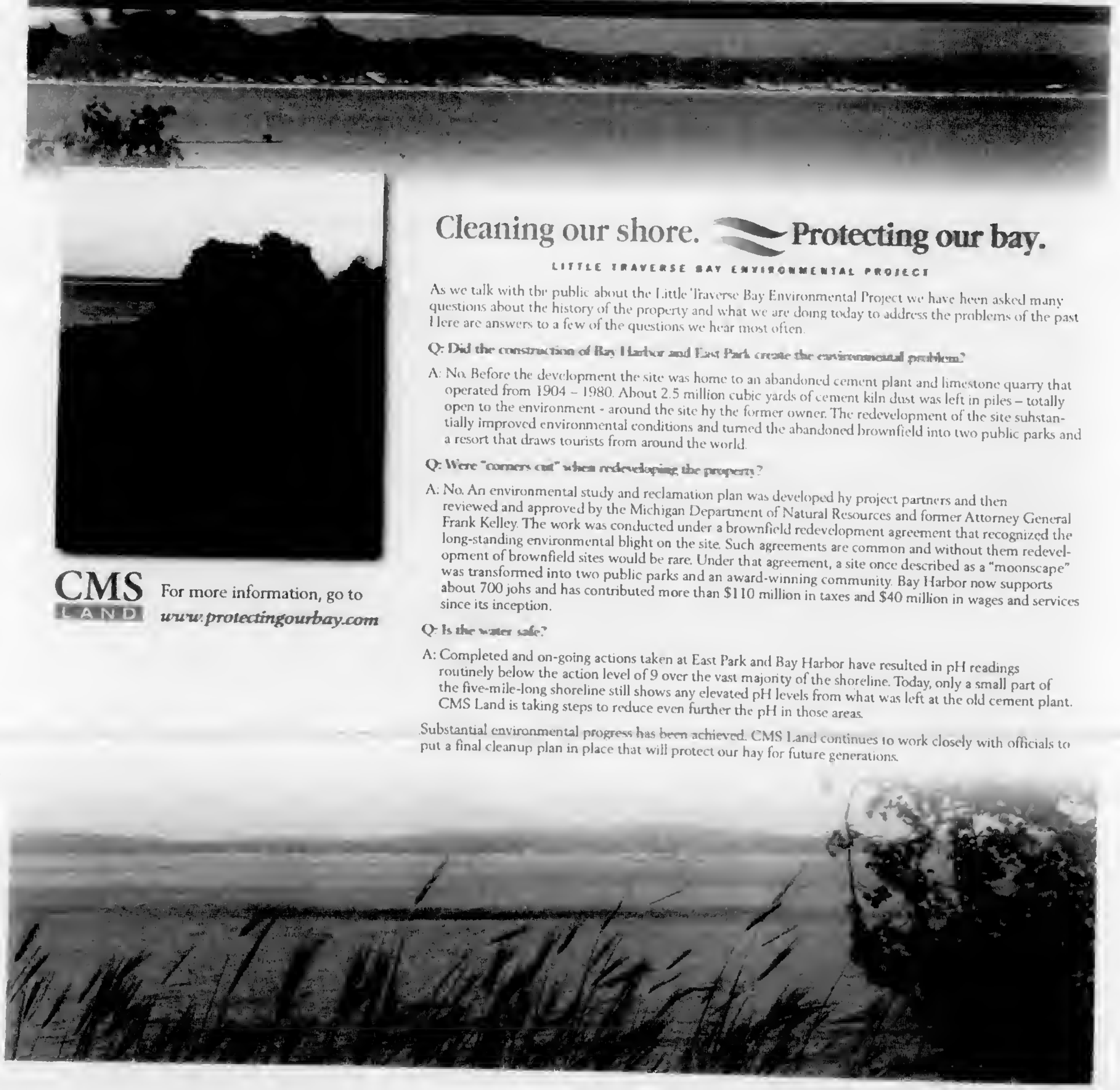
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As we talk with the public about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project we have been asked many questions about the history of the property and what we are doing today to address the problems of the past. Here are answers to a few of the questions we hear most often.

Q: Did the construction of Bay Harbor and East Park create the environmental problem?

A: No. Before the development the site was home to an abandoned cement plant and limestone quarry that operated from 1904 – 1980. About 2.5 million cubic yards of cement kiln dust was left in piles – totally open to the environment - around the site by the former owner. The redevelopment of the site substantially improved environmental conditions and turned the abandoned brownfield into two public parks and a resort that draws tourists from around the world.

Q: Were "corners cut" when redeveloping the property?

A: No. An environmental study and reclamation plan was developed by project partners and then reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and former Attorney General Frank Kelley. The work was conducted under a brownfield redevelopment agreement that recognized the long-standing environmental blight on the site. Such agreements are common and without them redevelopment of brownfield sites would be rare. Under that agreement, a site once described as a "moonscape" was transformed into two public parks and an award-winning community. Bay Harbor now supports about 700 jobs and has contributed more than $110 million in taxes and $40 million in wages and services since its inception.

Q: Is the water safe?

A: Completed and on-going actions taken at East Park and Bay Harbor have resulted in pH readings routinely below the action level of 9 over the vast majority of the shoreline. Today, only a small part of the five-mile-long shoreline still shows any elevated pH levels from what was left at the old cement plant. CMS Land is taking steps to reduce even further the pH in those areas.

Substantial environmental progress has been achieved. CMS Land continues to work closely with officials to put a final cleanup plan in place that will protect our bay for future generations.

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BRIEFS

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his residence on Beaver Island. A dispatcher from 911 received a call from Cassandra Biehler of Grand Rapids stating that her husband Frederic Biehler was windsurfing off a point on Beaver Island known as Sucker Point. Mrs. Biehler indicated that her husband normally stays in the general area but she had been unable to see him for quite some time and was worried due to the changing weather conditions that something may have happened to him. Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Beaver Island Deputy Jake Wasylewski was notified. At 9:31 p.m. the Water Rescue team was radioed that by an individual who believed they located the missing boater in Pete Manitou Bay on Garden Island, about three and a half miles from where Mr. Biehler had begun wind surfing. Welke stated that there was an individual standing on the beach matching Mr Biehler's description. Water Rescue made it into the shallow bay to make contact with Mr. Biehler at about 9:43 p.m. Once in the boat, Biehler was checked over by Paramedic Ken Bruland, and other than being cold and some scrapes, was in good health and high spirits.

• at 5:37 p.m., June 15, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded with Charlevoix Township Fire and Charlevoix City Fire/EMS to US 31 near Ance Road for a three-vehicle crash with injuries. The crash occurred when a green 1994 Plymouth Voyager driven by Carol I. Wordt, 37, Lansing was northbound US 31 waiting for traffic to clear before making a left turn into the Marathon Gas Station. Before the mini-van could turn, a black Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by William A. Pearsall (34) of Charlevoix also northbound struck the mini-van in the rear forcing it across the centerline and onto the shoulder where it overturned. The pickup, now without steering, continued northbound crossing the centerline and sideswiping a brown 1997 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Hans M. Wiener, 79, Charlevoix. All occupants of the mini-van and the pickup were transponed to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were treated and released for minor injuries. No alcohol or drugs were involved, and seatbelt use helped minimize the degree of injury.

• At 4:48 p.m., earlier this June, one-tenth of a mile south of Dalton Road, Kristen L. Ziesmer, 18, Kalkaska, was driving her friend's car southbound on Maple Grove. Kristen was unable to negotiate a curve on gravel traveling off left shoulder of road and striking a tree. Kristen and Holly Machelle Gribble, 18, Fife Lake, were both injured and transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS. Both women were treated and released for minor injuries. This accident is currently under investigation. There was no alcohol involved and the vehicles airbags did not deploy.

• City of Charlevoix Fire Department Called to two incidents.

At 11:07 p.m. on June 1, Charlevoix City firefighters were dispatched to heavy smoke coming from apartment 604 at Pine Cove Apartments, 1001 May St. The fire was quickly extinguished. The resident started cooking food on the stove then fell asleep. Nothing was severely damaged, and after ventilating the building everyone was allowed to return to their apartments. No one was hurt in this incident

At 8:24 a.m., June 2, firefighters were paged to a basement fire at 212 West Carpenter St. Firefighters arrived to discover a water leak had extinguished a basement fire. One resident sought medical treatment for an unrelated injury. This fire is still under investigation.

The Weekly Briefs

A collection of governmental decrees, meetings, fund-raising efforts, law enforcement happenings and other events of interest. To have your information included in Charlevoix Courier, send your event orgroup name and time, date, place, in that order, that the event will occur via e-mail to news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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16th Annual Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club Car Show

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 19, in the parking lots west of Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix This year's car show theme is "Dreaming of the '50s."

There will be free kids games and activities including hula hoop, bubble gum blowing, limbo contests and crafts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Fabulous Oldies but Goodies band will perform from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will also be a car show auction which will benefit Camp Quality, an annual week of fun at Camp Daggett for children with cancer.

The club has donated $78,750 over the past 15 years to local charities.

Dozens of cars like the street rod seen (far left) will be on display. Car lovers of all ages are encouraged to attend the festivities.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 730 of 2008

An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The City Of Charlevoix By Revising Section 9.125 Of Chapter 113 Of Title IX To Allow Dogs that are performing in city-approved events and to reword section 9.125

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Revision of Section 9.125
Section 9.125 of Chapter 113 is revised so that it shall read as follows:

9.125. Dog Regulations – East Park Area.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, no person, who owns, keeps or possesses a dog, shall permit the dog to enter on or within the regulated portion of East Park unless the dog is on a leash and is under control of the person holding the leash. However, during a city-approved event in East Park, no person, who owns, keeps or possesses a dog, shall permit the dog to enter the regulated portion of East Park even if the dog is on a leash and under the control of the person holding the leash. This prohibition of dogs in the regulated portion of East Park during city-approved events shall not apply to dogs that are performing in the city-approved event. For purposes of this section, the "regulated portion of East Park" shall mean that portion of East Park that is bounded by: on the north – the sidewalk to the south of East Clinton Street continuing to the north side of the Harbor Master Building ending at the sidewalk adjacent to Round Lake; on the south – the south wall of the Performance Pavilion continuing in a straight line to the sidewalk adjacent to Round Lake; on the east – the sidewalk which runs along Round Lake between the aforementioned northern and southern boundaries; and on the west – the sidewalk adjacent to the east side of Bridge Street between the aforementioned northern and southern boundaries. In addition, for purposes of this section, a "city-approved event" shall mean an event, festival or activity which has been approved or authorized by the City pursuant to this code, the City Charter or by virtue of the City's ownership of the land being used for the event, festival or activity.

SECTION 2. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.
ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2008.

Ordinance No. 730-2008 was adopted on the 7th day of July, 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Lyle Gennett
Seconded by: Councilmember Jill Picha

Yeas: Kusina, Picha, Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett
Nays: None
Absent: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

WHAT'S MISSING AT VENETIAN?

Have you ever noticed what is missing at the Venetian Festival?

It isn't live entertainment. Throughout Venetian Week, bands in East Park will be jumping with a wide variety of music.

It isn't kids' activities. The Venetian Games include kids and teens in soccer, basketball, running, sailing, golf and tennis tournaments. Teens are provided their own music venue at the "Battle of the Bands." Kid's Day at Lake Michigan Beach also provides a slew of low and no cost children's entertainment.

It isn't spectator opportunities. The street parade and the boat parade have entertained spectators for decades, and the Ultimate Air Dogs will dazzle Festival goers with their canine leaping prowess.

It certainly won't be fireworks that are missing, considering the festival features two nights of world class fireworks displays.

What's missing is admission prices. All of the big events and entertainment offered at the Venetian Festival are absolutely free to the public.

But, it still costs the Venetian Festival upwards of $200,000 (only 1/10 of the National Cherry Festival budget), to put on its premier festival, which is why the nonprofit volunteer organization needs your help. If you've ever enjoyed a concert in the park, Kid's Day, the Venetian Games, the street parade, the Venetian boat parade or the spectacular fireworks displays, please contribute, so that we can continue to bring you quality entertainment and activities in the future.

Frankly speaking, 2008 is a pivotal year for Festival finances, considering the revenue loss and increased expenses which the Festival was forced to incur in staging outside of East Park in 2007, which totaled over $50,000.00. In the event the Festival does not receive increased and new contributions, the Venetian Board may be left with no alternative but to dramatically reduce the two costliest (and nonrevenue generating) events, concerts and fireworks.

Please do not look away when it is time to contribute. By donating to the Festival, you can become a noted member of the Venetian Burgee Club. Anyone who donates $100 or more becomes a member of the Club and receives a burgee pennant. The pennants are emblazoned with the Venetian logo, the current year and the level of sponsorship.

Levels are: Admiral level, $3,000 minimum donation with a blue burgee; Captain level, $1,000 minimum donation with a red burgee; First Mate level, $500 minimum donation with a gold burgee; and Crew level, $100 minimum donation with a white burgee.

Please send donations to: Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc., PO Box 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or visit the Venetian Festival Merchandise Stand in East Park, during the festival.

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Officials: a portion of East Park open next week

PARK

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trolling interest in the park project due to the matching funds given to the City of Charlevoix for on work phase one which is the city's new marina.

"People have to remember that it literally was a two-year project that's been squeezed into 18 months," Carlson said of the nearly $12 million project. "We're dealing with ... the citizens of Charlevoix, the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and Michigan Waterways all making different decisions, trying to coordinate getting answers and dealing with 30 different contractors and subcontractors on essentially three different projects: Phase one, the marina, phase two the harbormaster building and phase three the performance pavilion and the rest of the park."

He added, "Throw in changes to the trout stream because the first one was illegal, and we're very good with where we're at."

Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straehel said he is excited that nearly two years after the groundbreaking of phase one in 2006, the project is nearly complete.

More than $6 million of East Park's $12 million price tag is being paid for by the Michigan Waterways Commission.

East Park offers amenities including a kitchenette, lounge and nearly a dozen showers for boaters at the Harbor Master Building, an interactive lighted water feature which can be choreographed to music, stone viewing plazas, a state of the art amphitheater designed to project the highest quality level of sound onto the audience and, Straehel said, it was all constructed so as to maintain the view of Round Lake Harbor.

According to Charlevoix Street Superintendent and East Park Project overseer Pat Elliot, the new Harbor Master's Building was opened to the public on July 3.

"Boaters now have access to all marina amenities and the public can now access the public restrooms," he said. "All veneered stonework is now 100 percent complete (and) remaining concrete flat work around

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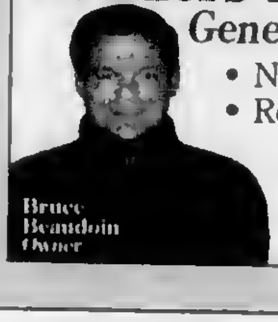

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Along with running for Charlevoix County Commissioner, Tim Boyko plans to continue working on a new venture.

"I have been test marketing a new sparkling cherry beverage in northern Michigan for Tahone Orchards," he said. "We served the drink at the Taster's Guild in Traverse City, Taste the Local Difference event in Petoskey, the Chef's Challenge at Shanty Creek and most recently at Taste of Charlevoix. We have been having great success introducing this local, non-alcoholic beverage."

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As the foreclosure crisis reaches epic proportions and previous homeowners seek rental properties, many are finding themselves in double jeopardy as their landlords get foreclosed upon. Just as people are trying to get their lives back on track, many find themselves evicted from their rental through no fault of their own.

"People need to be extra careful when choosing a property to rent," says Dan Page of the American Apartment Owners Association. "This is a very difficult rental market and it is tempting to rent the first place that fits your needs. But be careful. A few simple steps can help you avoid the heartache of getting evicted because your landlord didn't pay his mortgage."

To help renters avoid this nightmare: Three questions all prospective renters should ask before moving into a rental property. The types of rental landlords and rental properties to avoid like the plague. How to research potential landlords before spending a dime.

Dan Page is the Director of Development for the American Apartment Owners Association (AAOA). AAOA helps landlords with all the day to day challenges of running their investment properties. Call (303) 938-8280, or e-mail Page at dpage@joinaaoa.org.

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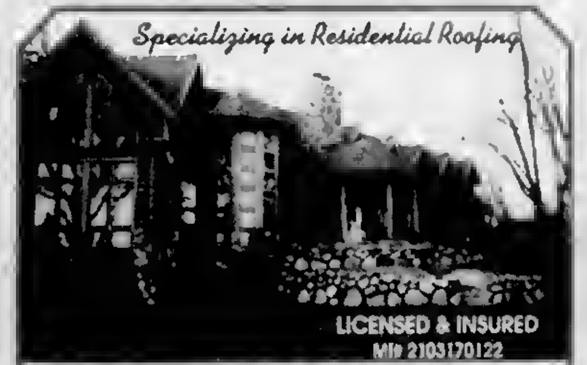

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State forcing schools into financial corner

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
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"If we keep going like this, we're going to go broke."

Those words spoken by Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik on the 2008-2009 budget indicate the inevitable and ongoing implosion of Michigan's economy.

"We've been in reduction mode for the last six years," Janik said of the projected $450,000 to $500,000 deficit.

If things do not improve, Janik said, "We'll have to re-evaluate what we're going to sacrifice next year."

Last year's projected deficit was around $350,000.

According to Janik, there are several upcoming factors that will also have an effect on this year's budget: State aid is expected to increase to $100 per student. Also, the curriculum development salaries are also expected to fluctuate, and in the last six years alone, the school system has 150 fewer students, 15 fewer teachers and 20 fewer support staff.

With 82 to 85 percent of the school's $11.7 million budget spent on personnel, there are not many places to cut.

"We're down to the bare bones. There's no fat left," Janik said. "The question is, 'How do we reduce staff and maintain high standards?'"

Who makes the tough decisions?

Janik

"The board doesn't choose where the cuts will be made," said John McLean, President of the School Board. "The administrators make suggestions as to where cuts could be made and they spend a good six months or so on that decision. After that, the board votes on if those particular cuts are in the best interest of the schools or not."

McLean said that the financial tightening is also due in part to a combination of things, including not getting enough money per student each year and the fact that enrollment is going down.

McLean

According to McLean, enrollment is going down due to many parents leaving the state in search of a job.

"One of the things I do is ask, 'will it affect student achievement or student learning?' If it does, then it's probably not a good thing to cut," said McLean.

Annemarie Conway, an Economics and Government teacher, as well as a parent, is optimistic about the bond the school system will be receiving.

"The bond was a huge plus because that gives us a lot more money towards big ticket items, such as buildings, buses, etc.," said Conway. "The bond opens up things the money can be spent on, which is really cool."

The Charlevoix School Foundation, Conway explained, has stepped in as well and is getting ready for a big capital campaign. "They've always been there, but they've expanded because they've seen our needs and helped work with the schools," she said.

"At least our situation isn't like Suttons Bay, who runs until they're out of money," said Conway. "Charlevoix has been anticipating the decline of the economy, so they've been cutting anywhere from $800,000 to one million dollars a year, and they've been doing so over the last six years."

Conway also explained that in the past, all the school system had to work with was the sinking fund, which is money delegated from the voters and set aside for certain building projects, and not books, school supplies or anything directly related to the learning environment.

"(Because of the budget tightening) we don't really get to go to too many conferences, also, they're cutting back on supplies and it's getting harder and harder to do field trips," Conway said. "If it wasn't for an anonymous donor, we wouldn't have been able to do an overnight field trip to Lansing over a year ago."

The schools have gotten a few donations from outside sources. Just last month, Glenn Catt and an anonymous donor combined to put up a total of $8,000 to offset the cost of an extracurricular activity fee the school board was going to implement.

The $40 extracurricular fee was going to be employed to pay for the costs of travel, food and any other additional expenses that might need to be paid for.

Janik explained that regardless of the cuts in the past, and the handful of retirements, the ever-growing deficit is catching up and there's just nowhere left to cut corners.

Several bond representatives were introduced at last week's school board meeting. The board was expected to vote on the issue at their July 14 meeting. Results were not available by press time.

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I have been instrumental in implementing "Project Lifesaver", a program used to locate adults suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia and autistic children who wander from home.

I have instituted the Prescription Drug Disposal Program so people can responsibly dispose of their prescription drugs so they will not end up on the street.

I have sought community donations so the Sheriff's Office can offer free DNA kits for parents. The children are swabbed for their DNA and the kits are given to the parents for safekeeping just in case such identification is needed in case there is an unfortunate incident. These are just a few examples of the many pro-active programs already in place and I intend to continue to implement any programs that ensure the safety of our citizens and seek swift justice for the victims of crimes.

Fiscally responsible- I will continue to seek all available resources to provide the best service for the citizens of Charlevoix County. I will continue the bike patrol as it is the most effective way to police large events such as the many parades and festivals in this county. Equipment for the bike patrol was donated by a community member. I will continue our water recovery team as the law mandates it. Currently, members use their own personal equipment, as well as equipment donated by the community. I will work with all other agencies, but will rely on the Sheriff's Office to ensure that the job is done right.

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Finishing touches on East Park this week

PARK

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the Harbor Master's Building will be complete this week."

Elliot added that new curbs are being poured on Clinton Street and new sod continues to be laid.

The remainder of sod was scheduled for July 10.

But keep in mind, Carlson said, "They won't open up anything until it's 100 percent. We don't want to jeopardize the new sod; Sod's funny anyway: 99.9 percent of the time it takes, and once in a while it doesn't, but we have been fortunate that our watering system is working in areas where sod is laid and it seems to be doing pretty well."

He added, "Preliminary tests are showing it's already starting to take root."

Since much of Venetian entertainment is planned for the new East Park, organizers are eager to believe in the city's new timeline.

"There are potentials and prospects that could put us into scramble mode which we would be able to do, but fortunately we will not have to do so," said Charlevoix Venetian President Dan Barron "We feel very confident that Venetian will stage in East Park and will stage with chudspa."

Barron's 10th year as head of the festival's board of directors has him going to the dogs, the Ultimate Air Dogs, that is.

"One of the most important things is that Venetian is going to be the debut use of East Park, so we're really thrilled and excited .. being able to do that in style with national acts such as Jefferson Starship and Emerson Drive," he said. "Because of the larger open areas within East Park we are able to stage the Ultimate Air Dogs, which will occur late afternoon, early evening during concerts with jumping canines and a 14,000 gallon pool in the heart of East Park, and we'll have the Venetian Tiki Tent with beer and wine concessions right in the heart of East Park."

The Air Dogs and their aerial acrobatics will share the park with Starship and Emerson Drive as well as several other bands new to the festival's Rhythms of Venetian lineup and replace parting events such as the Superkicker Rodeo which was staged at Castle Farms for several previous festivals.

"Most of the changes that (festival goers) will see is going to be largely in part to the reconfiguration of East Park," Barron said, but added that events missing are due to financial constraints.

"Our numbers in revenue were down about 50 percent because of our staging at Lake Michigan (in 2007)," he said. "It was pretty significant. We're thrilled to be back in East Park. Last year it did cost the festival about $50,000 to stage outside of East Park."

He added, "We're not staging at Castle Farms because of the ultimate expense to both the festival and to Castle Farms. We look to focus our resources on downtown activities which are the traditional base of the festival."

The loss of the rodeo is tempered by the addition of the Ryan Shay Elite Competition Mile, a one-mile all-out foot race down U.S. 31/Bridge Street for cash prizes, and a concert featuring High School Musical's very own teen heartthrob Corbin Bleu which is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 27 at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. Bleu will be flanked by Mitchel Musso who plays Oliver on Disney Channel's Hannah Montana.

Festival organizers said the Emmet fairground was the only venue large enough to host a fee-based event and they hope the Corbin Bleu concert will act as a fundraising event for the Venetian Festival.

The Skerbeck Bros. carnival will return for yet another year and will open at 6 p.m., July 23 with rides and midway games.

Kids' Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 24, brings with it face painting, a petting zoo, crafts and treats as well as the return of armband day where all amusements can be enjoyed all day, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., for $15.

The carnival is scheduled for 1 p.m. to close on July 25 and 11 a.m. to close on July 26.

In addition to rides, games and music this year's festival has its fair share

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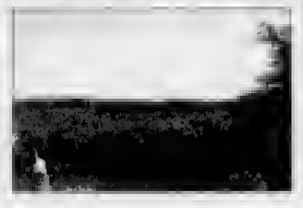

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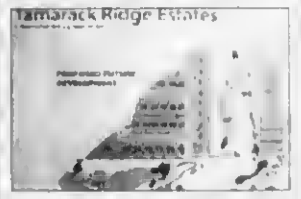

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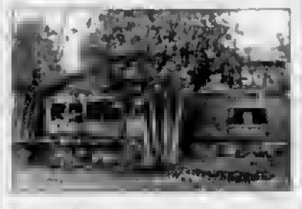

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Charlevoix, Michigan at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, at 1:30 P.M., prevailing local time on July 30, 2008, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for the construction of Contract No 072757.

The work generally consists of constructing approximately 3,000 LFT of water main, 1,300 LFT of sanitary sewer, 700 LFT of electrical conduit and 2,100 LFT of new city street construction to include sidewalk, curb and gutter, lighting, gravel and asphalt.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after July 9, 2008 and may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, phone (231)547-3270, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc., located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, phone (231)547-2121

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NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwood Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing regarding Road Work/Repair at the Norwood Township Hall on July 21, 2008 at 6 p.m.

(L-7/16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 08-011252-NC

In the matter of Ireland Florence Bigelow
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including' whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Friday, August 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Probate Court, 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose:
To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Veronica L. Bigelow requesting the name of Ireland Florence Bigelow be changed to Ireland Florence McDonough.
Date: 7-16-08

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by COLENE MCGINN a/k/a COLENE MCGINN-CHERNIAK, to Farm Bureau General Insurance Company, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002, recorded in the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on May 14, 2008, in Liber 0848 Page 0080. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred and Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Dollars ($209,281). No suit or proceeding in law has been instituted to recover all or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the front lobby of the Courthouse In the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of August, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in the forenoon, local time, the following described property viz:

Lots 109 and 110 of Jersey's Addition, City of Boyne City, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241 or MCL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 2, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven & 52/100 ($657,657.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: That part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Fractional Section 8, being a part of Government Lot 1, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a 1 1/4" iron pipe at the Northwest corner of Fractional Section 8, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0°00'35" East (recorded as South 0°03'54" West) on said West section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a 1/2" Iron rod at the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 88°08'46" East 548.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South 24°45'29" East (recorded as South 24°45'36" East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a concrete monument meander point; thence South 00°37'43" East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0°26'36" East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88°34'56" West (recorded as West and South 88°32'10" West) a distance of 580.72 feet to a 1/2" Iron rod on the West line of said fractional Section 8; thence North 0°00'35" West (recorded as North 0°03'54" East) on said West section line 122.88 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/30/2008

Washington Mutual Bank Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
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ASAP# 2794785
(L-06/25/2008, 07/02/2008, 07/09/2008, 07/16/2008)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

JOHN J. McQUILLAN P.L.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by *George Wallace* and *Carol Wallace*, his wife, *Troy S. Wallace*, a single man, *Jill M. Bell*, a married woman, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagors, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust* Co., a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 897-909 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is One *Million* One *Hundred Eighty-six Thousand* One *Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars.* The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit

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The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows. All that certain place or parcel of land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 4060.00 feet to the North 1/8 line, as monumented; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 320.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 605.00 feet; thence South 52°47'08" West 1342.02 feet to the shore of Nowland Lake; thence South 42°28'00" East along said shore, 200.00 feet; thence North 59°48'30" East 1798.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

Subject to and together with a road and utility easement 66 feet in width, the center line of which is described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 1860.03 feet; thence South 72°30' West 362.70 feet; thence North 17°30' West 619.74 feet; thence South 72°30' West 379.17 feet to the center line of Brock Road; thence South 25°15' East along said center line 74.21 feet; thence South 52°48'25" East along said center line 218.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 24°58'25" East 125.45 feet; thence on a curve to the right 71.11 feet (radius of said curve is 39.30 feet, long chord bears South 26°51'35" West 61.80 feet; thence South 78°41'35" West 215.00 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet; thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet; thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 140.00 feet; thence North 39°32'43" West 64.73 feet; thence North 33°28'33" West 208.04 feet; thence North 27°52'39" West 221.93 feet; thence North 22°30'22" West 213.46 feet; thence North 27°35'30" West 208.33 feet; thence North 37°28'15" West 208.88 feet; thence North 30°10'49" West 230.80 feet; thence North 42°11'29" West 365.87 feet to a line that bears North 41°43'19" East, being the point of ending.

Property Tax Code No. 006-119-015-00.

Commonly known as 2589 Hidden Valley Lane, Charlevoix, Mi 49720.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee
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P.O Box 560
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by *Wallace Holdings, L.L.C.*, a Michigan limited liability company, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagor, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.*, a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 884-896 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is One *Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars*. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a 3/4 inch steel bar at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, as monumented, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 33.02 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/4 line, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 826.92 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 88°13'10" West 959.94 feet (recorded as North 88°13'04" West 960.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°02'20" East 269.92 feet (recorded as South 00°03'30" East 270.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 46°39'35" West 493.88 feet (recorded as South 46°38'46" West 493.54 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°00'36" East 2912.56 feet (recorded as North 00°00'18" East 2913.05 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod which is recorded as being 800.00 feet South of the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along a line recorded as being parallel with said North 1/8 line South 88°08'32 East 1685.16 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of the West 3000.00 feet of said Section, as monumented; thence along aforementioned line, North 00°04'41" East (recorded as North 00°04'04" East, parallel with the West line of said Section), 800.39 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, as monumented, South 88°08'32" East 301.25 feet to a point in the centerline of Flag Road; thence Easterly along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 232.22 feet (radius of said curve is 468.66 feet, the central angle is 28°23'23" and the chord bears South 60°10'12" East 229.85 feet); thence continuing along said centerline, South 45°58'30" East 493.77 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 127.18 feet (radius of said curve is 986.93 feet, the central angle is 07°23'01" and the chord bears South 42°17'00" East 127.09 feet) to the East 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 54.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 736.82 feet to an iron stake on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence continuing along said East 1/8 line, South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 2579.27 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 33.01 feet to the South line of said Section; thence along said Section line and along the centerline of said road, North 88°53'06" West 1317.24 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

Property Tax Code No. 014-005-015-10.

Commonly known as 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12)

DATED: June 26, 2008

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 15, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on July 25, 2002, in Liber 479, Page(s) 183, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $102,290.52, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 7.99 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on August 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS FOUND IN DEED BOOK 411, PAGE 687, ID#008-029-001-75, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: BEGINNING AT NORTH 1/8 POST ON THE EAST SECTION LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, 210 FEET SOUTH, THEN 210 FEET WEST, THEN 210 FEET NORTH, THEN 210 FEET EAST BACK TO POINT OF BEGINNING

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2002 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number CV3356ABIN.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: July 9, 2008
BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)
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Venetian officials: festival better than ever

of royalty as seven young Charlevoix women are vying for the title "Miss Venetian 2008."

Candidates for this year's crown are Katherine Forrester, Shauna Spencley, Alyssa McCormack, Andrea Roloff, Katelyn Green-Cole, Alyssa Themm and Omega Hang.

The ladies, who each wrote a college-level essay to qualify for the running, will learn which among them is queen during ceremonies at approximately 7:30 p.m. on July 25 in the newly constructed East Park.

While the winner gets a scholarship, awards for congeniality and scholastic achievement will also be presented.

To financially support the queen's scholarship fund, call (231) 330-4675 or 547-9950.

"It's a fantastic lineup and I'm excited. I think it's going to be one of the finest Venetian festivals to date," Barron said. "We're going to have absolutely spectacular fireworks once again, and our master pyrotechnician manufactures his own fireworks, so we have not been affected by the shortage in the national fireworks supply."

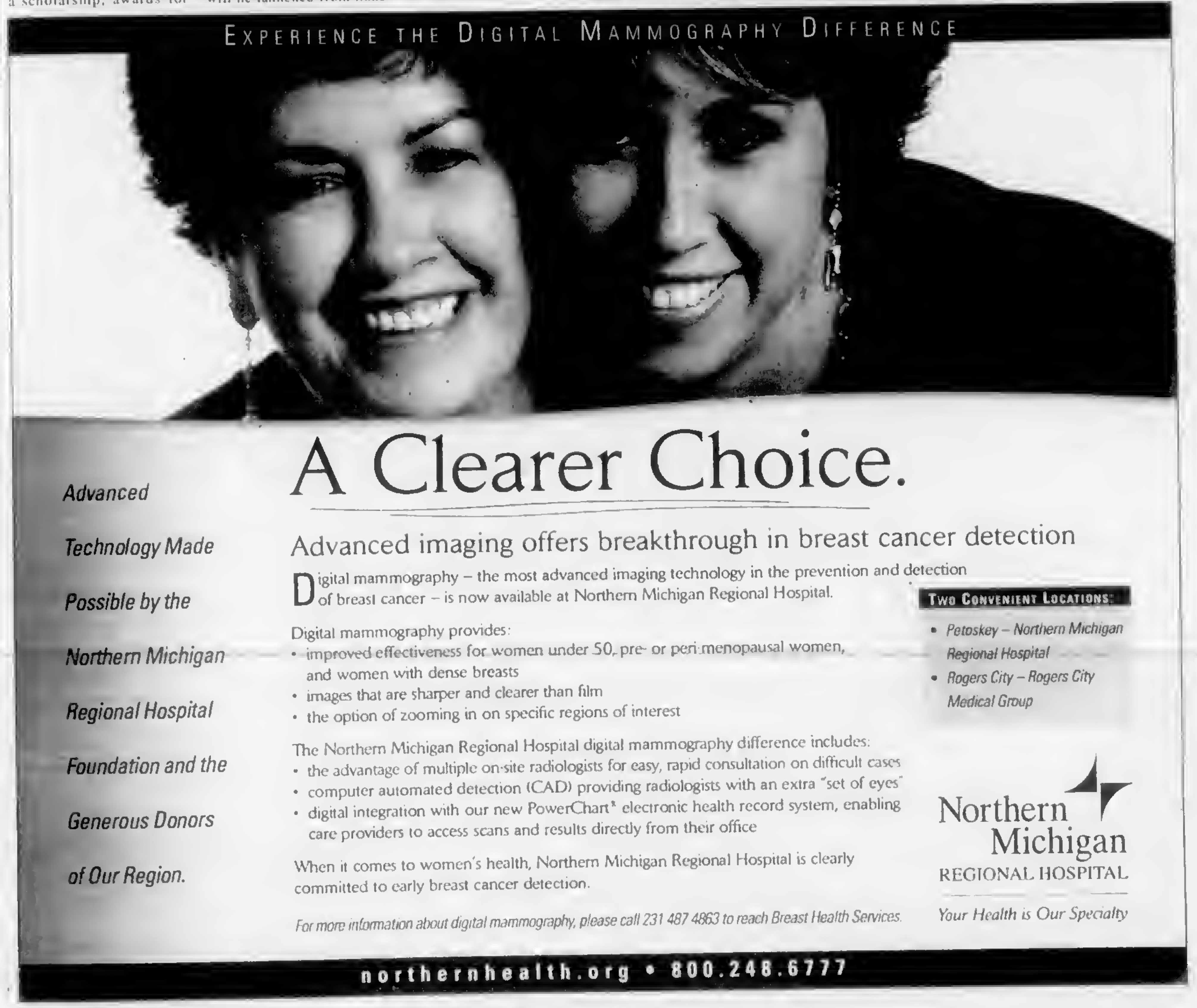
Friday night fireworks will be launched from Lake Charlevoix. Saturday night fireworks will be launched from Round Lake Harbor following this year's lighted boat parade with the theme "Welcome back to East Park."

For more information on Charlevoix's 78th Annual Venetian Festival, get your copy of the official Venetian Guide available at Charlevoix Courier office and numerous locations throughout Charlevoix County.

For information on how to volunteer or financially support the Venetian Festival, visit www.venetianfestival.com.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

While the majority of East Park (above) could still be off limits for the next couple weeks, the state-of-the-art East Park Performance Pavilion will host its first concert on Sunday, July 20 when the Charlevoix Concert Series features the Petoskey Steel Drum Band and 80's retro band, Starfarm. The rest of the park will be open for Venetian events.



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the Nazerene on Waller Road, Lineare on Ance Road and Charlevoix Manufacturing on Martin Road.

Their bond was set at $500,000 each and they are set to face preliminary examinations in the cases on Tuesday, July 28, in Charlevoix County and Wednesday, July 29, in Emmet County.

District court judge Richard W. May (no relation to defendant May) appointed attorney Hillary Briolat to represent Allred and attorney Bryan Klawuhn to represent May.

Emmet County chief assistant prosecutor Duane Beach said many more charges will likely be coming out of Emmet County.

According to court documents filed in the case, May admitted to involvement in 19 recent break-ins in Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties.

Police said the break in the case came Wednesday when officers were able to obtain video images from an attempt to break into Petoskey Electric earlier in the day. Police used the video to identify the two men and later executed three search warrants simultaneously.

"It was old-fashioned police work," acting Charlevoix County undersheriff Det./Sgt. Chuck Vondra said. "June 23, one of our patrol officers was out at this house and developed some information about them being possible suspects, so we've been keeping our eye on these guys for a little while."

According to Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney John Jarema, a tire iron was used to pry doors open before the suspects allegedly entered and ransacked the churches and businesses in their search for money.

"We suspected they were connected because the tool marks were all similar and because of the time frame," he said. "We had a pretty good conclusion that they were related because of same manner in which they were broken into and the way places were trashed and the stuff that was taken."

Detectives took footprint impressions and impressions of the tool marks left on doors which had been broken into at each crime scene, but it was ultimately the video footage which led to search warrants being executed at a residence on Maple Street in Charlevoix and subsequent arrest and confessions.

"May was cooperative with law enforcement," Vondra said, adding that evidence from some of the Petoskey thefts was found in a vehicle at the Maple Street residence.

Police are also looking at possibly connecting the men to at least one more break-in that took place Tuesday July 8 at NorthPointe Motors south of Charlevoix.

The breaking and entering charges carry a penalty of up to 10 years in prison while the criminal enterprises carry a 20-year maximum. Both will likely also face higher maximum penalties on the charges thanks to habitual offender sentencing enhancements that will be attached. Some of the enhancements could increase the maximum penalty on some of the charges to up to life in prison.

May is on probation on three previous convictions for receiving and concealing stolen property and larceny, $200-$1,000 out of Cheboygan County and breaking and entering out of Emmet County -- all from 2006. Allred has two prior felony convictions out of Florida, Beach said.

According to court documents he was released from prison in Florida in February after serving 18 months.

Steve Zucker can be reached by e-mail at szucker@petoskeynews.com.

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Northern Michigan consumers now have a great way to get a price break on everyday items for which they shop whether they need a place to eat, a gift for Father's Day, or a way to book a round of golf.

Remember Shopsmartupnorth.com, launched this spring with dozens of businesses offering coupons suited for any need or interest.

Businesses interested in receiving information on how to advertise with shopsmartupnorth.com should contact Christy Lyons at the Petoskey News-Review office by calling (231) 439-4329 or by e-mailing clyons@petosketnews.com.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW

Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 9:30 A.M., at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the Main Floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computations.

If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's Office at 547-3250.

Carol A. Ochs
City Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, July 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code. The proposed amendments, if adopted, will amend Chapter 1 Title 11 in its entirety to grant a gas franchise.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, July 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place.

- Motion passed accepting authorizing the Clerk to issue the fireworks permit for Venetian Festival.
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor to sign the hold harmless agreement for the Venetian fireworks presentation.
- Motion passed approving the 2008 contract with Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc.
- Motion passed authorizing purchase of a fire tanker/tender from US Tanker/Puroll Equipment Company for $173,561.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for the 2008 Electric System Construction Labor Contract be awarded to Matchinski Enterprises.
- Motion passed increasing the journeyman lineman wage rate by $4.00/hr.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall on a proposed amendment to chapter 22 of Title II of the City Code to change State department references and add an annual testing requirement to backflow prevention assemblies.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall on a proposed amendment to chapter 22A of Title II of the City Code to correct legal descriptions of impact areas.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall on a proposed amendment to chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code to grant a gas franchise.
- Resolution 2008-07-01 adopted, Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
- Resolution 2008-07-02 adopted, FAA Airport Grant Agreement.
- Resolution 2008-07-03 adopted, MDOT Airport Grant Agreement.
- Resolution 2008-07-04 adopted, Granger Renewable Energy Agreement and Participation in the MPPA Granger Renewable Energy Project.
- Ordinance 730 of 2008 enacted, an ordinance to allow performing dogs in East Park as part of a city-approved event.
- Motion passed stating Council's intent is to allow performing dogs in East Park consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 730-2008, until the effective date of the amendment.
- Motion passed awarding Street Superintendent Pal Elliott two extra weeks of vacation this year as additional compensation for extra workload created by management of East Park/Marina project.

Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

JULY 22, 2008

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on July 22, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until noon for the purpose of correcting qualified errors.

An owner of property that is a **"Homeowner's Principal Residence"** on May 1 **may appeal to the July Board of Review** in the year for which an exemption was claimed or in the immediate succeeding 3 years if the exemption was not on the tax roll. MCL 211.7cc(20), page 2 of STC Bulletin No. 6 of 2003.

An owner of property that is **Qualified Agricultural Property** on May 1 **may appeal to the July Board of Review** for the current year and the immediately preceding year if the exemption was not on the tax roll. MCL 211.7ee(6)

July Board of Review may hear appeals for current year only for poverty exemptions, but not poverty exemptions denied by March Board of Review. MCL.211.7u, page 12 of STC Bulletin No. 12 of 1997.

Carol Martin,
Charlevoix Township Clerk

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn *(DEB)* concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.
- Catch the Reading Bug summer reading club is offered at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday through Aug. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library. @ the Library. To participate in a club, a child must visit the library, set a personal reading goal with the staff, and attend three library programs.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

JULY 17

Charlevoix Memories and Veterans Histories highlighted. The Oral Traditions Project at the Charlevoix Public Library will be highlighted in this event hosted at 1 p.m. on July 17 at. The Oral Traditions Project, funded by a generous donation from Julie and Peter Cummings, in honor of Edith Gilbert, is a collection of interviews on DVD that are available to check out from the library. The interviews focus on either Charlevoix Memories or Veteran's History. At the program, snippets from eight interviews will be shown. Call for further information, 237-7340 or visit the Web site www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

The Lake Charlevoix Association will host a focus group at 7 p.m. at Bay Township Hall on 05045 Boyne City Road.

At 7 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, there will be an evening of excerpts from the DVD interviews with Charlevoix elders talking about Charlevoix history and veterans stories.

From noon until 5:45 p.m., July 17, there is an American Red Cross blood drive at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. Call (800) 448-3543 for more information.

American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery volunteer training from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., July 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital lower classroom, 14700 Lake Shore Drive. Call (800) 723-0370 for more information or to register.

JULY 18

At 7 p.m. on July 18 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - MJ Bishop followed by Dennis Palmer.

JULY 19

Artist Reception

"My World" - Photographs by Rebecca Glotfelty, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cycling Salamander on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix.

Second annual "Singles for Christ" for adults 40 and over is from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., July 19 at the Velenga home on Walloon Lake, 04304 Wildwood Harbor. Bring a dish or main course item, your own table service and your own beverage of choice. There will be swimming, fishing or whatever activity is desired. Call 347-3438 or 347-5747 to RSVP and for more information.

JULY 20

Gospelmen Quartet will entertain with song at 10 a.m. in Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene 12023 Waller Road.

JULY 22

At 6:30 p.m. Stevens Puppets presents "Aladdin" for kindergarten through eighth grade. The marionettes take the stage in this humorous adaptation of the story of Aladdin at Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 24

From Noon to 5:45 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 11906 US-31 north the American Red Cross will host a blood drive.

JULY 26

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reception from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The cost to join the alumni association is $5.00. For more information, contact Sherrel Bergmann at 547-4457 or e-mail the association at rayderberg@aol.com.

JULY 27

Die Soft 2 the movie premiers at noon on July 27. Cost is $5 per person. This action/comedy was written, produced and directed in Charlevoix.

At 7 p.m. At the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix Jill Jack & Billy Brandt

JULY 28

At 6 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, Booktalkers: White Ghost Girls, by Alice Greenway will be discussed. Set in Hong Kong during the summer of 1967, this book centers on two sisters whose photographer father is on assignment in Vietnam. Their intense bond is brilliantly wrought as is the era's political upheaval. Join other book lovers in a lively discussion.

At 6 p.m. on July 28, the Charlevoix County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association will be hosting a public forum for Charlevoix County candidates to discuss their candidacies with voters at Veterans Park Pavilion on Lake Street in Boyne City. Call (231) 535-2820 for more information.

At 7 p.m., the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society (CCHPS) will meet at the Charlevoix Public Library. CCHPS board member Raechel Wright will present a program on the "Park Avenue Prowl".

JULY 29

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a painted placemat craft for kindergarten through fourth-grade. Make a lovely, usable placemat at Charlevoix Public Library.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a duct tape workshop for grades five through eight. Create a splendid project, made completely out of duct tape, to take home. Event is at Charlevoix Public Library.

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer and Charlevoix Recreation Department are sponsoring a youth soccer camp called The Best Overall Soccer Skills Camp directed by Jon Boss. The advanced level camp is for 15-18 year olds, ninth through 12th-graders, and is being held from July 29-31.

Camps will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Shanahan Soccer Fields each day.

You can receive an application by calling the Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253 or by stopping by the office in City Hall. Camp fee is $50.00 per child.

JULY 30

Film: Mr. Art Critic with filmmaker Rich Brauer, 8 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library community room. Event is free, but donations will be accepted.

JULY 30 THROUGH AUG. 3.

"Baroque on Beaver," a festival of classical music returns for its seventh year at 7:30 p.m. for the opening night at the Beaver Island Biological Station. At 7:30 p.m. at both Aug. 1, the music will be at Holy Cross Hall and Aug. 2, music will be at the Beaver Island Community Center and Aug. 3, there will be a 2 p.m. matinee at Holy Cross Hall, Beaver Island. For more information on the free event, visit www.baroqueonbeaver.com.

AUG. 2

Heise Event: The Architecture of Alden B. Dow.

At 2 p.m. Regina Clark, Public Relations Director at the Alden Dow Museum in Midland will be discussing the architectural vision of Alden B

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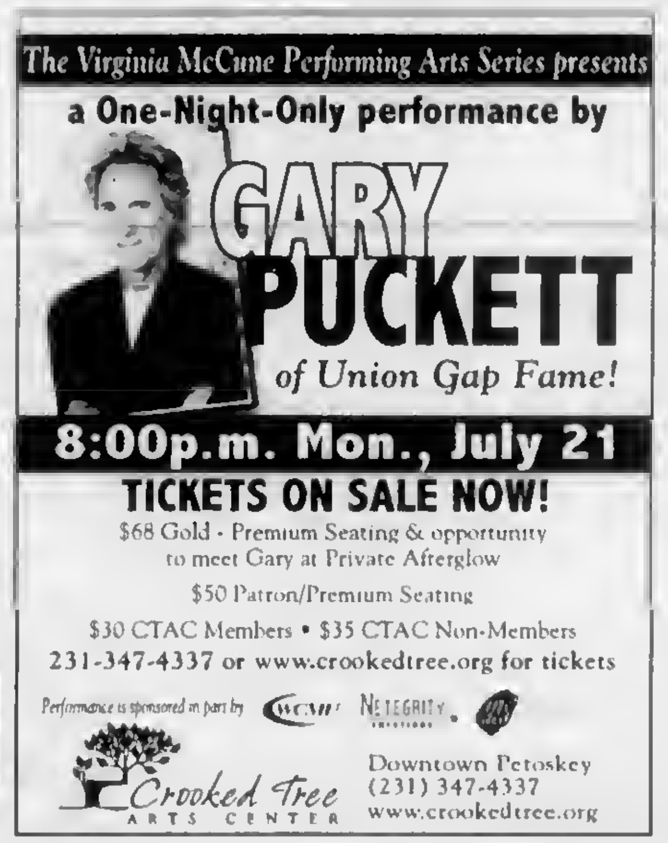

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A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Dow who was "never afraid to fail." Lecture and reception are in honor of library volunteers, Kay and Don Heise. Reservations appreciated. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

AUG. 3

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3, at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix — Don Julin & The Neptune Trio

AUG. 7

It's that easy

At 7 p.m. It's That Easy: The High Vibe Guide to Attracting What You Really Want. Would you like to attract more of what you desire in life? Presenter and author, Dr. Beth Rosenthal will help you discover how to shift your vibrations and attract exactly what you desire! Adults and teens welcome. Dr. Rosenthal is an author, entrepreneur, teacher, facilitator and speaker. She holds MBA and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago and a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Charlevoix Public Library 220 West Clinton St. 237-7340.

The Lake Charlevoix Association will launch its new "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

CAH GUILD AUCTION

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild silent auction is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7 in the large classroom near the cafeteria. Call 547-3431 for more information.

AUG. 9

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

BIER ART GALLERY

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 9 at Bier Art Gallery six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse, there will be an art demonstration. It's a day to meet and talk with working artists, also refreshments will be available.

AUG. 11

Magical Mystery of the Sea

At 7 p.m. Underwater sea photographer, Ruth Petzold shares her passion for the sea and her work of artistic and humorous portraits. Born in Michigan, Ruth blends her love of nature into unique photographic images. Her work is a collection of artistic and humorous portraits of the sea and its curious inhabitants. Join us in this unique opportunity to meet the artist, hear her speak and see her work, some of which have been published in National Geographic magazine. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

AUG. 14

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Lake Charlevoix Association will host "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" at Veterans Park in Boyne City.

AUG. 15

The Lake Charlevoix Association will host their annual meeting at 10 a.m. at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

AUG. 19

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

AUG. 22

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

AUG. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Tuesdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

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The following events and workshops are scheduled for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) located at 109 Clinton St. Call 547-2333 for more information on any of the following or visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

July 18

Birch Bark Ornament Workshop with Yvonne Walker Keshick, Native American artist from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $65, for ages 12 and older.

July 19

Landscape Painting Class by Margie Guyot from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For ages 14 and up. Cost is $60.

July 21

Landscapes with Depth: Fiber Art Workshop with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $50. This class is for adults only.

July 22

Pin Doll Workshop with Kathie Briggs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For ages 11 and older. Cost is $30.

July 23

Gesture Drawing Class with Jen Franzoni; 2:30 – 4 p.m. at CCA; ages 12 and older; Cost is $15. Fabric Postcards Workshop with Kathie Briggs; 1 – 4 p.m. at CCA; ages 11 and older; Cost is $25.

July 28

Children's Photography Workshop by S. Kay Young, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at CCA; ages 8 to 12; Cost is $45.

Photography Workshop for Teens by S. Kay Young; 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at CCA; Cost is $55.

July 29

Adults Documentary Photography Workshop by S. Kay Young, 9 a.m.. to 1 p.m. at CCA. This adult program costs $60.

Aug. 5 and 6

Two-day introduction to glass bead making workshop with Sherrie Styx; 9 a.m. to noon at CCA; For ages 12 and older; $100 includes all materials.

Aug. 8

Fabric Collage Angel Doll Workshop with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CCA. Adults and teens welcome. Cost is $60.

Aug. 11

Art Quilts 101 Class with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m to 4 p.m. at CCA for adults. Cost is $50.

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AUG. 14

Films: Song of the Lakes: Live at Interlochen, by Rich Brauer and Journey to Joy by Rebecca Glotfelty, at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room, 7:00 p.m.. Glotfelty will introduce the films and participate in question and answer period following. Event is free, but donations will be accepted.

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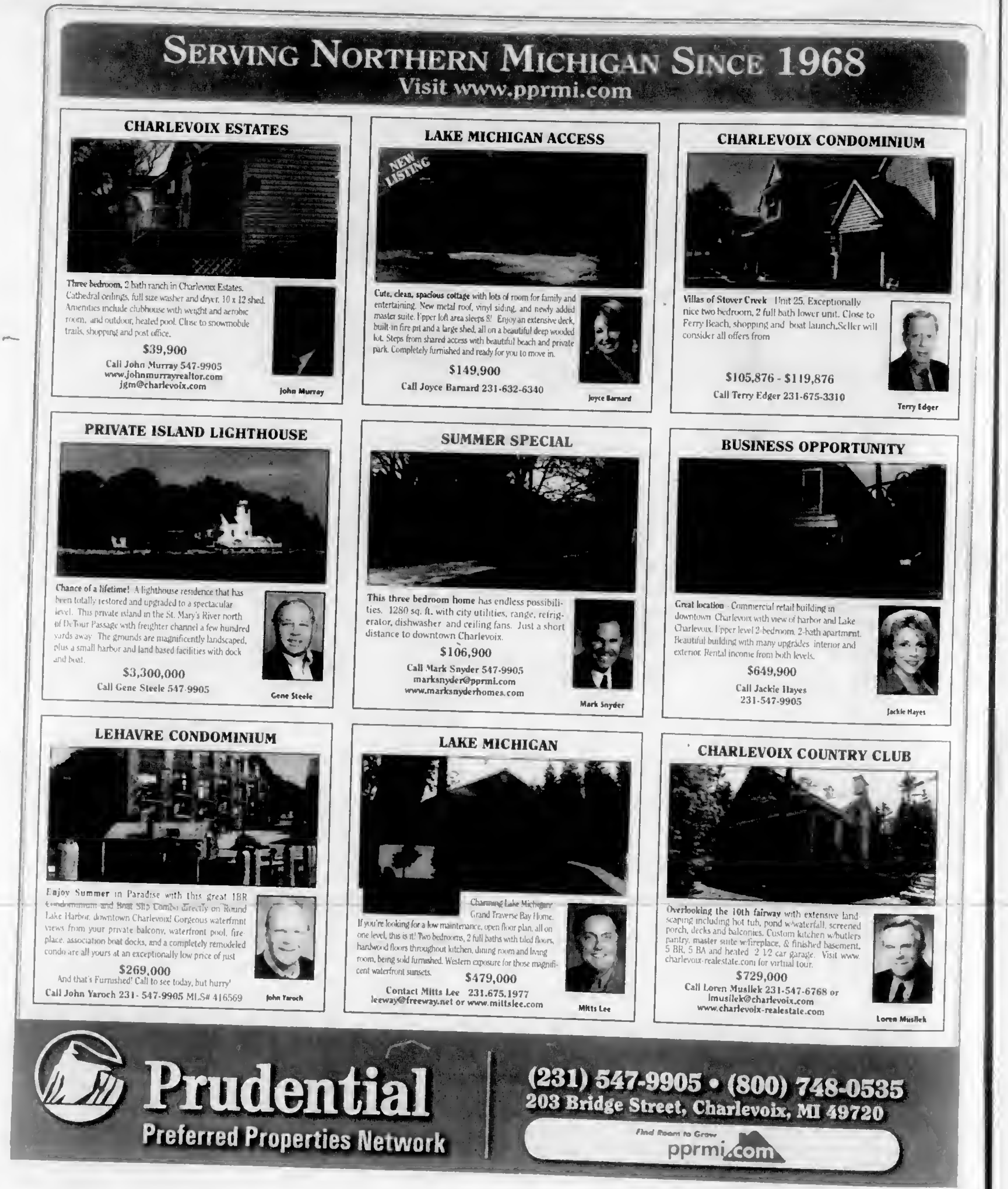

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A real street legend

Joel Shooks (right, standing with his wife Kristan) won best paint of show during the 16th Annual Street Legends Car Club Car Show for his 1969 Mach One Ford Mustang.

Shooks performed a full restoration on the car which he said was in "rough" shape when he found it.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Child porn Suspect dead

MAN SUSPECTED OF DRUGS, CHILD PORN POSSESSION FOUND DEAD IN VAN

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Fanara

A Charlevoix man charged with felony drug offenses was found dead 12 hours before he was expected to turn himself in on felony child pornography charges.

According to Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Shaynee Fanara, 64 year-old Thomas Collins had been arrested earlier this spring and charged for possession of various drugs and was to turn himself in at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22 after being caught in a United States Postal sting for

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A ship for Charlevoix?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Despite efforts from several of Charlevoix's local, state and federal representatives to retain ice-breaking capabilities in the area, Round Lake still has no cutter.

More than two years after the United States Coast Guard cutter Acacia was decommissioned from service, and nearly as long since a bill signed by President George W. Bush signed H.R. 889 which ordered that the coast guard maintain, at a minimum, its then current vessel capacity for ice-breaking in the Great Lakes, U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) is still fighting to make that a reality.

"It is important that a new coast guard cutter or similar asset be stationed in Charlevoix to replace the Acacia and continue the coast guard's long-standing presence in the northern Great Lakes," he stated in a July 17 press release. "While

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MiSmartVote.com Tracks races

BYNOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

With just a few weeks before the Aug. 5 primary, the online election coverage by the Petoskey News-Review is expanding.

Following a successful first three weeks of the online debate between Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, Democratic challenger Connie Saltonstall and Greg Dean of the Libertarian Party in their campaign for the 105th district, the MiSmartVote.com Web site is expanding to include all local races.

From sheriff candidates to township treasurers, the paper's staff has invited everyone running in a contested race to join the

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Lost love

Bette Radke stands in front of the newly dedicated plaques in East Park in honor of the downed World War II submarine Escolar. Radke was engaged to a sailor who died while serving on the Escolar in the Yellow Sea. Though her young fiancee perished more than 60 years ago, Radke still wears the engagement ring he gave her before he went off to war.

For the full story, see page 11.

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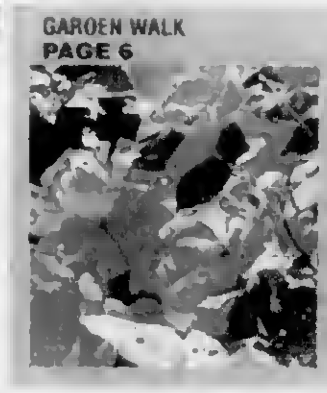

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CORRECTION

• *The correct price for the "Pointers from the Pros" basketball clinic during Venetian week on Friday, July 25 at Charlevoix Middle School is $15 for preregistration and $20 at the door.*

• *Also, the Rayder all school reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 26.*

DISTRICT COURT THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Anthony Louis Davis, 49, Indian River. Operating with a license that was either suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Pay $150 in fines and costs.

Dominic Alexander Guigar-Clark, 17, Charlevoix. Violated a restricted license. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve ten days in jail.

Dustin Roy Mosley, 19, Boyne City. Domestic violence and assault and battery. Pay $300 in fines and costs and serve 93 days in jail with 4 days of credit.

Laura Louise Vaughn, 22, Novi. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Brian Douglas Livingston, 36, Charlevoix. Operating while impaired. Pay $850 in fines and costs and serve 46 days in jail with one day of credit.

Jeremy Dean Vertz, 34, Alanson. Assault and Battery. Pay $100 in fines and costs and serve 43 days in jail with three days of credit.

Timothy Joe Herrington, 49, Styker, OH. Operating while impaired. Pay $1000 in fines and costs and serve 93 days in jail with one day of credit.

CIRCUIT COURT THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY HEARD IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY'S 33RD CIRCUIT COURT:

Annette Marie Brown, 52, East Jordan. Controlled substance - possession (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams. Count #2 Controlled substance - maintaining a drug house. Pay $755 in fines and costs and serve 180 days in jail with two days of credit.

Robert James Washburn, 47, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of personal property. Pay $2523.91 and serve 90 days in jail with one day of credit.

James Steven Baker, 46, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense notice Count #2 Operating - license suspended, revoked, denied, second or subsequent offense notice. Count #3 Snowmobiles - fleeing and eluding. Pay $1675 in fines and costs and serve 60 days in jail with seven days of credit.

ASSUMED NAMES THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

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Ferucci Construction, 07610 Charlevoix View Drive, Charlevoix, by David Ferucci

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MARRIAGES

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Scott Michael Jakobowski, 35, and Jennifer Marie Smith, 30, both of East Jordan

Thomas Michael Slovick, 37, and Amber Eula Phillips, 32, both of Los Angeles, CA

Kerry Franklin Moore, 46, of Walloon Lake and Suzanne Lynn Thompson, 31, of Boyne City

Thomas Jeffry Sweet, 54, and Colleen Susan Detlaff, 41, both of Boyne Falls

Timothy Michael Luke, 22, and Jessica Lynn Keiser, 21, both of Boyne Falls

Steven Leslie Hines, 52, of East Jordan and Michelle Marie Potter, 42, of Charlevoix

David Dale Buckner, 31, and Lori Lucile Magee, 47, both of Charlevoix

Jason Thomas Clark, 24, and Kari Lynn Kraemer, 23, both of East Jordan

DIVORCES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:

Deborah Lynn Fuller v. David Brian Fuller

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No immediate plans for a cutter

CUTTER

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Stupak

the Mackinaw is now stationed in Cheboygan, ice-breaking capacity in the northern Great Lakes has been reduced from two cutters to one, threatening the coast guard's ability to meet its operational responsibilities on the Great Lakes. The Coast Guard fleet is down one hull, but the scope of its ice-breaking mission is still the same."

Stupak recently urged House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee members on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation board, via written testimony, to enforce what he called "congressional intent" by demanding an asset be stationed in Charlevoix.

Stupak addressed the subcommittee in writing, hoping to sway the board chaired by Elijah Cummings.

"The ACACIA provided essential navigational and search and rescue services in the northern Great Lakes. She also tended nearly 200 buoys and lighthouses and kept channels open by breaking ice," Stupak wrote. "This work is important for safety as well as for businesses and individuals that rely on the Great Lakes. The community has felt great pride in being the home of the Acacia, and I have been proud that the cutter has been stationed in my district."

Stupak's main argument for replacing Acacia hinged on the Great Lake's reputation as a major shipping channel.

"The Great Lakes serve as a main through fare for iron ore to America's steel mills and other cargos to destinations in the United States, Canada, and overseas. During the winter months, 17 million tons of commerce moves through the Great Lakes. Without sufficient cutter presence, these goods will not reach their destination. Ice-breaking operations in the Great Lakes also play an important role for the local community. The residents of Beaver Island relied upon the coast guard's ice-breaking assets in Charlevoix to assure their safety and support their economy."

He added, "This year's cold winter showed the need for a cutter presence when Beaver Island again had to make an emergency call to the Coast Guard to break the ice to facilitate a fuel shipment. This is a common occurrence during cold winters."

Stupak also offered a late winter collision of vessels Cason J. Calloway and American Republic in the Mackinaw Straits as further evidence of the need for another ship.

The Cason J. Calloway hit the American Republic as it attempted to clear ice hindering American Republic on March 28.

"This incident caused about $1.5 million in damage to these two ships. When this occurred, the two 140-foot buoy tenders were breaking ice on the St. Mary's River as the Soo Locks has just been opened," Stupak's testimony continued. "The Mackinaw (ice cutter) was above the Soo Locks at the time and the third 140-foot buoy tender was not in operation. It was clear that the Coast Guard had their hands full with ice along the Michigan-Canadian border and did not have the ability to respond to the American Republic. With an additional vessel with ice breaking capabilities, this collision could easily have been avoided."

According to Stupak, the coast guard's workload is being taxed due to the decommissioning of two Canadian ice-breakers.

"It is important that a new Coast Guard cutter or similar asset be stationed in Charlevoix, Michigan to replace the ACACIA and continue the Coast Guard's long standing presence in the Northern Great Lakes," he stated. "In order to facilitate this, I worked closely with Chairman (James) Oberstar (D-Minnesota) to include language in the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2006. The bill language states that: 'The Secretary shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the Coast Guard maintains, at a minimum, its current vessel capacity for carrying out ice breaking in the Arctic and Antarctic, Great Lakes, and New England regions, including the necessary funding for operation and maintenance of such vessels.'"

Although, as it has been reported in the past, the language does not specify which city on the Great Lakes from where an asset should be maintained.

Stupak has accused the coast guard of ignoring congressional intent.

"I have written the Coast Guard multiple times requesting that they follow Congressional intent. Unfortunately, the Commandant of the Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen continues to insist that the coast guard will not follow the requirements within the Fiscal Year 2006 Coast Guard Authorization bill (HR 889), leaving northern Michigan without a replacement for the Acacia."

So far, a paid lobbyist, a mayor, Charlevoix citizens and state and federal representatives to name a few have toiled with no avail for a replacement of the cutter Acacia which was decommissioned on June 7, 2006 after more than 60 years of service.

Neither a coast guard spokesman or Stupak returned calls by press time.

Castle Farms 4th Annual Fiber Arts Festival

At 2 p.m the Fiber Arts Festival at Charlevoix's Castle Farms will celebrate it's fourth year of displaying fiber art made by Michigan artists representing a variety of fiber producing animals.

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EDITORIAL

The song says the most wonderful time of the year is Christmas; obviously they never watched Venetian fireworks from a beach in Charlevoix, spent an afternoon listening to nationally acclaimed musical acts in East Park or eaten an elephant ear while taking in the view of Round Lake.

What makes this year's Venetian Festival even more special is that East Park has been completely revamped and is now open for all to enjoy.

A few events we cannot wait for are the Ultimate Air Dogs, which will be showing off their aerial acrobatic skills both Wednesday, July 23 and Thursday, July 24 in East Park and Rhythms of Venetian with a long list of great bands including Starship Starring Mickey Thomas on Wednesday, Dutch Henry and Emerson Drive on Thursday, and the Kids From Wisconsin on Saturday.

Of course, no teenager, or hip parent for that matter, will miss the Corbin Bleu concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 27.

Oh, and did we mention how cool the Detroit Pistons and Shock Basketball Clinic will be. It happens Friday July 25 for a mere $20 at the door.

Anyone who went to Charlevoix Public Schools is welcome at the Rayder all-school reunion on Saturday, July 26.

So get out there and eat some treats, shake your booty to some great tunes and beat the heat with a refreshment or two, because the 78th Annual Venetian Festival is all about community togetherness and good old-fashioned fun.

One last thing, if you love Venetian as much as we do, kick a few bucks up to the festival's coffers: $5, $10, $20, $100, whatever you can afford.

Now, if anyone needs us, we'll be in the Venetian Tiki Tent in the heart of East Park supporting the festival the best way we know how, with an ice-cold beverage.

For more information on how to help support Venetian financially, e-mail info@venetianfestival.com.

Nature nurtures

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I turned the TV on to an educational channel this morning, checking in with the man who routinely could button or zip a cardigan without mismatching the button holes or getting his zipper jammed.

I surprised myself by remembering the first line of his enduring song, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" I begin to hum the rest, never one for memorizing an entire song.

I could hear the lilt of our daughter's voice as she swiftly made her way out the front door

It went something like, "Mom, please keep the TV off and read the twins a book, sing songs, take them for a walk and play outside."

Gosh, she likes to give orders.

Once mom was out of site the Today Show miraculously came on and much to my surprise the first topic was 'Nature Deficit Disorder.'

I thought I knew all of the disorders from my many years working as a counselor.

Could this really be such a term?

It's defined by its author, journalist Richard Louv, as the cumulative effect of withdrawing nature from a child's experience

It's not a clinical diagnosis but a name he feels may be used in the future to explain childhood obesity, lack of concentration and childhood stress

Back in the old days when I was growing up we spent the majority of our day outside only checking in with mom because our stomach spoke to us saying lunch or dinner time must be soon

'Hopscotch, hula hoops, hide and seek, jacks, jump ropes, building forts, and collecting new bugs for our vast collection was part of a typical summers day. It's very evident with the advent of technology that we have made it easier for children to spend less time outside.

Mr. Louv states that an eight year old can identify more 'Pokeman' characters than flowers, birds and insects combined. Studies he conducted suggest that daily doses of nature enhance the ability to focus.

He also made the declaration that time spent exploring the woods and playing in the out doors improves self esteem, nurtures independence, and creates adults who have a better appreciation for protecting the earth.

I listened intently to Mr. Louv, but felt the twins needed my attention their pulling down the living room curtains was my first clue

After remembering how to unfold a stroller large enough to carry a family of eight I found the eco friendly sun hats, SPF 50 sun screen and proceeded to secure the boys into their assigned seats.

We were headed for the great outdoors and prepared to take on nature and gain a little self esteem.

We took in the sites of beautiful neighborhood gardens as we headed towards a small beach nearby.

The boys and I passed chirping birds, brightly colored flowers, and fluttering butterflies.

I was careful to point them all out for the eyes of two eager eight month old boys.

When we arrived to our beach destination I was surprised at how few children were in the area

Actually I had walked two miles through neighborhoods and not one child was present.

Was Mr. Louv right? Were the young future Einstein's and Picasso's keeping their cool in an air conditioned home playing with their game boy? I felt fortunate in taking the opportunity to share nature with our grandsons and proud of a daughter that had left me those words of turning off the TV.

The hills in the neighborhood we walked through on the way home gave my calves a workout so this venture was proving worthwhile for grandma as well

By the time we had reached the steps leading up to the front door I realized I had been humming

The song we heard earlier this morning was echoing in my ears: "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" and it truly is.

Gayle Gennett's column appears biweekly in the Charlevoix Courier. Gennett can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

WEEKLY POLL

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LETTERS to the editor

VOTE 'YES' ON SENIOR MILLAGE

Editor:

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is asking for a renewal of the senior millage at its current rate of four-tenths of a mil on Aug. 5.

Our current budget is $1,438,934.

This consists of $765,481 millage monies, $114,075 are state/federal grants, $343,178 is from our fund balance.

The remaining balance of $216,200 are donations from individuals and programs income.

To be eligible for our programs, you need only be 60 years old.

We do not ask for financial eligibility or charge a fee, and no longer require your social security number.

Donations for services are encouraged but not required. Currently there are no waiting lists for services.

We have approximately 6,000 senior residents in Charlevoix County (60 and over) or 21 percent of total population.

There are 2,174 individuals, who are over 75,632 of those are over 85.

The growth of services has multiplied since 2,000 prior to the millage.

We have listened to the voices of our clients and caregivers to meet the growing needs of this population.

Our focus has been on improving the quality of services delivered with increased training and supervision of staff.

We pride ourselves in the quality services we provide and have expanded core services.

We have added many more programs to our service delivery.

With the expansion of programs our need for staff has increased 33 percent in just the past year, converting many positions from part time to full time positions.

We have qualified cook staff for Congregate senior meals and home delivery, Certified Nurses Aides for Personal Care, Respite and Adult Day Staff and Homemakers to provide in home cleaning for the elderly.

These include 5 staff on Beaver Island.

We have 4 registered nurses, an activity coordinator and senior center staffing including maintenance personnel.

We have 4.5 full time office and administrative staff including myself, an office manager, one database coordinator and receptionist.

With the aging of the baby boomer population, we are anticipating growth and plan to provide fitness programs, and activities to benefit the younger seniors while maintaining core services.

Our strategic plan includes development of additional volunteer programs, chore services, increased outreach and education services for health and wellness programs.

We are striving to be the best quality Commission on Aging for our Northern Michigan residents and will need your continued support on Aug. 5. Please Vote "yes" for renewing the current senior millage.

Susan R. Bergmann

Charlevoix County Commission On Aging Director

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OPINIONS yours & ours

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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DO YOUR PART

Editor:

Calling all Venetian lovers and participants: We need your help.

If Venetian is to remain as it is today, we need to broaden our base of those that pay for it. This is not a city event, although we could not do it without their help. This is not a chamber (of commerce) event.

It is a group of volunteers putting in countless hours and basically going to the same people year after year to donate the money for something we all enjoy.

I see families in the park night after night that can afford to donate and don't. If each of those families gave $100, we wouldn't be begging others for 10 and 20 times that.

Some people can't afford $100, and that is fine. Everyone is welcome.

Most everyone, however, can afford the price of a movie and a box of popcorn and if everyone in East Park did that, we would be able to fund Venetian forever.

I will never understand how people that participate, and can afford to contribute, feel good about having others finance their entertainment.

The differences between the Cherry Festival (Traverse City) and Venetian are many: They have year-round paid staff and offices; Venetian is all volunteer including donated office space and secretarial support; They (Cherry Festival) have a $2 million budge; ours is $200,000; They have fenced in the open space charging to enter events; ours is all free.

Please see the ad "What's Missing at Venetian" in this paper. Giving back to the community is a whole lot more rewarding than taking.

Please help.

John A. Winn

Venetian board and fundraising committee member

SCHNEIDER: KIND, FAIR

Editor:

Although not currently a resident of Charlevoix County, until I retired four years ago, I was an employee of the County of Charlevoix for the previous 25 years and can honestly say that during those years, one of the most competent employees ever to come to work for the County was Don Schneider. Don is not only qualified for the job of Charlevoix County Sheriff, but is also a very fair, honestand& kind man who cares for the citizens of Charlevoix County.

Don was always ready, willing and able to handle whatever came his way and upon my observation, performed competently under whatever pressure was put before him. To have him ready, willing and extremely able to take over as Sheriff Lasater leaves this position is extremely fortunate for the citizens of Charlevoix County.

A vote for Schneider is certainly a vote for continuity of the quality of service the citizens deserve in Charlevoix County.

Toni F. Drenth

Mattawan

WHEAT: SCHNEIDER NO CHAFF

Editor:

My Name is Mike Wheat. I have been a Police Officer in Charlevoix County for 34 years. I have served as a Deputy Sheriff for the Charlevoix County Sheriffs Office for the last 28 years. I am currently serving in the position of Detective Lieutenant conducting and supervising long term and major case investigations. I have spent the majority of my career while in Law Enforcement with a special interest in investigations.

I have the best job in the world, because under the current administration of

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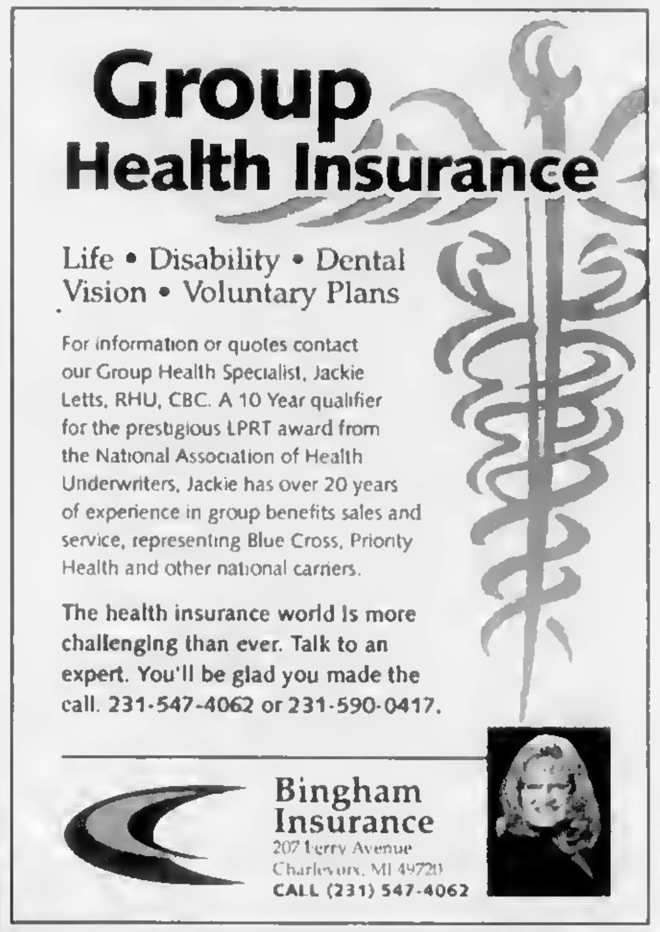

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Bombs away

Elson Spangler is all smiles as he prepares to look through the B-17 bomb sight at his seasonal home on Beaver Island. The WWII bombardier flew in the Yankee Lady during it's recent Beaver Island visit. He also flew in this type of aircraft during World War II.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Garden walk 10 years old

The 10th Annual Garden Walk took place on Wednesday July 16 at several area gardens. Here the Sutton garden is seen with its stone walk and pond framed by various flora.

What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz @ the Library
Wednesdays in July and August, 7:00 pm

Come learn about the great jazz masters and listen to their music in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden, BYOC (bring your own chair). In case of rain, JATL will be held in the Community Room.

July 23 - No concert tonight - Enjoy Venetian Festival!

July 30 - Our best connection to the Jazz Age and the Big Band era is once again on hand to help introduce famous clarinet artists! Harry Goldson, whose credits include playing with Jess Stacy, Claude Thornhill and Jan Garber, will bring back the performances of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and Woody Herman, among others.

Story Time
Thursday, July 24, 10:30 am

Join other youngsters for stories, songs and crafts. Birth to age 5.

Ask the Tech Guy
Thursday, July 24, 10:00 to noon

Roger Gowell, CPL Technology Assistant is offering open sessions to help answer your computer issues. Come with software or hardware questions. If you have a laptop, bring it to the session.

Venetian Street Parade
Saturday, July 26, 11:00 am (line up at 10:30)

Catch the Summer Reading Bug and march in the Venetian parade with the youth department staff and the library's official "love bug." Bug costumes encouraged! Contact the youth department for more information: 237-7350

Booktalkers: White Ghost Girls,
by Alice Greenway
Monday, July 28, 6:00 pm

Set in Hong Kong during the summer of 1967, this book centers on two sisters whose photographer father is on assignment in Vietnam. Their intense bond is brilliantly wrought as is the era's political upheaval. Join other book lovers in a lively discussion.

Kindermusik
Tuesday, July 29

Birth - 3: 6:45 - 7:15 pm
Ages 4 - 5: 7:15 - 7:45 pm

Stimulate your child's mind with Kindermusik - movement and music for parent and child.

Painted Placemat Craft, K - Gr. 4
Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 pm
Join us in making a fun, usable placemat

Duct Tape Workshop, Gr. 5 – 8
Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 pm

The duct tape teen is on the loose and will work with other teens in creating a project all from duct tape.

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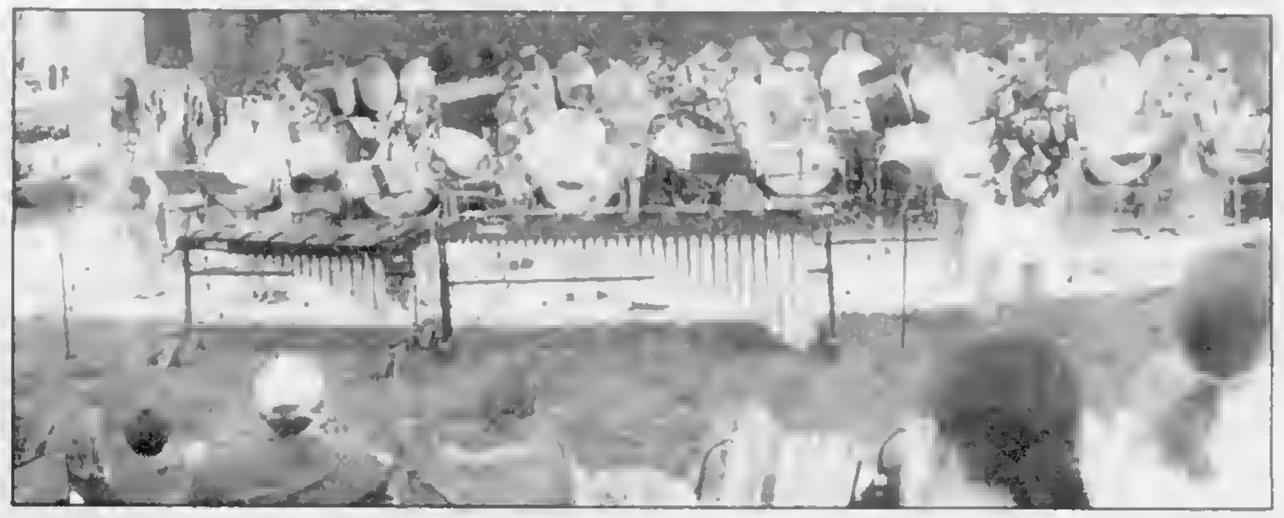
Plein air is back

Anyone interested in painting outdoors should call Barbara Eisenberg at 547-9344 for the next location. Plein air painters do their work outdoors from 9 a.m. until noon every Thuraday at various private locstions throughout Charlevoix. Barbara's husband, Gsry, is seen (above) working with pastels near Lake Michigan.



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It's Alive

The all new East Park debuted with several bands including the Petoskey High Steel Drum band (above) on July 20. The open portion of the park was at full capacity.

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2:00-10:00 p.m. (dollar rides)
Family Fun & Activities
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• Sean & Patrick Ryan
• Ragamuffin Children's Theatre & Choir
• "Twister Joe" Balloon Entertainment
• Kookie the Clown Entertainment
• Petting Zoo
• Bubble Land - Hands on fun!
• Temporary Venetian Tattoos
• Face Painting
• Free Popcorn & Balloon

Activities that require a kid's day wristband*:
Kid's Day Wristband $8.00 each
• 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Craft Tent Keepsake
• 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Giant Inflatables Fun*
• 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mongo The Mechanical Bull*
• 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
• 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House
For additional information, go to Venetian merchandise booth.
* Please note that due to our limited time frame, we cannot guarantee that each child will be able to participate in all events or rides.
Carnival opens at 2:00, unlimited rides with armband for $15

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10:15 line up at the Middle School
11:00 Parade
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OBITUARIES

Brandon Eugene Powers: Sept. 6, 1981 - July 12, 2008

Brandon Eugene Powers, 26, of New Lothrop, and formerly of Petoskey, died Saturday, July 12, 2008.

Funeral was Thursday, July 17, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, Chaplain Dominic Moes officiated.

Burial at the Norwood Township Cemetery.

Brandon was born Sept. 6, 1981, in Petoskey.

He graduated from Petoskey High School in 1999, with honors in Band and Marching Band, then attended Central Michigan University on a music scholarship.

Brandon has been an Emergency Medical Technician for over five years.

He earned Firefighter I and II certifications, and was specifically trained in Haz-Mat response.

He worked for Hazelton and Albee Townships Fire Department and Twin Township Ambulance Services, and was a member of the Genessee County Haz-Mat Response Team.

Brandon recently completed his paramedic training and was to have taken the National Registry Exam in August.

He had also worked for Boyne City EMS, East Jordan EMS, and MMR in Saginaw.

Brandon truly loved Emergency Medical Services.

He also had a love of music, and was a talented trombonist.

Brandon is survived by his mother, Tina (Black) Powers of Bay City, father, Ed H. Powers of Harbor Springs; brother, Chris (Kara) Powers of Ortonville; nephews, Kyle and Chad Powers; grandfather, Harold E. Black of Charlevoix; uncle, Donald (Linda) Black of Boyne City; aunts, Debbie (Bill) Bellinger of Charlevoix, Claudia (Guy) Lewinski of Sault Ste. Marie; cousins, Jeff and David Pettit, Billy Bellinger, Jason Black, Jennifer Black Sumbera, Jessica Lewinski Martin, Ericka Lewinski. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother, Juanita E. Black, and aunt, Joan Pettit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Twin Township Ambulance Service, New Lothrop, MI 48460.

Visitation was at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

James G. Lewis: Sept. 22, 1935 - July 12, 2008

James G. Lewis, 72, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, July 12, 2008, at his home.

An open house to honor Jim's life was held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 19, in Ransom Hall at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Jim was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Charlevoix, to Oral and Lola (Hinshaw) Lewis.

He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1953, then earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Michigan Technological University.

Following college, Jim married Karen Smith in Charlevoix on June 22, 1957.

They moved to Palm Beach County, Florida, where Jim was employed by Pratt & Whitney Rocket Division.

Jim and Karen returned to Michigan where he was employed by Big Rock Nuclear Plant in Charlevoix.

He then took classes at University of Michigan and trained to become a nuclear engineer.

Jim worked at the Palisades Nuclear Plant in South Haven, where he retired as plant manager in 1990.

He was a member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club and the Charlevoix Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Charlevoix; sons, Terry Lewis of Charlevoix, Michael (Pat) Lewis of Palm Bay, Fla., James G. Lewis of Stevensville, Andrew (Kerry) Lewis of East Lansing; grandchildren, Gordon (Afton) Lewis, Gavin Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis, Iain Lewis, Pam (Peter) LaBoda; great-grandchildren, Ethan LaBoda, Aydrah Lewis; sisters, Maxine Bergmann and Lorna Lewis of Charlevoix, Beth (Tony) Mulac of Traverse City; sister-in-law, Lois Lewis of Charlevoix.

His brother, Russell Lewis preceded him in death.

Interment will take place at a later date in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Senior Center.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Herbert Lloyd Cummings: April 22, 1924 - July 15, 2008

Herbert Lloyd Cummings Sr., 84, of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at Charlevoix Area Hospital with his family by his side. Lloyd was born April 22, 1924, in Charlevoix to Glenn and Mable (Gregory) Cummings on the farm where he continued to reside. Before completing high school, Lloyd joined the US Army in 1943. He married the love of his life, Sara Ann Martin on August 21, 1943. After the war he returned to Charlevoix where he worked at Charlevoix Co-op, drove bus for Charlevoix Schools, and retired from American Mold in 1991. After retiring, Lloyd earned his high school diploma, graduating with two of his granddaughters in 1993. He also coached the Barnard Braves Softball Teams for ten years, was a member of the American Legion, Barnard Grange, and First Baptist Church of Charlevoix. Lloyd is survived by his wife Sara; children, Herb (Ginny) Cummings, Mary Ann (Ron) Cox all of Charlevoix, Jerry (Becky) Cummings of Fairbanks, Alaska, Marilyn (John) Cook of Lexington, Ky; grandchildren, Jodi Russell, Heather (Scott Ford) Cummings, Lori (Tim) Turkowski, Dan (Nickole) Cox, Melissa (Darryl) McInroy, Jessica (Ryan) Schultz, Jon Cummings, Andrea (Jonathan) Hatch, James and Thomas Cook; great-grandchildren, Andrew (Stephanie Fels) Russell, Nathan, Gavin and Adam Russell, Michael, Ashley and Abbey Turkowski, Whitney, Hunter and Jacob Cox, Gradyn and Paige McInroy; great-great-grandson, Brayden Russell, multiple nieces and nephews. Lloyd's sister Clara Martin, and brothers Gordon and Robert preceded him in death. Visitation was 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Funeral was 11 am, Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix, the Reverend Gene Stringer officiating. Burial will be in Barnard Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Senior Center or the Charlevoix County Adult Care Center.

July/August 2008

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Sheriff George Lasater and Undersheriff Donald Schneider the Charlevoix Sheriffs Office has the philosophy that no one that comes to our doors asking for help is told there is nothing we can do for you. In the Charlevoix Sheriff Office you never get in trouble for doing too much for someone in need, you only get in trouble if you don't do enough to help someone.

Sheriff Lasater and Undersheriff Schneider believe that if someone comes to the Sheriffs Office in need of help, even if it is not a criminal matter, this office will do all that they can to help the person. This is a concept I personally have always believed in.

During my career at the Sheriffs Office I have been encouraged and supported by Sheriff Lasater and Undersheriff Schneider in many unique and major investigations, some of which came to the Charlevoix Sheriffs Office when the victims were turned away by other police agencies.

As most citizens of Charlevoix County know by now, Don Schneider is running for the office of Sheriff. He has named Chuck Vondra, who is presently serving as Detective Sergeant at the Sheriffs Office as his choice for Undersheriff if he, (Don Schneider) is elected

I have known and worked closely with Don Schneider since he was hired into the Sheriffs Office in 1981. I have known and worked closely with Chuck Vondra since 1995. Having served Charlevoix County working with both of these men I know that serving the needs of our citizens and their willingness to give 110% toward helping those with "their back against the wall" is very much a priority in their own careers.

The Charlevoix County Sheriffs Office is presently faced with a unique situation. We have over the past few years retired a large percentage of our Deputy Sheriffs. We now have a large group of very well qualified young deputies shaping their own careers at the Sheriffs Office. I feel that it is imperative that the citizens put Don Schneider and Chuck Vondra into the leadership roles at the Sheriffs Office to encourage in these young officers a good balance of professionalism, great work ethics and superior moral attributes. The officers need an understanding of the importance of serving the citizens of this county and everyone in need in any way that they can.

Having spent thousands of man hours working along side of Undersheriff Don Schneider and Det/Sgt Chuck Vondra at the Charlevoix Sheriffs Office, I know that they are both men whose word is good and they are both men who can be trusted. I know they are dedicated in their own careers to serving others.

I strongly recommend and endorse William Donald Schneider as Sheriff of Charlevoix County in order to maintain the service to the citizens of Charlevoix County that they should expect, and in fact do deserve from the Sheriffs Office.

Det/Lt Michael Wheat

Charlevoix County Sheriff Office

YIPPY SKIPPY

Editor,

When I grew up in Grand Rapids, and was a lot younger, when something worked out just wonderfully my mother always told me I had to say "yippy skippy, two times."

So I think it only appropriate that the sacred words are used to celebrate our outstanding new marina and downtown east park. I have to be frank I've never seen anything so beautiful - design, stone work, fountain, clock, the harbor master facility, the band shell, the grass, beautiful flowers,

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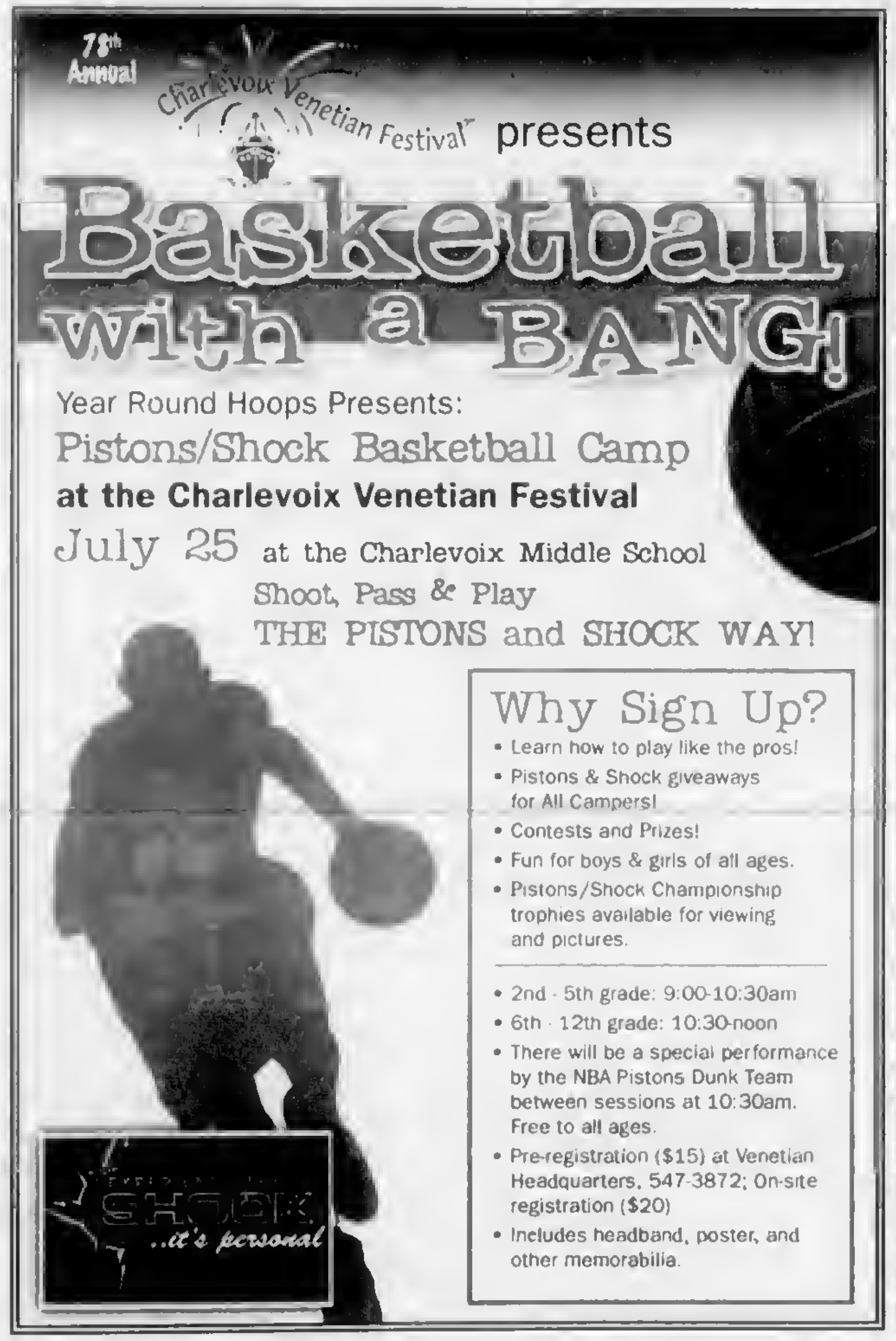
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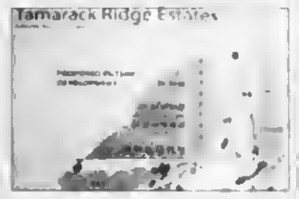

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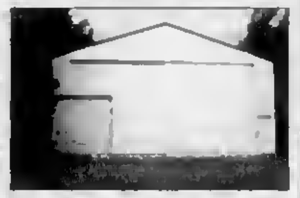

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and tress it's a work that can only be described as a miracle. There's not a city in America that has anything like it.

This is another example of our leadership in this community getting it right, better than getting it right.

I said this last year and I feel the need to say it again we owe a tremendous amount of thanks and gratitude to John Winn for getting our community the money for this project for without him it would've never happened.

So let me give this wonderful new East Park the recognition it needs: Yippy skippy, yippy skippy.

Bill and Karen Schuiling
Charlevoix

SCHNEIDER FOR SHERIFF

Editor:

We are proud to support Don Schneider for Sheriff. His professionalism, honesty and integrity are qualities you can count on. He is approachable, willing to listen to all sides, and makes judgments based on facts that show he is fair and level-headed. In past years he has been a great liaison officer with our schools, coming into the classroom to help educate our youth in law enforcement and drug abuse. Having lived and worked for 26 years in Charlevoix and for the Charlevoix Sheriff's Department, he has a great understanding of our county and communities, and their wants and needs. Besides his 26 years in the Sheriff's Department with 11 years as Under Sheriff, he also brings 20 years of experience from the Coast Guard as a special agent and three-plus years in military intelligence. He received numerous awards and was honorably discharged.

Don takes his job very seriously. He is always looking to improve his own skills and knowledge, as well as his co-workers. He has instituted Detective Sergeant Chuck Vondra's program for prescription drug disposal, and has been instrumental in implementing "Project Lifesaver", a program used to locate Alzheimer's patients and autistic children who wander away.

The Sheriffs' from Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim, and Grand Traverse County have endorsed Don. This shows how well respected he is and how well he works with other law enforcement departments in Northwest Michigan. Don Schneider's qualifications and professionalism truly make him the best candidate for Sheriff of Charlevoix County. Please join us by voting for William Donald Schneider, Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

Karen and Barry Pierce
Charlevoix

TRUST MIELKE FOR TRUSTEE

Editor:

I am writing this letter as a candidate for the office of Trustee in Norwood Township.

When my current term on the planning commission expires at the end of this year, I will have served our township for six years. These six years of service to our community have helped me understand the importance of the people elected to the township board. This is why am running for trustee.

To give you an idea how I will make decisions, let me start by saying I am not running because of one issue. I am not doing a phone campaign promoting a "slate of candidates". I am not running to try and change any past township decisions. I believe all members of our community have equal rights under the law and those rights must be protected.

One of the most important jobs the township board has is the appointment of members to the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. At a recent public hearing a member of our community addressed the planning commission with the statement "if there is a gray area in our zoning ordinance, you must find in favor of the community". This is a statement I couldn't disagree with more. Absent a zoning ordinance a property owner has almost no restrictions on what they can do with their property. A zoning ordinance removes some of those rights for the good of the community. If our ordinance has a "gray" area, then we must protect the rights of the individual. I believe that good zoning is important. I also believe that individual property rights are very important. On another occasion, in objection to a special use permit before the planning commission, a resident's attorney suggested that the commission should "claim jurisdiction" on some items that were not in any of our ordinances. I believe that our decisions must be strictly guided by our enabling laws and we should never reach beyond those laws as a basis for any decision by our township.

I have lived in Norwood Township since I was 9 years old. My wife Martha and I chose to raise our three daughters here. Our township has evolved into what it is without over regulation. I will work to protect the rights of the individual while helping to protect what has made our community special. Barring a write-in candidate in the November election, the

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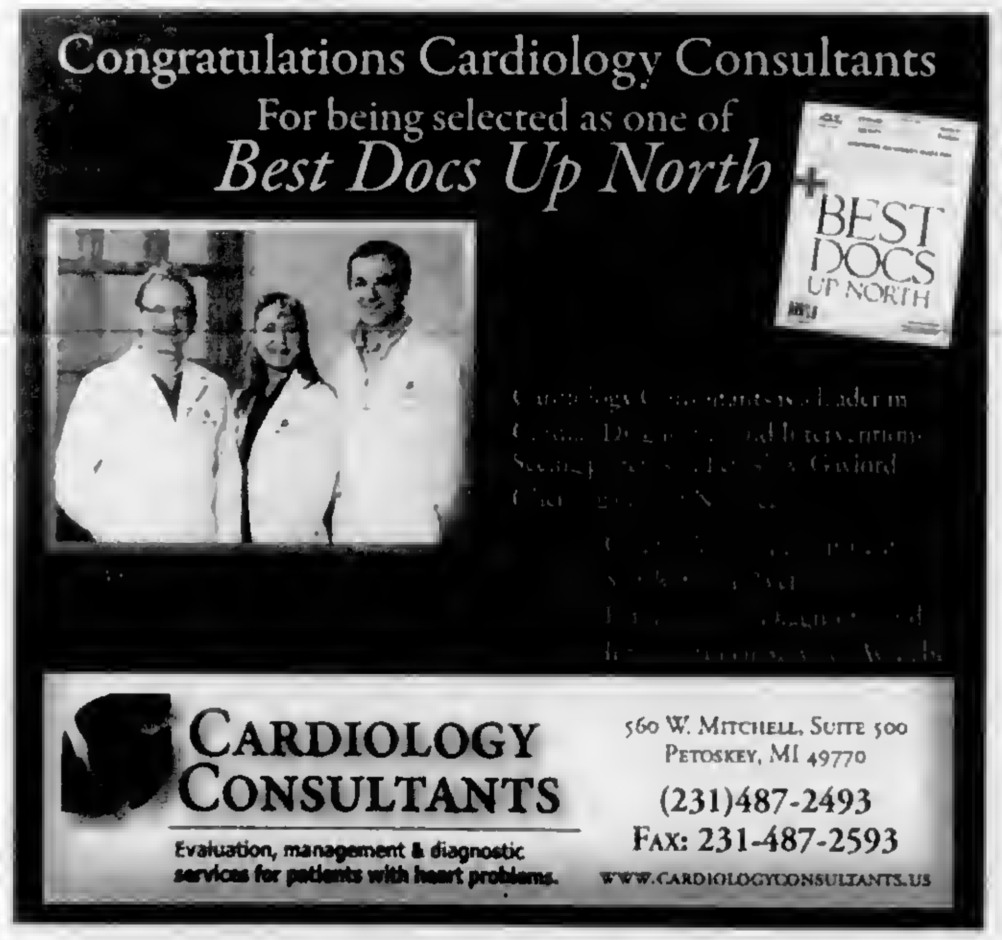
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Woman travels ocean of time to honor fallen fiancee

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

They met 61 years ago, when she was only 20 years old. It was the summer of 1942. He was a sailor and she was a singer.

Bette Jane Radke was enjoying a picnic with her family in Como Park in St. Paul, Minn. when she saw two young men riding a tandem bicycle in the park. One of them was Brian Thomas Smith.

"Brian had red hair and green eyes. I thought he was very handsome," said Radke. "My father invited him over to join us for lunch, and that's how I met him."

Radke said she was attracted to the boy from Wichita Falls, Texas, by his red hair and good humor.

"He also had this Southern drawl, and my Dad just loved him too," she said.

He was originally from the Minnesota area himself, and that's how the two came to meet. Before Smith left Minnesota to head out to sea during World War II, he gave Radke an engagement ring, which she still wears to this day.

"It isn't much, I know," she said, "but I wear it all the time. It's just this tiny little ring."

In September of 1944, Radke received a telegram from Smith's mother. The young sailor had apparently gone missing in action while serving on the USS Escolar, to which there is a memorial dedicated in Charlevoix's East Park.

Radke said it was suspected that a mine sunk the submarine somewhere in the Yellow Sea. All attempts to contact Escolar failed and it was reported on Nov. 27, 1944 as presumed lost, but Radke said military officials believed the submarine was lost in mid-October that year.

The submariners of Charlevoix invited Radke and her family out for the official dedication of the USS Escolar on July 19 at the flagpole in East Park. They swore her in as an honorary member of the Submarine League and gave her a plaque.

Smith

At 81 years old, with the assistance of either a wheelchair or the help of her granddaughters, Radke was seen choking up and trying to keep herself from crying. "I'm so glad I'm here," she said.

Though they only knew each other a short time, Radke remembers performing for the young sailor.

"When I first met him, I was too nervous to sing for him," she said. "But, eventually, I was able to sing for him and a group of fellow sailors in a small club. That was the first time he actually heard me sing. The name of the song was 'Red Sails In Sunset.'"

Though its been 61 years, Radke still remembers Smith vividly.

"Right before he left, I sang to him. The song was called, 'I'll Walk Alone,'" she said. Like many popular songs during the 1940s, this one was about the forced separation many couples endured during wartime. "I'll Walk Alone," specifically, was about a woman who watches her lover go off to war as she promises to wait for him.

Despite Radke's loss, she has been happily married to her husband Frank Knoll for 53 years. She met Frank at a nightclub he used to own, called the Depot.

"I came to the Depot to sing. I didn't like Frank at first, but he had green eyes, just like Brian and he was a pretty nice guy," she said. "We got married a year later."

Today, they own a house in Rosemount, Minn. and have about 50 grandchildren. They had six boys and two girls.

"I'll never forget this guy, though, and I've told Frank that," she said. "Frank says he understands and that's OK."

Radke said the submariners went out of their way to accommodate her and her family during their stay in Charlevoix after a 13 hour drive from Minnesota.

"They've been very nice to us. This is something I will never forget," she said.

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com

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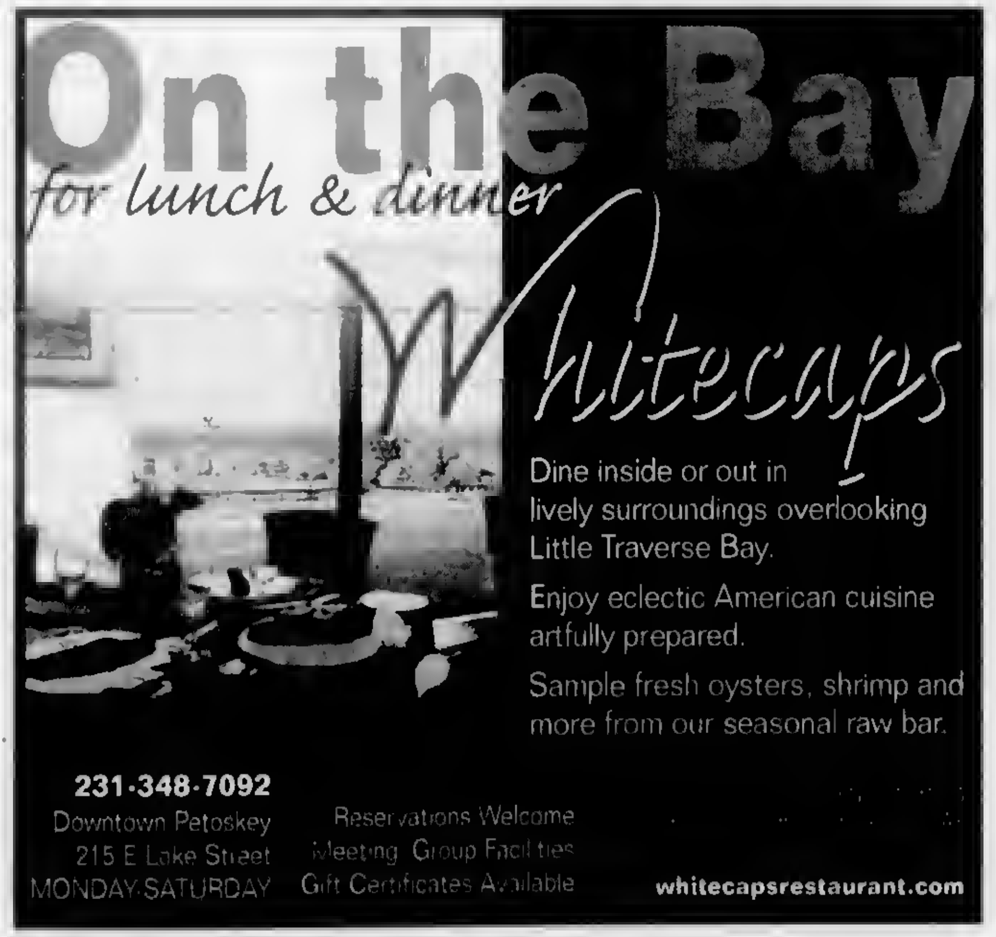
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Aug. 5 primary is when our Township Board will be decided. I would appreciate your vote.

Tom Mielke
Norwood

RECYCLE ROLOFF

Editor:

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee, please print the following letter of support for Charlevoix County Commissioner Shirley Roloff.

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee encourages the support of incumbent Commissioner, Shirley Roloff. Commissioner Roloff was instrumental in the creation of and continues to be a strong advocate for, what's become a very successful Charlevoix County Recycling Program.

As you visit the polls on August 5th, please remember to support the Charlevoix County Recycling Millage and Shirley Roloff as County Commissioner.

Kelly Martin
Charlevoix County Recycling Committee Vice-Chair

DON DONNED DEPENDABLE

Editor:

I have gotten to know Don Schneider well during the past ten years. I sponsored Don to become a member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club, and he became an active member. I also know Don as an active member and officer of the Charlevoix Street Legends.

However, I am writing this letter of endorsement of Don's candidacy for Sheriff of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department because of his professional qualifications to be the top ranking law enforcement administrator in Charlevoix County. My undergraduate degree was in police administration and in my professional career with the Michigan Office of Criminal Justice Programs and the Michigan Department of Corrections, I have worked with very well qualified police administrators, and Don ranks with best of them. In addition, in the thirteen years I reviewed and managed federal grants, never once did I, or as I recall, did anyone else in the Office ever become suspicious of a violation of the Hatch Act.

Bill Lovett
Charlevoix

SCHNEIDER OUTSOANDING

Editor:

Professionalism, honestly, loyalty, respect, enthusiasm and innovation are what we looking for in our local sheriff. You don't have to look any further. William Donald Schneider not only has these qualities he lives by them day by day. Donald Schneider is a very caring and giving person of his time and talents as well. Donald Schneider is in many community organizations. He just doesn't belong to say he is a member. He always plays a leadership role as you can see. Bethany Lutheran Church Past president, and elder, nominating committee and currently usher. Kiwanis International, Street Legends Classic Car Club current vice-chair and past president and Secretary. I can attest to Donald Schneider's commitment to everything he is involved in because I have had the opportunity to work with Don Schneider in many of these organization. I have seen first hand his interaction with peopl from all walks for life an he treats everyone with pro fessionalism and respect William Donald Schneide experience is outstanding He has been on our County Sheriff's Department for 2 years, and 11 years as Under sheriff. He has receive 3 medals of Valor. He serve his county in the US Coas Guard for 20 years. He wa a special agent and received many awards when he held his position in Intelligence Duty. Therefore with William Donald Schneider's qualifications and experience there should be no doubt in your mind who you should vote for on Aug. 5 William Donald Schneider

Luann Keinath
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Blue Bellaire takes best host car

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday July 19, the 16th Annual Street Legends Car Show took place in Downtown Charlevoix

Over the past 15 years, the Street Legends Car Show has given over $78,750 to 18 local charities or causes.

"All the money we're collecting is going to local charities," said Karen Pierce, one of the go-to organizers of the event. "That's the main reason we're doing it."

Registration for patrons showing off their cars was at 9 a.m. and the actual show started at 10 a.m. Live music from The Fabulous Oldies But Goodies Band took place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There were 33 classes awarded with first, second and third place honors. Twb special awards were also given for best host car, and people's choice. There were 90 participants and 20 host cars. The host cars consisted of members of the Street Legends Car Club.

The Street Legends featured car, owned by Tom Louiselle of Charlevoix, was a 1955 Chevy Bellaire. It was won one of the top honors of Favorite Host Car.

Ron Watson of Lake City won the Best of Show, Best Engineered, and People's Choice with his 1941 Willy's Coupe.

Best Paint went to Joel Shooks of Traverse City with his 1969 Mach One Ford.

Best Interior was awarded to Carl Hoops of Baldwin with his 1932 Ford.

All of the awards except for the People's Choice, were judged by the Committee of the Street Legends Car Club.

This year, Pierce was in charge of activities to keep the kids occupied while their parents enjoyed themselves looking at the cars. There was a variety of activities, including face painting, games, contests and a craft

With an oldies rock 'n' roll theme, the Classic Car Club of Charlevoix offered a number of fun activities throughout the day, including a hoola hoop contest, a

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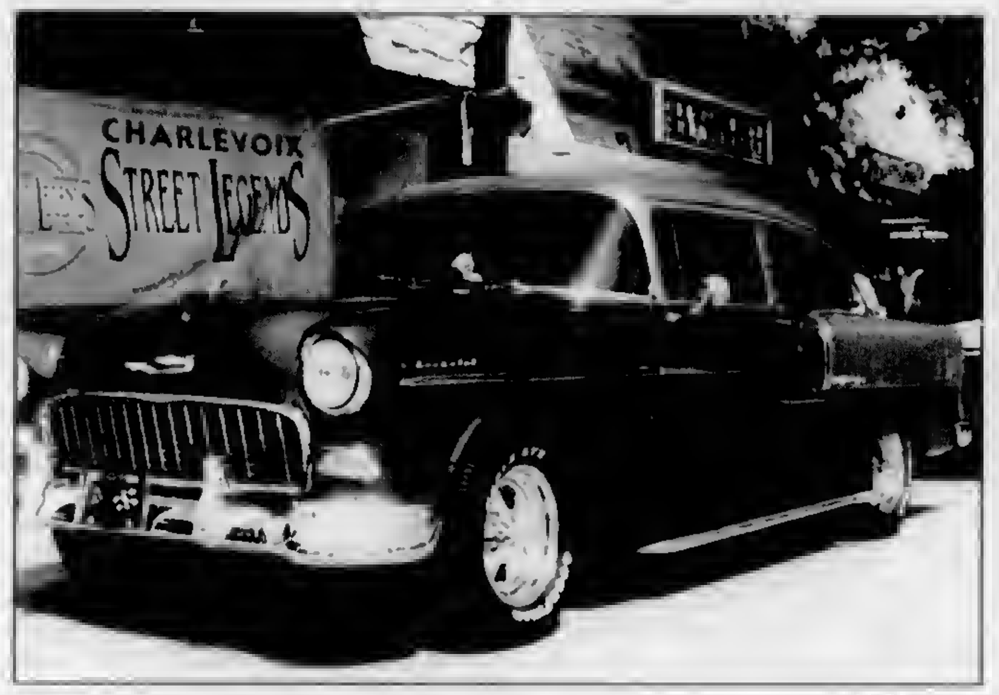

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This 1955 Chevrolat Bellaire owned by local car guy Thomas Louiselle won the title of best host car during last weekend's annual Street Legends Car Show.

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Sheriff candidates speak out

NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

On July 15, both Don Schneider and Don Sproul underlined fiscal responsibility as a cornerstone of their campaigns for the sheriff's office.

Speaking before the Charlevoix County Republican Women, the two lawmen painted slightly different pictures of the department's finances.

"Sheriff Lasater scrutinizes our budget continuously," said Schneider. "We have successfully and repeatedly brought more funds into the county."

Schneider offered a detailed outline of the sheriff's budget, as well as his role with a number of safety organizations. He said that his familiarity with the sheriff's office and a trio of emergency service organizations made him best suited for the job.

However, Sproul said that he planned to save the county between 5 and 10 percent of its annual budget by coordinating better with the city police departments within the county.

"I want to reestablish a better rapport with the police chiefs in different cities," said Sproul, who currently works part time with the Boyne City Police Department. "Right now there's a duplication of services."

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema asked for details about how money could be carved out of the budget.

"Does that mean cutting services or deputies?" asked Jarema wearing a T shirt in support of Schneider.

Sproul was not present at the forum when this question was asked, but Schneider was adamant that services would not be cut, and added that the budget is in a constant state of flux.

"It's a day-to-day issue. It's fluid and we try to adjust as we go along," he said.

When called later about Jarema's question, Sproul declined to give specific details behind his plan. He explained that he did not plan to scale back any of the deputies on the force.

"I've reviewed their budgets over the last few years and have seen where they are spending money, and I believe I can save them some money," he said.

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Street Legends raise $2,500 for charity

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This classic street rod was one of dozens of cars on display during the Street Legends Classic Car Club's annual car show. The club raised $2,500 for Camp Quality, a local summer camp for children with cancer.

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bubble gum contest, a limbo contest, 50/50 drawings and door prizes.

"We hope to have things that appeal to a wide group of people," Pierce said.

At 30 p.m., there was an auction to benefit Camp Quality. Camp Quality is an organization that hosts camping and other special events for kids with cancer throughout the year. "This year, we raised $2,500 for Camp Quality," said Joan Balch, Treasurer of Street Legends.

"Its one of our substantial fundraisers for the year," said Eleanor West, Executive Director for Camp Quality. West said they have gotten a good deal of financial support from both the Classic Car Club itself and many individuals associated with it in the past.

"They've done just a grand job with helping us out in any way we needed in the past," West said. "They've given the kids rides and stuff, it's a pretty nice event."

West explained that during her 21 years of service to the nonprofit, she gets anywhere from 50 to 60 kids at a time, with about 20 teens and during family events, they'll attract around 200 people.

The kids, West said, range between the ages of seven to 18. "Some of them do very well and others have a hard time. A couple of them may not have cancer, but may have a secondary problem that is the result of cancer," West said. "Even though they may be in remission, they might have adult diseases at a much earlier age, like diabetes or heart problems."

The show included makes and models of cars from the '30s through the '90s. Cars were lined up and down Bridge Street, as well as half of Mason Street and the entire free public parking lot.

The Car Show concluded with an awards ceremony where a $500 grand prize drawing took place amongst registered participants.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis July 9, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the June 25, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Commissioner Roloff as Delegate and Commissioner Drebenstedt as Alternate to the MERS annual meeting.

Motion approved County endorsement for the Boyne City Free Clinic to apply for Grand Traverse Bay Band grant monies.

Motion approved Resolution #08-057, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #08-058, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and authorized the Treasurer to make this transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #08-059, P.A. 511 Grant Application, and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said document.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Latest on Hatch Act

BY NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Behind the current Hatch Act investigation into Don Schneider's candidacy, is $67,101 the sheriff's department received last year in federal aid. He will face Don Sproul in the Aug. 5 primary election for a chance to win the office of Charlevoix County Sheriff

Behind the current Hatch Act investigation into Don Schneider's candidacy, is $67,101 the sheriff's department received last year in federal aid.

That money made up just over four percent of the department's entire budget, and was predominantly spent on the marine division. A much smaller portion supplemented the department's inclusion with Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement.

According to Sheriff George Lasater, the department's 2007 budget was $1,634,923 and although he needs the federal money, he added that it represents a small portion of his overall funding.

Lasater

"It's significant and helpful. Now we have an adequate marine division," he said. "But in the whole scheme of things, the amount is minimal."

However, according to the Office of Special Counsel, the amount of federal money an office receives is not the most paramount fact when investigating whether or not a public employee can participate in a partisan election. According to Jim Mitchell, the director of communications for the Washington D.C. office, the key factor is how closely a person is tied to those funds.

"It's about what the individual duties are to those funds. What their work is and how it connects," he said.

Mitchell continued that the Hatch Act is designed to combat even a the appearance of corruption.

"A person should not be campaigning in their uniform or using (a publicly owned) vehicle," he said. "That's using official authority and you can't do that in a campaign."

Schneider maintains that until he hears otherwise, he has not violated the Hatch Act.

"I brought this to their attention and they cleared me at first," he said. "Then someone muddied the waters."

When asked whether or not he was connected to Schneider's investigation, his opponent Don Sproul declined to comment.

"It would be inappropriate to comment on an open investigation," he said.

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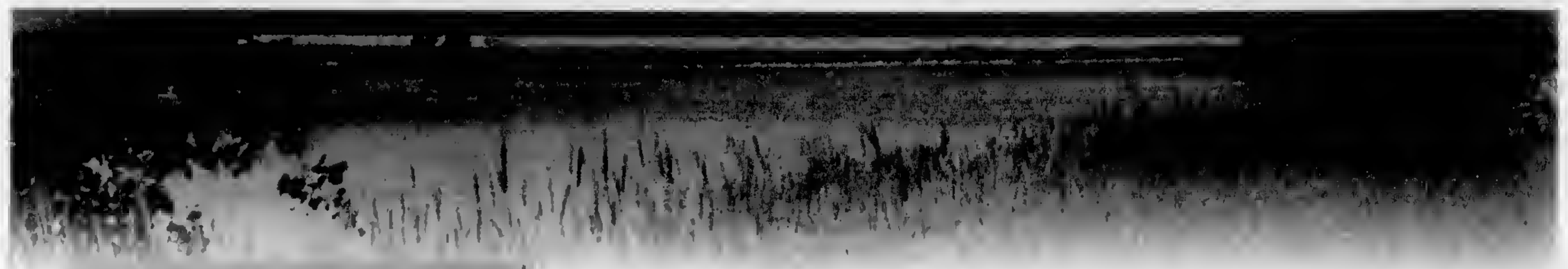

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Q: Was removing all of the cement kiln dust from East Park considered?

A: Removing the material was one of five options evaluated in the proposed final remedies for East Park. Ultimately it was not recommended based on environmental, safety and practical concerns. Removal of the material would result in approximately 1,000 gallons of water a minute mixing with cement kiln dust during the excavation process and picking up the associated contaminates from the dust. The water would have to be discharged directly to the lake because it is not physically possible to ship that volume of water off-site for disposal. This option would result in a dramatic increase in the amount of contaminates in the lake. Additionally, an estimated 75 - 80 trucks a day for a year would be required to remove the material, adding associated trucking pollutants to the environment and increasing transportation safety risks to the community.

Q: Is there a big problem with mercury in the water coming out of East Park and the Bay Harbor development?

A: While there is a trace amount of mercury in the water coming from the piles, the system installed by CMS Land is collecting 135,000 gallons a day, treating it, and disposing of it off-site. The mercury levels in that water are more than 10 times less than what the government considers safe for drinking water. During its short-term work, CMS Land has installed three parts of a proposed five-part final remedy at East Park. Before that work, the amount of mercury going into the lake annually would equal about three paper clips. That's been reduced to about one paper clip a year. It will be reduced even more when the other two parts of the long-term remedy are in place

Q: When will East Park reopen?

A: CMS Land recently reached agreements with Resort Township and the EPA which allows CMS Land to complete the two remaining remedies in East Park this year. Resort Township plans to begin park improvements this fall, such as paving and installing benches and other amenities, with the goal of East Park reopening in 2009.

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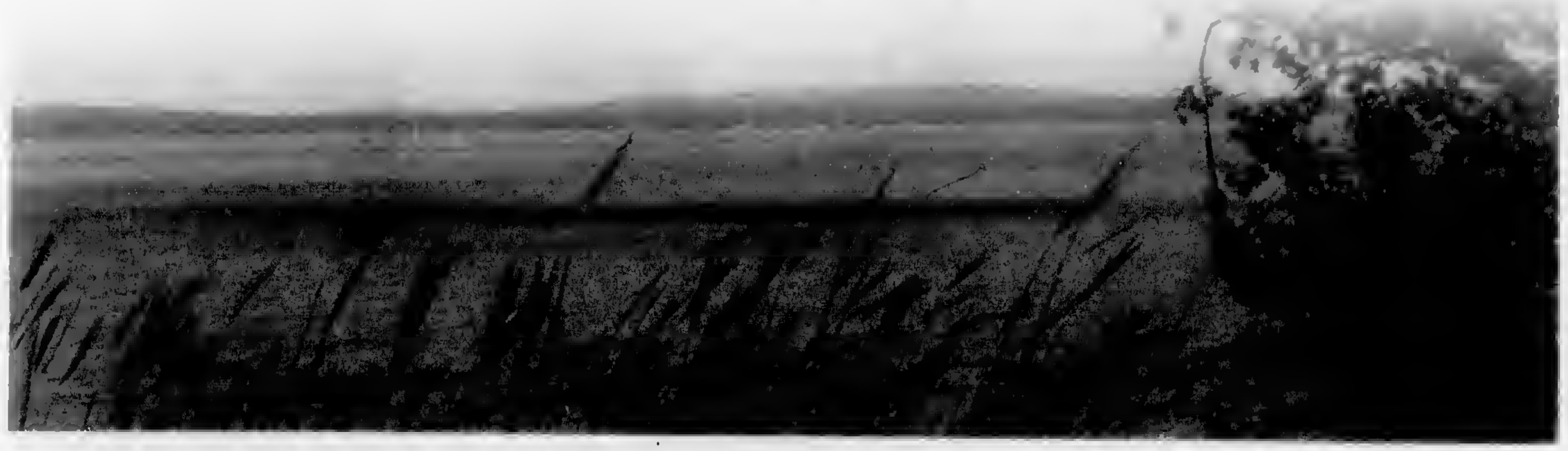

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A collection of governmental, law enforcement and community happenings

THE WEEKLY BRIEFS

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• Bergmann Center, Inc. in Charlevoix is looking for donations of items which are in good to excellent condition for their annual garage sale in September. If you have items that you are interested in donating, call Kim Brock at 547-2979 Ext. 11.

• Great Lakes Boat Building School recently donated a 16-foot rowing boat to Camp Quality, a Michigan camp program for children with cancer. Built at the boat school by summer workshop students, the traditionally built "Chippewa" was auctioned off in Boyne City at the Boyne Thunder offshore boat poker run held July 11 through July 12 for $3,600. These funds will go to Camp Quality to help fund its various programs including a summer adventure camp at Camp Daggett on Walloon Lake. A 501c3 non-profit vocational learning center, the Great Lakes Boat Building School has donated several other boats to important causes such as the Cedar Post food pantry in Cedarville, Michigan where a skiff was also auctioned this summer to raise much needed funding for that program. Interested non-profit organizations are invited to contact the boat school for consideration regarding future boat donations. David Lesh/Executive Director Great Lakes Boat Building School 484 South Meridian, Cedarville, Mich. 49719. Call (906) 484-1081 or visit www.greatlakesboatbuilding.org for more information.

• Northern Community Mediation (NCM) is presently seeking individuals who would be interested in serving on its Board of Directors. The terms are for three years beginning January 1, 2009. Board meetings are held every other month, and committee meetings are

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Advisor: Joanne H. Curtis, licensed financial advisor, has been with the firm for over 23 years. Her personal approach with clients is an invaluable asset to the firm. Joanne has served or led many local organizations including Chip Counseling Center, Inc., Zonta Club of Charlevoix, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, Inc. and Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Currently, Joanne is a member of the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club and President of Char-Em United Way.

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held on the off months.

The Board of Directors is charged with the following responsibilities: establish and review agency objectives and goals according to the approved organizational documents, perform the work of the Board through the Board Governance Policies and other written policies of the organization, review and approve if appropriate major NCM plans and programs, NCM organizational policies, and the annual operating budget of NCM, and hire and review the performance of the Executive Director in operational and financial functions. Call Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771 for more information.

• **This is a correction from last week's briefs:** Charlevoix Area Zonta announces its 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Betsy Granstra, President; Joan Buday, Treasurer; Faye Feindt; Carole Calvert-Baxter, Governor of District 15; Nancy Dixon, Secretary; Ann Shindorf; Nancy Rajewski, vice-president and Marty Strawhridge, Corresponding Secretary.

Health alert

• The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) recently announced that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has lifted the consumer advisory for certain fresh tomatoes; however, the warning remains in effect for raw jalapeño and serrano peppers. "Consumers may resume enjoying any type of fresh tomato, including raw red plum, raw red Roma, and raw red round tomatoes," said Katherine Fedder, MDA's Food & Dairy Division Oirector. "It's always recommended to huy locally grown products whenever possible and now is a great time to purchase Michigan-grown tomatoes."

Check out www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/tomatoes.html for more information.

• Two hats, one from Antrim County and the other from Charlevoix County, were confirmed to have been infected with rabies, public health officials announced today. They remind residents and visitors to reduce their exposure to rabies. Rabies vaccine prevents rabies from developing in people who have been exposed to an infected animal. Once rabies symptoms begin, there is no treatment and it is always fatal. Exposure to rabies is not an emergency, but decisions must not he delayed. If you are bitten or clawed by an animal, you should wash the area thoroughly and contact your health care provider immediately if treatment is needed. Next, call your local Health Department office to determine the need for rabies vaccination.

The most common sources of rabies exposure in the area are hats, dogs, rats and ferrets. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (COC) and Prevention defines an exposure to rabies as an animal hite penetrating skin, contact with an animal's saliva or nervous system tissue, or contamination of open wounds, scrapes, and mucous membranes such as mouth or eyes.

The CDC recommends the following steps to avoid exposure to animals infected with rabies:

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-Do not let pets roam free.

-Spay or neuter pets to reduce dog and cat overpopulation.

-Don't feed or water pets outside—even empty howls attract wild animals.

-Keep garhage securely covered.

-Do not keep wild animals as pets.

-Never handle unfamiliar or wild animals, even if they appear friendly.

-If you see a wild animal acting strangely, report it to animal control officials.

-Bat proof your home in the fall and winter.

Visit www.cdc.gov/rabies for more information.

Politics

• Charlevoix County Democrat and Republican leaders have issued a joint statement deploring the recent spate of destruction and vandalizing of political yard signs.

After several campaign signs around the county for Presidential candidate Barack Obama, Michigan House seat candidate Connie Saltonstall, and Sheriff candidate Don Schneider

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
NEWS-REVIEW
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A hig city girl has returned to her roots with the hope of revitalizing the small town she grew up in.

After spending 15 years in Chicago, Ill. immersed in the art community as a freelance artist, on June 6. Edith Pair, 34, opened Ellair Gallery, an art gallery at 106 Pine River Lane in Charlevoix, below the Weathervane Restaurant.

"Chicago taught me everything. Now, I really want to he part of the revitalization of Charlevoix's retail industry," she said. "It's (the gallery) a small, intimate space. You come in and feel comfortable and at ease."

Pair, a 1992 graduate of Charlevoix High School earned her bachelor of fine arts degree in 1997 from the Art Institute of Chicago. Her main artistic interest has heen fashion design. She's carried the thread into her gallery with a number of original clothing designs and also fills custom orders and requests.

Her love of art extends beyond clothing into furniture or what she refers to as "functional art." She welcomes those with a piece of furniture needing a facelift to bring it in. Thus far her customizable breakfast trays have heen a hit with customers.

"Everything I do I want to be used for art and life," she said.

Rounding out Pair's offerings in the gallery are sculpture of local favorite Todd Warner, photography from Tony Dunaske of Petoskey, glass work by Phyllis Gardner of Florida and acrylic on canvass creations from Shelly Wilkerson of California.

While the gallery features big names and high quality works Pair said owning its art isn't out of reach.

"Anyone who walks in here can huy something," she said.

Aside from the art available for purchase, Pair also offers custom order calligraphy.

Her future plans include opening a second gallery in Chicago, Ill.

Pair is currently participating in a promotional effort with Weathervane Restaurant servers, offering patrons a free gift inside the gallery when they present a dinner receipt.

A grand opening celebration for Ellair Gallery will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 8, the evening before Charlevoix's famed Waterfront Art Fair, at the gallery. Warner, Dunaske and Pair will all be on-site for the event.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and by appointment on Monday.

For more information, contact Edith Pair at Ellair Gallery by calling 547-4655.

Memorial Service:

George E. Baldwin

A memorial service and visitation for George E. Baldwin, who passed away June 2, 2008, will take place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Aug. 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Charlevoix. Visitation will he from 10 am to 11 am in the Gathering Space at St. Mary's Church. The service will be at 11 am. A celebratory luncheon honoring his life will be held immediately following at the Weathervane.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Footrace in honor of fallen athlete

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

"Anyone who knew about track or racing also knew who Ryan Shay was," said Matt Peterson, who was a track and field coach for 16 years at East Jordan High School.

Shay went to Central Lake High School, in East Jordan and graduated in 1997. Though Peterson never met Shay, he had seen him race several times while coaching against him.

"I remember having a high school invitational at East Jordan, and he (Shay) was only in eighth grade at the time and he beat all of the high schoolers," said Peterson, who no longer coaches but still teaches at East Jordan. "Everyone I coached in high school was in awe of him."

Shay died at the Olympic Trials Marathon in New York on Nov. 3, 2007. He was 28 years old.

He was a Notre Dame graduate where he won the 10,000 meter NCAA national outdoor track championship in 2001.

Professionally, Shay won five national championships including the 2003 USA Track and Field marathon. In high school, he won 11 state championships in cross country and track.

Peterson is one of the organizers for the first annual Ryan Shay Mile in Charlevoix.

The event, scheduled for 10 a.m., July 26, is a one-mile road race which starts from the corner of M-66 and US-31 and heads North ending a few yards before the bridge.

"He was certainly the best in Northern Michigan in high school," said Peterson. "If he wasn't the best, he was close to it. The kids that I coached always said he was real nice and a very hardworking young man."

Bergmann Marine donated $4,000 as the prize money for the race. "We wanted to get this thing started and somebody had to donate the prize money, so I thought it would be a great honor to do so," said Doug Bergmann, owner of Bergmann Marine.

Bergmann said it was a small amount of money compared to the amount of leg work they had to do to get the word out to the elite running community.

"We really wanted to make the first year respectable... all of the runners are at least collegiate All-Americans," Bergmann said. "We're kind of off the beat and path in the track world, but it really helps to have Ryan's name attached to it."

Bergmann used to coach track in Charlevoix for a brief period of time, and though he also didn't know Shay personally, he knew of his reputation.

"What he was most known for is that he was really talented and an extremely hard worker," Bergmann said. "Even when he got to that level (in college and as a professional) he was still seen as a hard worker who was very mentally tough."

"There was no question he was the best guy on the field," Bergmann said. "If he went down, he went down swinging. Also, if you planned on beating him, you were going to have to beat him because he wasn't going to beat himself or let himself lose."

Doug Drenth, another organizer of this year's foot races, said that he met Shay once at a Nationals competition for cross-country about two years ago. "Their whole family were runners, and I was talking to their father Joe who was there to support his younger son, Stephan, and Ryan also happened to be there supporting his brother," said Drenth. "I only got to meet Ryan briefly, but growing up in Northern Michigan, he was just an inspiration. This is to honor him and his family."

"Their father, Joe, is a great guy," Drenth said. "Joe would coach anybody. He loves running and has a very strong knowledge of the sport and its reflected in Ryan and Stephan and all of the Shays."

All three organizers of the event, Peterson, Bergmann and Drenth stressed the fact they are doing this to try to get people out to the parade a little earlier. "It's also meant to allow them the opportunity to see Olympic-caliber athletes at a venue that they normally wouldn't see them," Bergmann said.

Mens' slo-pitch results

Charlevoix Men's Slo-Pitch Scores

Tuesday, July 15 games

Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire beats The Muffler Shop 10-1. For The Muffler Shop, James Thomas had a double.

Boss Engineering beats ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting 8-7. For Boss, Bryce Daley had a double.

Carlson's Home Improvement beats Wojan Window & Door 16-7. For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had a homerun. Mike Thompson and Dave Mackenzie each had a double.

Monday, July 14 games

Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire beats Wojan Window & Door 15-5. For Flight Deck, Grant Meggison had a triple.

Carlson's Home Improvement beats Boss Engineering 13-1.

For Carlson's, Chris Waha had a homerun.

RGM Services beats Art Form & Frontier Classic 9-3. For RGM, Bo Moore and Ryan Leitner each had a triple. For Art Form, Frank Webber had a triple.

Charlevoix Men's Slo-Pitch Scores

Thursday, July 10 games

Boss Engineering beats Flight Deck/Lakeshore Tire 9-8.

For Boss, Bryce Daley had a triple. Scott Boss had two triples.

The Muffler Shop beats Island Airways/McDonough's Market 13-9. For The Muffler Shop, Russell Williams had a triple. Joey Hazelton and James Thomas each had a homerun. For Island Airways, Shannon Gillespie had a triple.

ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting beats Art Form & Frontier Classic 24-19. For ACE, Jake Hunt and Phil Michaud each had a triple. Justin Klooster had a triple and a homerun. Trevor Cole had a homerun.

Wednesday, July 9 games

Carlson's Home Improvement beats Art Form & Frontier Classic 15-7. For Carlson's, Chris Waha had two triples and a homerun. Christopher Bartling had a homerun. For Art Form, Matt Kochanny had a triple.

Island Airways/McDonough's Market beats Wojan Window & Door 20-9. For Island Airways, Chuck Pop had a homerun and Matt Cera had two triples.

RGM Services beats ACE/CYR Design/Novotny Painting 30-15. For RGM, Eddie Waldron had two homeruns. Nate Golovich had two triples. Danny Waldron had a triple. Bo Moore had a homerun. For ACE, Kyle Jones and Scott Sladek each had a triple.

Tuesday, July 8th Games

Island Airways/McDonough's Market beats Boss Engineering 19-9. For Island Airways, Cliff Jones and Chuck Pop each had a double.

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	Location	
July 7, 2008	High school	Organizational meeting/followed by regular monthly meeting
August 11, 2008	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
September 8, 2008	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
October 13, 2008	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
November 10, 2008	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
December 8, 2008	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
January 12, 2009	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
February 9, 2009	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
March 9, 2009	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
April 13, 2009	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
May 11, 2009	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
June 8, 2009	Middle School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month

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BRIEFS

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were stolen or vandalized, John Haggard, county Republican Chair, Bill Lovett, County Democratic Chair, and John Jarema, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney warned that, not only is it illegal to tamper with political signs, but it is against the spirit of American electoral tradition. Anyone caught stealing signs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, according to Jarema. Charlevoix Sheriff George Lasater has offered a reward of $100 for information leading to the arrest of anyone tampering with private political signs.

Law enforcement

• At approximately 5:57 p.m. on July 6, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a single vehicle accident involving a moped with injuries to the driver on Kings Highway, South of East Side Drive on Beaver Island. The Sheriff's Office was informed that the driver was refusing EMS and was brought to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center by a passer-by. The driver, Gregg Evans, 49, of Beaver Island, stated he was trying to avoid a vehicle parked on the side of the road and turned too sharply causing him to lose control of the moped. Evans was treated at the Health Center for severe lacerations to the face, some requiring stitches. Evans was then transported to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey due to the fear of internal injuries, and remains there in the ICU. Evans was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The incident is still under investigation.

• Sheriff George T. Lasater advised that there is a telephone scam going around where someone poses as an employee of the local court.

The caller says the victim failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for the victim's arrest. The victim will often rightly claim they never received notification of jury duty. The scammer then asks the victim for confidential information for verification purposes. Victims are asked for their social security number, birth date and sometimes even credit card numbers – everything the scammer needs to steal their identity.

Sheriff Lasater would like to remind citizens to never give out any personal information over the phone.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Warming hut to log cabin

Mike Kssueke puts log siding up on the recently re-located warming hut. The hut used to be a shack which was spray-painted last year by Bo Boss and is being prepped for the upcoming winter season. The log siding, which was donated by the Pine River Company, will provide better insulation and give the hut a more authentic log cabin look, according to Pine River's owner Mike Way.

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My office has been pro-active in implementing programs for the elderly and children of this community. It is a community I am proud of and a community one can feel safe in.

To ensure this office continues to be pro-active and has a proven leader to guide the staff, I am endorsing William Donald Schneider for Sheriff. He is a proven leader, is ethical, moral and the only qualified man for the job. Don Schneider cares about Charlevoix County and its residents. He is the man to lead this office. Please join me in voting for William Donald Schneider on August 5, 2008.

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BY KAILIN VANDEVELDE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

With the friendly spirit of a family business Randy Maurer will open Integrity Car Care.

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Maurer began his education at Lansing Community College before transferring to General Motors Trade School to become a mechanic.

"I always got a sense of accomplishment when I fixed something," Maurer said.

He went on to work at a variety of dealerships before opening his own auto shop (Integrity Auto Repair) on U.S. 131. After 13 years, circumstances closed the shop causing Maurer to refocus and plan to open the new shop, Integrity Car Care.

Maurer will focus his business on providing quality work and competitive prices while maintaining a personal relationship with his customers.

"You are only a stranger once when you come to my shop," Maurer said.

As a board member for the Family of Faith church he accredits both God and his supportive family for the inspiration to begin his new business. His church is also where he found his right-hand girl, and single employee Peggy Rolls.

Maurer, with his wife Robin, has two daughters — Melissa, who with her two children still resides in Charlevoix, and Heather who lives in Colorado.

Integrity Car Care is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To contact Integrity Car Care call 547-5004.

Kailin VanDeVelde can be reached by e-mail at kvan@petoskeynews.com

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

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New dentist, new name

ALICE PERRAULT NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER
AND BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Cosmetic and Reconstructive Dentistry of Northern Michigan is now Beacon Dental Center.

Dr. John Merrill sold his 25-year practice to Dr. Michael Sullivan.

"The old name was kind of a mouthful," Sullivan said. "We wanted something more simple, that reflected the area."

Beacon Dental Center offers ordinary dental procedures, but they are also licensed to use intravenous sedation for patient comfort as well as cosmetic and implant operations.

"I've had specific training in the field of dental implants and can provide both simple and complex implant therapy to patients missing anywhere from one to all of their natural teeth," he said.

An open house is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., July 30 at the Weathervane restaurant.

Sullivan is a member of the American Association of Implant Dentistry, the American Academy of Dental Anesthesiology, the American Dental Association and the Michigan Dental Association.

Among Sullivan's accomplishments is a text book he wrote entitled "The Illustrated Guide to Clinical Dentistry." Sullivan said the Beacon Dental Center team, "focuses on making our patients as comfortable as possible."

It is his personal mission to be a positive influence and to help as many people as he can, he said.

Originally from Ohio, Sullivan moved his family to Northern Michigan so he could take over Merrill's practice.

"We came up here because we wanted to offer people the chance to have everything they need at this office," Sullivan said.

Merrill, who began working in the field of dentistry 25 years ago, has no plans of slowing down following the sale of his practice.

"We're moving to Charlotte (N.C.); less winter and a bigger town," he said. "I feel very thankful and blessed to have worked for such great people over the decades, but I'm a big city kid and, after 25 years, I'm not ready to coast off into the sunset."

Merrill completed his undergraduate work at Western Michigan University and attended dental school at University of Michigan before opening his northern Michigan practice in 1983.

Merrill said he knows his former patients will be well taken care of by Sullivan.

"It has been a privilege to serve them and I'm handing the reigns over to as capable a young dentist as I've ever known," he said.

Alice Perrault can be reached by e-mail at aperrault@petoskeynews.com.

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DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011254-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donna Anderson, who lived at Lakeview Manor, Water St., East Jordan, Michigan died June 29, 2008
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gary Anderson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: 7/18/08
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State of Michigan County of Charlevoix
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Trust Estate of Electa M. Soden.
Date of Birth: 02/14/1915

TO ALL CREDITORS.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Electa M. Soden, Settlor of the Soden Family Trust u/d/o November 1, 2001 as amended, who lived at 06455 Stolt Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died on March 6, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to William Soden, named co-trustee within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated. July 11, 2008.

Leanne Barnes Deuman (P34311)
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

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Lots 109 and 110 of Jersey's Addition, City of Boyne City, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241 or MCL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by *George Wallace and Carol Wallace,* his wife, *Troy S. Wallace,* a single man, *Jill M. Bell,* a married woman, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagors, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.,* a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 897-909 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars.* The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence North 0°09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 4060.00 feet to the North 1/8 line, as monumented; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 320.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 87°20'50" West along said 1/8 line 605.00 feet; thence South 52°47'08" West 1342.02 feet to the shore of Nowland Lake; thence South 42°28'00" East along said shore, 200.00 feet; thence North 59°48'30" East 1798.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A §600.3240(12)

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by *Wallace Holdings, L.L.C.,* a Michigan limited liability company, of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagor, to *Thumb National Bank*

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The work generally consists of constructing approximately 3,000 LFT of water main, 1,300 LFT of sanitary sewer, 700 LFT of electrical conduit and 2,100 LFT of new city street construction to include sidewalk, curb and gutter, lighting, gravel and asphalt.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after July 9, 2008 and may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, phone (231)547-3270, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc., located at 408 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, phone (231)547-2121.

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Performance Engineers by submitting a non refundable fee of Forty Dollars ($40.00) per set. The purchaser must supply the telephone number, fax number, and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

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& Trust Co., a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 884-896 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars*. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a 3/4 inch steel bar at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, as monumented, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 33.02 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/4 line, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 826.92 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 88°13'10" West 959.94 feet (recorded as North 88°13'04" West 960.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°02'20" East 269.92 feet (recorded as South 00°03'30" East 270.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 46°39'35" West 493.88 feet (recorded as South 46°38'46" West 493.54 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°00'36" East 2912.56 feet (recorded as North 00°00'18" East 2913.05 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod which is recorded as being 800.00 feet South of the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along a line recorded as being parallel with said North 1/8 line South 88°08'32 East 1685.16 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of the West 3000.00 feet of said Section, as monumented; thence along aforementioned line, North 00°04'41" East (recorded as North 00°04'04" East, parallel with the West line of said Section), 800.39 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, as monumented, South 88°08'32" East 301.25 feet to a point in the centerline of Flag Road; thence Easterly along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 232.22 feet (radius of said curve is 468.66 feet, the central angle is 28°23'23" and the chord bears South 60°10'12" East 229.85 feet); thence continuing along said centerline, South 45°58'30" East 493.77 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 127.18 feet (radius of said curve is 986.93 feet, the central angle is 07°23'01" and the chord bears South 42°17'00" East 127.09 feet) to the East 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 54.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 736.82 feet to an iron stake on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence continuing along said East 1/8 line, South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 2579.27 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 33.01 feet to the South line of said Section; thence along said Section line and along the centerline of said road, North 88°53'08" West 1317.24 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

Property Tax Code No. 014-005-015-10.

Commonly known as 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee
7254 Michigan Avenue
P.O. Box 560
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 15, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on July 25, 2002, in Liber 479, Page(s) 183, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $102,290.52, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 7.99 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on August 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS FOUND IN DEED BOOK 411, PAGE 687, ID#008-029-001-75, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: BEGINNING AT NORTH 1/8 POST ON THE EAST SECTION LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, 210 FEET SOUTH, THEN 210 FEET WEST, THEN 210 FEET NORTH, THEN 210 FEET EAST BACK TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

which also includes any Interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2002 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number CV3356A8IN.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: July 9, 2008
BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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No suicide note found

COLLINS

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trying to order child pornography also this spring.

A search warrant to look for a suicide note was executed, but it is unknown at this time what caused the accident.

"He was found dead early this morning. He ran his car into a tree," she said. "The cases were extremely strong (due) to the amount of evidence against him."

Fanara said even more disturbing was that Collins was allegedly growing the drugs and downloading the porn including images of erotica, animation and pictures of minors engaged in sexual activity, within a school zone.

Collins was found in his vehicle on old U.S. 31 near the corner at Greensky Hill just off Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

Suspicion of child pornography originally led authorities to the man's home, but they found much more.

"On Jan. 10, Collins requested he be sent a catalog of videos related to 'pre-teen girls' and 'young teen girls (ages 13 to 16).' Collins was sent a catalog of child pornography videos which listed videos for sale with specific descriptions for each video, including the ages of the minors involved in the sexually explicit acts and a description of the sexually explicit acts these minors engaged in," stated Charlevoix City Police Deputy-Chief Scott Hankins in his affidavit of probable cause. "On Feb. 13, Collins requested to purchase two child pornography DVDs."

The catalogue was provided to Collins by the U.S. Post Office during a sting operation.

"On Feb. 29, U.S. Postal Inspector from Cleveland Domicile of the Pittsburgh Division of the USPIS, contacted U.S. Postal Inspector Ryan Colley from the Detroit Division, informing him that ... Collins participated in an offer to purchase videos of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct," Hankins stated. "

Nearly 10 weeks later, Collins consented to a U.S. Postal Inspector's request to search Collins' West Antrim Street residence.

Inspectors found a marijuana grow operations, cocaine and psilocyhin mushrooms.

Forensics results on July 2 showed an undisclosed number of child porn web sites had been visited by someone using Collins' computer, and that "hundreds of images of child erotica, nudity and animated images of children engaging in sexual activity."

The forensics analysis showed someone attempted to delete the images, however, they were still on the hard drive.

During the consent search of Collins residence, a marijuana growing operation was discovered, as well as cocaine and mushrooms (psilocyhin).

Collins faced at least a half dozen charges including three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material which is up to a four-year and/or 10,000 fine; and three counts of using a computer to commit a crime which is a seven-year and/or $5,000 fine

Collins had also been charged with four drug-related counts including possession of drugs within a school zone; delivery/manufacture of marijuana; possession of marijuana within a school zone; and maintaining a drug house.

Fanara said now that Collins is dead, both cases are closed.

Charlevoix City business

The following actions were taken by the City of Charlevoix City Council during their July 21 meeting.

Item: Discussion on Journeyman-Lineman pay raise

In brief: Though it was decided to give the journeyman-lineman a $1 pay raise, there was confusion as when it would be. They would either raise the pay level now, for all of them or wait until a new person is hired.

Board action: The Council decided to wait until a new person was hired.

Item: Request by the Charlevoix Yacht Club for free launch

In brief: A resolution to waive the launch/parking fees for the races and special or public events.

Board action: Passed.

Item: Request for liquor license transfer

In brief: A resolution for the license transfer, which is from T.H.P.P. Enterprises, LTD (Charley's) to Edgewater Bistro.

Board action: Passed.

Item: Revisions to Chapter 22 of the City Code

In brief: An ordinance to change the reference from the Michigan Department of Public Health to the MDEQ.

Board action: Passed.

Item: Consideration to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 22A

In brief: An ordinance to amend section 2.71(3) of chapter 22A: City water service-exclusive water source of title II of the code of the City of Charlevoix by revising the legal description of the impact area contained in section 2.71(3)

Board action: Passed.

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CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 17

Reflections of Superior is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers. Come for stories, songs and crafts.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers. Come spend an hour supporting and sharing published and unpublished works.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays. Join area Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion; newcomers always welcome.
- Catch the Reading Bug summer reading club is offered at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday through Aug. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library. To participate in a club, a child must visit the library, set a personal reading goal with the staff, and attend three library programs.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

JULY 24

From Noon to 5:45 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 11906 US-31 north the American Red Cross will host a blood drive.

JULY 26

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reception from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The cost to join the alumni association is $5.00. For more information, contact Sherrel Bergmann at 547-4457 or e-mail the association at rayderberg@aol.com.

JULY 27

Die Soft 2 the movie premiers at noon on July 27. Cost is $5 per person. This action/comedy was written, produced and directed in Charlevoix.

At 7 p.m. at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix Jill Jack & Billy Brandt

JULY 28

At 6 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, Booktalkers: White Ghost Girls, by Alice Greenway will be discussed. Set in Hong Kong during the summer of 1967, this book centers on two sisters whose photographer father is on assignment in Vietnam. Their intense bond is brilliantly wrought as is the era's political upheaval. Join other book lovers in a lively discussion.

At 6 p.m. on July 28, the Charlevoix County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association will be hosting a public forum for Charlevoix County candidates to discuss their candidacies with voters at Veterans Park Pavilion on Lake Street in Boyne City. Call (231) 535-2820 for more information.

At 7 p.m., the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society (CCHPS) will meet at the Charlevoix Public Library. CCHPS board member Raechel Wright will present a program on the "Park Avenue Prowl".

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 28 and 29 at Charlevoix Middle School, there will be a Charlevoix Blue Chip Football Camp for fourth- through eighth-graders. Pre-registration fee is $40 which includes a T-shirt. Director of the camp will be William Cleaver, a former St. Mary and Gaylord High School head coach who compiled a 78-34 record the past 11 years. Cleaver was recently hired as a football assistant at Central Michigan University. The purpose of the camp is to develop football skills in all aspects of football: passing, catching, pass coverage, pass drops, blocking, tackling and position techniques. Campers must bring gym shoes or football cleats and workout clothes. For more information, contact William Cleaver at (989) 614-0608. Registration fee the day of camp is $45.

Make checks payable to Blue Chip Football Camp.

JULY 29

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a painted placemat craft for kindergarten through fourth-grade. Make a lovely, usable placemat at Charlevoix Public Library.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a duct tape workshop for grades five through eight. Create a splendid project, made completely out of duct tape, to take home. Event is at Charlevoix Public Library.

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer and Charlevoix Recreation Department are sponsoring a youth soccer camp called The Best Overall Soccer Skills Camp directed by Jon Boss. The advanced level camp is for 15-18 year olds, ninth through 12th-graders, and is being held from July 29-31.

Camps will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Shanahan Soccer Fields each day.

You can receive an application by calling the Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253 or by stopping by the office in City Hall. Camp fee is $50.00 per child.

JULY 30

Film: Mr. Art Critic with filmmaker Rich Brauer, 8 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library community room. Event is free, but donations will be accepted.

Mary Carter will be signing copies of her book "My Lake" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., July 30 at Maison and Jardin, 228 Bridge St.

JULY 30 THROUGH AUG. 3.

"Baroque on Beaver," a festival of classical music returns for its seventh year at 7:30 p.m. for the opening night at the Beaver Island Biological Station. At 7:30 p.m. at both Aug. 1, the music will be at Holy Cross Hall and Aug. 2, music will be at the Beaver Island Community Center and Aug. 3, there will be a 2 p.m. matinee at Holy Cross Hall, Beaver Island. For more information on the free event, visit www.baroqueonbeaver.com.

JULY 31

American Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m., July 31 at Beaver Island Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 38215 Kenwabikise Lane, Beaver Island.

The Charlevoix Historical Society is presenting an illustrated program that will trace the history and evolution of Charlevoix's 13 parks, recreational and public open spaces at 7 p.m. on July 31 at the Charlevoix Public Library's community room.

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Rondell Ruff - 1:50 800 m runner
Mandi Zemba - Olympic Trials Qualifier
Andrea Parker - All Big Ten
Colleen [illegible] - Sub 4:40 miler
Dot McMahan - Olympic Trials Qualifier
Desi Davila - Olympic Trials Qualifier
Lisa Senakiewicz - MSU Standout
Monica Joyce - Standout Masters Runner
Krista O'Dell - GVSU Standout
Danielle Quisenberry - CMU Standout
Kaitlyn Patterson - Cadillac HS All State Competitor

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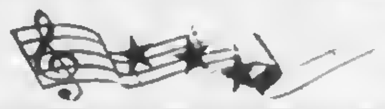

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AUG. 2

Heise Event: The Architecture of Alden B. Dow.

At 2 p.m. Regina Clark, Public Relations Director at the Alden Dow Museum in Midland will be discussing the architectural vision of Alden B Dow who was "never afraid to fail." Lecture and reception are in honor of library volunteers, Kay and Don Heise. Reservations appreciated. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

AUG. 3

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3, at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix — Don Julin & The Neptune Trio

AUG. 7

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At 7 p.m. It's That Easy: The High Vibe Guide to Attracting What You Really Want. Would you like to attract more of what you desire in life? Presenter and author, Dr. Beth Rosenthal will help you discover how to shift your vibrations and attract exactly what you desire! Adults and teens welcome. Dr. Rosenthal is an author, entrepreneur, teacher, facilitator and speaker. She holds MBA and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago and a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Charlevoix Public Library 220 West Clinton St. 237-7340.

The Lake Charlevoix Association will launch its new "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 7 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

CAH Guild auction

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild silent auction is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7 in the large classroom near the cafeteria. Call 547-3431 for more information.

AUG. 14

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Lake Charlevoix Association will host "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" at Veterans Park in Boyne City.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

At 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Charlevoix County Commissioner's room there is a meeting of the duly elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates to the county convention. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect delegates and alternatives to the Aug. 23 convention, to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The purpose of the State Convention is to elect 17 members of the electoral college and to nominate one Michigan Supreme Court Justice, two of the State Board of Education, two members each for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the University of Michigan Board of Regents, and for the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the State Convention. Only precinct delegates elected at the Aug. 5 primary election, the last recent Republican nominees for county and state legislative offices will be seated and considered eligible to vote at this convention.

Aug. 15

The Lake Charlevoix Association will host their annual meeting at 10 a.m. at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

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The following events and workshops are scheduled for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) located at 109 Clinton St. Call 547-2333 for more information on any of the following or visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

July 23

Gesture Drawing Class with Jen Franzoni; 2:30 - 4 p.m. at CCA; ages 12 and older; Cost is $15. Fabric Postcards Workshop with Kathie Briggs; 1 – 4 p.m. at CCA; ages 11 and older; Cost is $25.

July 28

Children's Photography Workshop by S. Kay Young, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at CCA; ages 8 to 12; Cost is $45.

Photography Workshop for Teens by S. Kay Young; 1 p.m. to 4.3 p.m. at CCA; Cost is $55.

July 29

Adults Documentary Photography Workshop by S. Kay Young, 9 a.m.. to 1 p.m. at CCA. This adult program costs $60.

WHAT'S MISSING AT VENETIAN?

Have you ever noticed what is missing at the Venetian Festival?

It isn't live entertainment. Throughout Venetian Week, bands in East Park will be jumping with a wide variety of music.

It isn't kids' activities. The Venetian Games include kids and teens in soccer, basketball, running, sailing, golf and tennis tournaments. Teens are provided their own music venue at the "Battle of the Bands." Kid's Day at Lake Michigan Beach also provides a slew of low and no cost children's entertainment.

It isn't spectator opportunities. The street parade and the boat parade have entertained spectators for decades, and the Ultimate Air Dogs will dazzle Festival goers with their canine leaping prowess.

It certainly won't be fireworks that are missing, considering the festival features two nights of world class fireworks displays.

What's missing is admission prices. All of the big events and entertainment offered at the Venetian Festival are absolutely free to the public.

But, it still costs the Venetian Festival upwards of $200,000 (only 1/10 of the National Cherry Festival budget), to put on its premier festival, which is why the nonprofit volunteer organization needs your help. If you've ever enjoyed a concert in the park, Kid's Day, the Venetian Games, the street parade, the Venetian boat parade or the spectacular fireworks displays, please contribute, so that we can continue to bring you quality entertainment and activities in the future.

Frankly speaking, 2008 is a pivotal year for Festival finances, considering the revenue loss and increased expenses which the Festival was forced to incur in staging outside of East Park in 2007, which totaled over $50,000.00. In the event the Festival does not receive increased and new contributions, the Venetian Board may be left with no alternative but to dramatically reduce the two costliest (and nonrevenue generating) events, concerts and fireworks.

Please do not look away when it is time to contribute. By donating to the Festival, you can become a noted member of the Venetian Burgee Club. Anyone who donates $100 or more becomes a member of the Club and receives a burgee pennant. The pennants are emblazoned with the Venetian logo, the current year and the level of sponsorship.

Levels are: Admiral level, $3,000 minimum donation with a blue burgee; Captain level, $1,000 minimum donation with a red burgee; First Mate level, $500 minimum donation with a gold burgee; and Crew level, $100 minimum donation with a white burgee.

Please send donations to: Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc., PO Box 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or visit the Venetian Festival Merchandise Stand in East Park, during the festival.

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Charlevoix Venetian Festival

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A reason to dance

A dancer with the Grand Traversa Bands of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians wows the crowd July 26 for the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Street Parade which featured over 70 entrants. Saturday festivities concluded with the famed boat parade and fireworks over Round Lake.

Road report

COMMISSION SOLVENT DESPITE ROCKY FISCAL ROAD

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Despite Michigan still losing money by the truckload through road funding inequity, the Charlevoix County Road Commission continues to remain solvent.

Keith Ogden of the Charlevoix County Road Commission Board gave a synopsis of the report during a recent Charlevoix County Board of Commissioner's meeting.

"Our fund balance is where it should be ... and we still rank near the top of Michigan's best managed road commissions for safety and risk management," he said.

The road commission's coffers saw a 17 percent increase, $317,317, from 2007's beginning fund balance compared to 2006's fund balance increase of $37,320.

Ogden

The audit, performed each year to ensure the road commission's financial statements are an accurate representation of their actual fiscal situation, was completed by Gardner, Provenzano, Schauman & Thomas.

The road commission's 2007 fund balance was $2,179,557, with net assets of $21,933,156.

The main issue auditors discovered during their 2006 report was a lack of individual oversight at the road commission, something Ogden said, has been rectified.

"What that meant was, we didn't have enough people looking over everybody else's work to satisfy our auditor that we weren't going to mishandle funds," he said. "Through a combination of hiring a

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Election center

Don't forget to vote in the Aug. 5 primary election.

Look for election results online at www.charlevoixcourier.com and the Petoskey News-Review next Wednesday, Aug. 6.

For more on the county board, sheriff and township races, visit the Courier and News-Review Web sites.

MILLAGES

- Type: County Senior Millage
Area: Charlevoix County
Proposal: Renewal of existing millage to last four years
Millage amount: .4 mils
Amount expected to be raised: $823,650 when first levied in 2008
What the money is used for: Various services including home care, meals, health services to seniors throughout Charlevoix County
Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $40 annually
- Type: Marion Township Road Construction Millage
Area: Marion Township
Proposal: New millage proposal
Millage amount: 1.5 mils
Amount expected to be raised: $120,088 in 2008, would last for three years
What the money is used for: Road construction
Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $150 annually
- Type: EMS Millage

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Battling band

Know Lyfe, a metal band from Lansing was last year's winner of the Venetian Battle of the Bands. Though they did not participate in this year's battle, they concluded the event with original tunes. A band called "Test Test Takeoff" won the battle and took home the top cash prize of $175.

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DISTRICT COURT THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE RECENTLY DECIDED IN THE 90TH DISTRICT COURT OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN:

Richard Paul Spiewak, 18, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Pay $250 in fines and costs and serve 90 days in jail with 16 days of credit.

Kevin Michael Brilley, 23, East Jordan. Unlawful use of license plate. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Kenneth Steven Jarosz, 38, Boyne Falls. Operating while impaired. Pay $850 in fines and costs and serve 41 days in jail with one day of credit.

Richard Wayne Schroeder, 69, Prescott Valley, Ariz. Operating while impaired. Pay $650 in fines and costs and serve 36 days in jail with one day of credit.

Stephen Paul Liddicoat, 23, Charlevoix. Minor destruction of property of more than $200 but less than $1,000. Pay $1,000 in fines and costs and serve 365 days in jail with four days of credit.

Roger Allen Moon, 43, Mio. Sports fishing - fish snagging; Count #2 sports fishing - line/hook violations. Pay $750 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY FILED FOR AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Fiber Network Solutions, 2841 Hall Road, Boyne City, by Evonne Wilson

Above All Construction, 5895 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Brent R. Cadarette and Katie L. Cadarette

B K Trucking, 203 Garfield St., East Jordan, by Robert Ray Kenney

MARRIAGES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY GRANTED MARRIAGE LICENSES BY THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Russell Fredrick Goodburn, 29, and Katharine Eva Walton, 37, both of East Jordan

Bradley James Sanderson, 41, and Kimberley Kay Van-Meter, 43, both of Charlevoix

John David Wallace, 32, and Kimberly Jennifer Drury, 35, both of Boyne City

Mark Damian Schmidt, 46, and Jessica May Brachel, 19, both of Charlevoix

Mark Richard Zumhaugh, 40, and Greta Catherine Vargo, 32, both of Boyne City

Shawn Joseph Bogatz, 32, and Jeanice Marie Knight, 31, both of Bellevue, NE

Aaron Andrew Place, 25, and Samantha Louise Chaves, 22, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Davis Jay Peters weighing 4 pounds 10 ounces was born July 2 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matt and Billie Jo Peters of Ellsworth. His grandparents are Gary and Brenda Drenth of Ellsworth, and Denis and the late Marianne Peters of Burt, Mich.

Riley Sophia Cannon weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces was born July 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Thomas David and Susan Lynn Cannon of East Jordan. Her grandparents are David and Diane Cannon of Escanaba, Sharon Cannon of Plainwell, Don and Janet McKinnon of East Jordan. Her great grandparents are Francis and Carmel Cannon of Gladstone, Robert and Peg Leavens of Kalamazoo and Dick and Thelma McKinnon of East Jordan, Mich.

Cordelia Renee Cunningham weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces was born June 27 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Vanessa and Paul Cunningham of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Kamri and Mason. Her grandparents are Betty and Greg Martin of Charlevoix, Keith and Renee Payne of Fairbanks, Alaska and Kris and Glenn Cunningham of Grand Haven Mich.

Abbigail Rose Cowles weighing 8 pounds was born July 8 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Bill Cowles and Karen Fackler of East Jordan, her grandparents are Carol and Charles Fackler of Mayville, and Jeff and Karen Cowles of Muskegon.

William Todd Tripplehorn weighing 8 pounds was born July 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Nicholas and Rebecca Tripplehorn of Ellsworth. His grandparents are Patti and Howard Barrow, Ellsworth; Julie Tripplehorn and David and Heidi Tripplehorn of Charlevoix.

Jaden Jeremy Grutsch weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces was born July 13 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Shena and Jeremy Grutsch of Boyne City.

Lana Michelle Speer weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces was born July 16 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric and Christine Speer of Petoskey. Her siblings are Liam and Lily. Her grandparents are Peter and Linda Sweeney and great grandparent Pat Smalley, both of Charlevoix.

Erica Lynn Wyglendowski, weighing 9 pounds, was born July 10 at Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville, Va. to F. Jason and Melissa (Boss) Wyglendowski of Gloucester, Va. She has a 2-year-old sister Sarah Joyce. Her grandparents are Ike and Joyce Boss of Charlevoix, Dale and Claire DeCecco of Erie, Pa., and Frank Wyglendowski of Otis Orchard, Wash.

Her great-grandmother is Eleanor Holcomb of Harrodsburg, Ky.

Weather

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July 15	71	56	tr.
July 16	85	59	tr.
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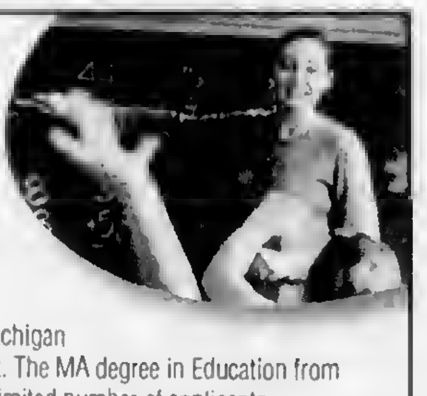

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Millages, township and county races

Area: St. James Township, Beaver Island

Proposal: New millage proposal

Millage amount: 1 mil would be levied for four years

Amount expected to be raised: Expected to raise $45,018 in 2008

What the money is used for: Ambulance, paramedics, etc.

Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $100 annually

• Type: Operational Millage

Area: Peaine Township, Beaver Island

Proposal: Renewal of existing millage

Millage amount: 4 mils to be levied for five years

Amount expected to be raised: Expected to raise $278,280 in the first year

What the money is used for: Township operational expenses

Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $400 annually

• Type: Transfer Station Millage

Area: Peaine Township, Beaver Island

Proposal: Renewal of existing millage

Millage amount: 2 mils to be levied for five years

Amount expected to be raised: $139,140 in its first year

What the money is used for: Sanitation/garbage facility

Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $200 annually

• Type: Fire Protection Millage

Area: Peaine Township, Beaver Island

Proposal: Renewal of existing millage

Millage amount: 1 mil to be levied over five years

Amount expected to be raised: $69,570 in the first year

What the money is used for: Fire fighting services

Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $100 annually

Following are contested seats only:

• Charlevoix County Clerk

Cheryl Potter Browe, 57, Republican

Past political experience: She has worked in the clerk's office for 20 years.

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"One of the greatest issues facing the county clerk's office is service to the public. With the cost of fuel going up, which in turn has an effect on most everything a person needs to live, not everyone has the resources available to physically come into the office when they need something or just want to do some research. I intend to put as much information as possible on our Web site so research can be done at home without a wasted trip to the Clerk's office just to find that we don't have what they are looking for."

Jim Eisley, 55, Republican

Past political experience: None

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"I think one of the most important issues coming up is economics and at this point in time I'm not saying I'm for or against a county administrator but if the fiscal responsibility is left in the clerks' office I think this needs to be someone with a business background and not someone that's just worked in the office for 20 years. I think with a business background there are times decisions need to be made and these decisions need to be made on business facts, not arbitrarily."

• Norwood Township Supervisor

Frank E. Hamilton, 70, Republican

Past political experience: Walled Lake City Council for 13 years, two years as a city/village manager in walled lake and Wolverine.

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"There are two things we want to do: Make the township user-friendly. We want don't want to be confrontational at meetings when we deal with people and ... we'd like to put so much information out there that a FOIA request wouldn't be required."

Denny Way, 52, Republican

Past political experience: Norwood trustee for four years and three years on the Norwood Planning Commission.

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"The most important issue is towers in general: Wind energy systems and cell towers in particular. I think we need to address both these issues with a tremendous amount of public input and then finding and developing the proper areas in which they be used. Norwood Township is really critical for cell phone use with so many residents down along the lake shore. It's a must that we provide them with some cell phone service. As far as wind energy, Norwood Township's geography is such that we are a prime area for wind and we have a lot of companies courting the public, property owners. Do it so most feasible and pleasing to the eye."

• Norwood Township Trustee

Thomas Mielke, 46, Republican

Past political experience: Norwood Planning Commission member for nearly six years.

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"One of the most important issues facing the township is the rewrite of the zoning ordinance to comply with the new master plan. The makeup of the planning commission is very important when that zoning ordinance is rewritten. I think we need people on the planning commission that are sympathetic to property rights while understanding the need to preserve the character of the township. And, I think it's important that people know I don't support the group (Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety) that has filed several lawsuits against he township."

David Ridenour, 57, Republican

Past political experience: None

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"The biggest issue, I think, is (the need) to be fair and ethical and try to abide by the current zoning ordinance; what the majority of the people want and not just what a few people want.

Douglas Warner, 58, Republican

Past political experience: None

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"Putting the township back in order and looking at roads, parks and other infrastructure needs. Hopefully, by working as a unit, we can get some committees put together and get different ideas and proposals so we can move forward."

• James Township Clerk

Pamela O'Brien, 61, Republican

Past political experience: None

What do you see as the most

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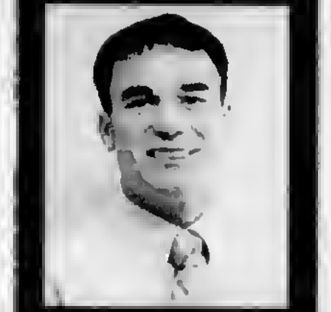

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EDITORIAL

With so much talk these days about immigration, border security and the cost of illegal aliens on the American pocketbook, it's good to stop and take a look at what is actually involved in all this hubbub: the potential loss of our humanity.

Enter Andrea Miller, an emigrant of Jamaica who has worked in the United States for many years, but recently attained the status of American citizen and now lives in Charlevoix. *(see next week's Courier.)*

Andrea is a mother and wife who wanted nothing more than to live, work and raise a family in a place, even with our economic woes, that is replete with opportunity.

We applaud Miller for doing the right thing according to the law and obtaining citizenship while so many choose to live and work in America under the figurative radar of U.S. immigration rules and regulations.

But, what of those hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of souls, some good, some bad, who live here illegally? Are they any less human? Are they any less deserving of the basic human rights and helping hand we would extend our geographically legal brethren?

We understand the government wants its taxes, and the xenophobes feel the need to control the flow of who is and is not welcome on our shores, but we have to wonder why the policing body is so adamantly opposed to that honorary four-letter word "amnesty," as if merely changing the status of those already here would somehow ignite catastrophe.

Nonetheless, this seems to be one of those issues which gives argumentative types a reason to get out of bed in the morning.

So, until there is a time when people can learn to treat each other better, we'll continue to applaud those who follow the rules and wish those who do not the best of luck in their travels.

Bully for basswood

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Basswood trees get no respect.

Literature is filled with mighty or noble oaks, with stately elms and graceful willows.

But I can find no complimentary adjective that has been applied to basswood trees.

It may be that no one can figure out what they are.

They have carried more common names than most trees.

In Europe, they are usually Linden trees; in England they are lime trees; in America they were called whitewood or beetrees.

All the names are reasonable in some way, but they do cause confusion.

Here with a defense of basswoods, starting with why they carry that name in our country. It has nothing to do with fish.

The bark of young twigs contains long, sturdy fibers.

It is possible to make a short piece of cord from any basswood twig in just a few minutes; something that I am sure the original inhabitants of this part of the world must have done often.

Such fibers are properly called bast, from a very old English word for fiber. If you say Bastwood five times rapidly you will note that the "t" tends to disappear and leave you saying "basswood."

Besides its fibers, our local basswoods carry other virtues.

A very pleasant tea can be made from the dried flowers, which are loaded with sweet nectar.

The flowers, which have just finished blooming on our local streetside basswoods, help to explain the name "beetree."

Although watching some of our neighborhood basswoods a few weeks ago in full bloom, it was disappointing to note that very few bees were visiting them. Populations of bees are much reduced in the past couple of years, making basswood honey into a rarity.

The wood of basswoods is white, relatively soft and without strong grain, making it the first choice of many woodcarvers, which explains the name "whitewood."

The hand-carved wooden chains and balls in cages you see now and then in folk museums are almost always carved from basswood.

I have been unable to find out why they are called limes in England, and if anyone knows I hope they will tell me.

As a botanist, the whole pattern of growth of these trees is of greatest interest to me.

Our native basswoods produce trunks that grow fast, decay quickly and often become hollow, making them a great place for the wild bees to live right next to an outstanding source of nectar for honey-making.

Fast-growing trunks do not live long, and a 50-year old basswood trunk would be uncommon.

The root makes new spouts that quickly grow into new trunks, and a moderately old basswood out in the forest is likely to have a half-dozen trunks of varying sizes all attached to the same root.

The basswoods or lindens along our Charlevoix street are a European variety that normally has only one trunk and can make a fine yard tree.

The native basswoods would be a poor choice for your yard, unless you make accummodation for the occasionally falling old trunk and enjoy the many sprouts at the base.

A really old basswood in the forest may have a root aged 500 years and a dozen large trunks making a room-sized space surrounded by the most recent trunks; a remarkable sight.

Say something encouraging about basswoods if you get the chance.

They deserve some respect.

One more tree note. If you have a Norway maple in your yard, expect it to show an impressing infestation of those large, black tar-like leafspots by the end of summer.

The leaves are already infected, and show small whitish spots in the places that will turn black by September.

It is a good year for the fungus that causes the spots, and aside from looking a bit unsightly, the tree will not be harmed.

Roger Knutson's column appears bi-weekly in Charlevoix Courier. E-mail Roger at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

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LETTERS to the editor

TOO NICE TO HIDE

Editor:

The new East Park is even more beautiful than anticipated.

Charlevoix has created a new northern Michigan destination.

The interactive fountain, the music pavilion, the marina and facilities at the harbormaster building are wonderful

The Earl Young stonework creates a happy place throughout the park.

All this just enhances the "Oh my God" view, looking out over Round Lake and the boats, from Bridge Street.

Why do we hide that view with a shantytown along the Bridge Street edge of the beautiful Park?

Anyone driving, bicycling or walking along Bridge Street, during an event like Venetian Week, has to look between makeshift shanties in order to see our most beautiful view and new Park?

And, these shacks hide the view of our lovely, quaint downtown viewed from the boats in the marina.

Move the corn dogs, hot dogs, T-shirts and nuts to the sides of the park and the side streets.

Charlevoix has too beautiful a view, and new Park, to hide behind temporary, Cuney island shanties.

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

RENEW THE MILLAGE

Editor:

The services provided to Charlevoix County area senior are too numerous to mention.

Our senior centers are the most visible and they truly are a home away from home for many of us, the meals, not only the meals available at our centers daily but the thousands of meals delivered every year to many homebound seniors), the socializing, the physical activity, the educational aspects on various topics, the health care provided by a professional staff, in-home care with a variety of assistance in many areas.

The commission on aging is now offering adult day services for families with members dealing with Alzheimer's.

It is overwhelming what is available for us to take advantage of.

All of this comes to us at a cost and we feel fortunate that the renewal request is just that, a renewal, no more no less.

Vote "yes" on the renewal on Aug. 5.

Bernice Edwards
Meta Zemak
Donna Hamilton
Boyne City

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LETTERS

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MORE THAN A SUSPECT

Editor:

Your character attack on T.C., Tom Collins, is a most disappointing story. T.C. was a mildmannered congenial person and a loyal friend. He has not been convicted of any crime and now he is not alive to defend himself. Your story is an unfair blemish on his memory.

Sam Supernaw Sr.
Charlevoix

BOYKO'S THE BEST

Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to express my endorsement of Tim Boyko for county commissioner. Tim is a most experienced man demonstrating his energy, positive approval and intuition in the four positions where he has already ably served.

I encourage you to vote for him on Aug. 5.

Sincerely,
Marty Strawbridge

SAVE THE SENIORS

Editor:

The Charlevoix County Senior Millage is vital to all seniors in our county and needs your support and vote to renew it. The millage helps to pay for important programs such as Meals on Wheels, in-home services and health clinics to name just a few. These programs fill a void for many seniors who otherwise cannot afford them and helps to improve many seniors quality of life and even allows many to still live at home instead of a long tenn care facility, it even helps lift some of the burden off of family members.

With the economy the way it is, the Social Security benefits that our area seniors receive keep most below the national poverty level. This millage helps defray some, if not all, the cost of a lot of senior programs to help improve the quality of life for all..

Those of us who run and operate the four area senior centers can attest to the need for many of these services, especially the lunches we serve (and MOW that we deliver) by the increase in the number of seniors that we are feeding. These meals provide a valuable source of nutrition for our seniors who otherwise would not eat properly and the Charlevoix County Senior Millage helps to pay for all the costs attributed to the meals and many other services.

So, please, if you only vote for one thing this year, let it be "yes" for the Charlevoix County Senior Millage on Aug. 5 so that we can continue to provide these services to our seniors.

Earl Muma, Charlevoix Senior Center Inc. director

SUPPORT SPROUL

Editor:

One of the important races to be decided in the Aug. 5 primary is that of Charlevoix County Sheriff. We, in Charlevoix County, are very fortunate to have had the exemplary leadership of Sheriff George Lasater over the past 31 years.

I believe that his length of service has been a large factor in the development of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department into the fine organization that it presently is.

Sheriff Lasater, age 71, has decided to retire and should be thanked for his many years of outstanding service.

We are also fortunate to have two well-qualified, decent and deserving gentlemen vying for the post of Sheriff: Don Schneider, age 65, and Don Sproul, age 57.

If, as Sheriff Lasater was quoted as saying both men are capable of doing their job, then how do you decide whom to support?

My perspective on the issue is that due to the present and, most likely future economic situation, Charlevoix County will need a multi-term Sheriff to lead

it through the hard times that may be with us for the next decade.

In the near future not only Law Enforcement, but every department of city, township, county and state government will need to be doing more with less.

I believe that Don Sproul is the man that can provide the on-going leadership to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department to enable it to meet the needs of its citizens over the next ten years. Therefore I am supporting Don Sproul in his bid to be elected Charlevoix County Sheriff and will be voting for him on Aug. 5. I hope that you will consider voting for him as well.

Murray Kilgour
Charlevoix

SCHNEIDER IS TOPS

Editor:

I have lived in Charlevoix for the past 26 years having served my final six years in the U.S. Coast Guard here and then choosing to retire here. I know Don Schneider as a friend and a fellow Coast Guardsman. Once you become a 3rd class Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, you become a federal law enforcement officer. Don Schneider has been in law enforcement for more than 35 years. This includes serving the citizens of Charlevoix County for the past 26 years. The last three years of his service in the Coast Guard was in CGI or Coast Guard Intelligence. He must have shown a high aptitude for law enforcement to be assigned to this job. I have the highest regard for Don Schneider and feel that this county is not only very fortunate to have someone with his skills but also very blessed to have him run for the position of Sheriff.

Lonnie Jones USCG Retired
Charlevoix

POSSIBLE PROPAGANDA?

Editor:

Charlevoix County residents beware. Don Sproul is slinging the propaganda in this election and that propaganda is not true. Sproul claims that he reviewed the budget and will cut $57,000.00 requested for dive equipment. The problem is that the money was requested but not allocated. How can one cut money that was not in the budget? It is misleading. Sproul states that he will save 5-10% in the 2009 budged. That equates to $120,000.00 to $240,000.00 on a 2.4 million dollar budget as Sproul claims. The 2009 budget has not even been submitted yet. How can you save money when you don't know what will be requested or approved? If he is going to save that money, he will have to cut officers. Charlevoix only has one car on each side of the County at night. Does he plan to leave the East side of the County high and dry at night or the West side? Sheriff Lasater has done a great job in making sure our residents are safe with the most effective enforcement that the budget will allow. Don Schneider will build on this legacy, with county-wide coverage we all expect. Vote for William Don Schneider on Aug. 5.

Janice Drost
Charlevoix

SPROUL FOR SHERIFF

Editor:

My name is Dan Harrington and I am a retired State Trooper. I have 27 years of experience in police work. I served 25 years at the Petoskey post. I worked in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. I am writing to express my support for Don Sproul for the position of the Charlevoix County

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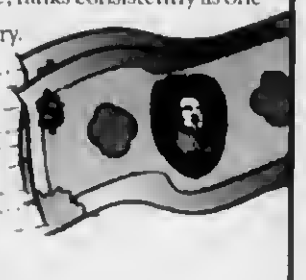

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Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from Charlevoix County who earned 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and higher grade point averages, The spring semester ended in May.

The following students received these honors:

Alicia Ann Danforth, Sophomore; Samantha M. Dunwoody, Sophomore, both from Boyne City; Trevor A. Matelski, Junior, Boyne Falls; and the following students all from Charlevoix: Sarah C. Cross, Senior; Cortney S. English, Senior; Nick W. Gotshall, Sophomore; Brittany M. Niswander, Senior; Joseph J. Sieverison, Junior; Caroline D. Slocum, Junior; and Beth A. Stallard, Senior.

TAYLOR GRADUATE

Mia Matchett was named to the Spring 2008 Dean's List at Taylor University. She is majoring in English and is a graduate of Charlevoix High School, Charlevoix, Mich.

Full-time students are named to the Dean's List when they have earned a 3.6 or better grade point average for the term and when at least 12 hours carry credit point values.

FERRIS HONORS

The following students from Charlevoix received Academic Honors for the semester that ended May 2008 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

Thaddeus Bakker, Samantha Keie and Elizabeth Ulrich

CMU GRADUATES

Central Michigan University is pleased to announce the following recent graduates from Charlevoix County:

Sheryl Sturza, BSED; Timothy Burger, MA; Darrell Lawson, MA; Lauren Silberhorn, BSED; Reece Bartlett, BSET; Kimberly Beauvais, BSW; Michelle Britt, BA; and Erin Green, BS.

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Sold!

Charlevoix Area Community Pool director Al Gooch is seen here with several items to be on the block at the annual pool auction 5:30 p.m., Sunday Aug. 10 at Charlevoix Country Club. Items include a family-sized kayak and a 39-mile-per-gallon Ford Focus donated by Pat McKeown Ford of Charlevoix. Fox Motors donated an electric GEM car and Ace Hardware has donated a swing with canopy to the auction. Call 547-0982 for more information.

Rockin' East Park

Mickey Thomas and Starship kicked off the 78th Annual Venetian Fastival with a bang. They played their string of hits such as "Jane" and "We Built This City." Starship was one of several nationally renowned acts to grace this year's Rhythms of Venetian stage.

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August 6 – Charlie Parker, John Coltrane [illegible] friend Bill Sears. Sears has been the jazz [illegible] Arts Academy since 1986 and a first call sax soloist in the Midwest.

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Tuesday, August 5, 10:00 am
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Kindermusik
Tuesday, August 5
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Join the staff to make a merry assortment of take home "Reading Bugs."

Venture Out with See North, Gr. 5 – 8
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50 years of waterfront art

BY ANNE KELLY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

This year, on Aug. 9, The Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair is marking a very special occasion. Celebrating 50 years of excellence in bringing the best of fine art and fine artists to the community, this year's show promises to be better than ever before. MaryBeth McGraw, Director of the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair Committee, reports that "we are anticipating an outstanding turn out of both exhibitors and patrons and are ready to celebrate those 50 years in grand style in the newly rejuvenated and beautiful East Park venue." Special attractions this year will be a reception for participating artists at the Weathervane Restaurant on Friday evening, Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair T shirts and a beautiful publication which features both historical information and current exhibitors

In 1959, Charlevoix became the second community in the state of Michigan to hold an art fair. (The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts held the first in 1952) It was quite an accomplishment for a community up north to pull off such a feat. And for 50 years running, the show that is now known as The Waterfront Art Fair has evolved from its grass roots attempt to bring cultural events to northern Michigan by a handful of determined art enthusiasts, into a prestigious gathering of fine artists and craftsmen. Today, among summer art festivals, The Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair ranks first in the state as a one day exhibition, and ranks second only to the three day affair in Ann Arbor. The evolution has not been without growing pains, but its dedication to a tradition of excellence has never been compromised over the years.

The history of the early "Waterfront Fair for Artists and Craftsmen" includes an interesting component. Beginning in 1961, fine art masterpieces were presented for viewing as special exhibits in the park. Most of these exhibits were provided on loan from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cummings of Chicago, Palm Beach and Charlevoix. Cummings had acquired a lucrative enterprise in the multi-million-dollar Sara Lee conglomerate and was a philanthropist and art lover. As he became more affluent he collected art, an activity he characterized as a source of tremendous satisfaction. He enjoyed lending his works of art for exhibition because he said, "anyone who has the good fortune to own lovely things is only a trustee for humanity." The Cummings collection loaned the Charlevoix Art Fait numerous paintings by masters like Henri Matisse, Edgar Degas and Pablo Picasso.

Long time residents Edith and Julius Gilbert were also an influential part of the early art fair: Edith working on the committee and Julius exhibiting as a sculptor. Partly through their connections with the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Gilberts were instrumental in arranging for the institute to bring its Artmobile to Charlevoix. The Artmobile was featured during at least three shows. The special exhibits ceased after the first 20 years and from that point on, the presenters and the patrons have carried on maintaining the standards set in the early years. In an article written in 1970 by Ms. Gilbert, she stated that, "These are the prerequisites for a successful art fair: good organization, excellent talent and a knowledgeable public." Her words form the foundation of the fair's philosophy today. At first, exhibitors were free to apply and to be admitted into the show, the only regulation being "exclusion at the discretion of the art fair committee," a small group of founders and arts enthusiasts that changed only gradually over the years due to resignations, deaths or the introduction of new members. In early years it was not uncommon to find over 200 exhibitors setting up in East Park and spilling over to adjacent areas along the waterfront. Today the participants are juried into the show and most years acceptance is limited to approximately 150 artists selected from over 600 ap-

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Photo by Anne Kelly

Todd Warner's work (Warner and art above) has been called whimsical and humorous. He returns to Charlevoix after 20 years in Boca Raton, Fla. Warner showed at the Waterfront Art Fair in the late 1960s, was at the 25th anniversary of the fair, and plans to be at this year's 50th celebration.

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OBITUARIES

Mireille "Marti" Chester: July 26, 1954 - July 22, 2008

Mireille "Marti" Chester, age 53 of Indian River and formerly Marti Bohn of Charlevoix, passed away on July 22, 2008 at her home after a courageous three-year battle with breast cancer.

Marti was born on July 26, 1954 in Detroit, the daughter of Roland and Lillian (Hanner) Martin and was raised in the Detroit area, graduating from Redford High School and later attended Wayne State University and a satellite campus of Texas A&M

She worked part time as a Liberian at the Charlevoix Public Library and as a Mail Carrier, but her real passion was interior decorating. In 2004, she opened and operated her own interior design company, A Beautiful View and specialized in window coverings.

On Jan. 4, 2003, she married Dennis Chester in Bay View.

Marti attended the Trinity Missionary Church, volunteered at the Charlevoix Public Library and the Charlevoix Area Hospital and loved the outdoors, berry and mushroom picking, fishing, and hunting with her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis; 3 children, Elizabeth (Benjamin) Dyska of San Francisco, Calif., Jannette (Oscar) Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, and Michael Bohn of Charlevoix; her mother, Lillian Martin of Farmington Hills; a sister, Therese Martin of Farmington Hills; a brother, David (Donna) Martin of South Lyon, and their son Benjamin; and by 3 step-children, Julie (Christopher) Belt of Gaylord and their 2 children, Lauren and Jenna, Rebecca (Troy) Lawrence of Jerome, and their 3 children, Abbigail, Alex, and Maggie, and by Kevin Chester of Gaylord.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roland; a sister, Jeanne Martin, and by a brother, Paul Martin.

A memorial service celebrating Marti's life was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26 at the Trinity Missionary Church in Petoskey with Rev. Stephen Beigle officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Max Hosmer: Died April 29, 2008

Max Hosmer, 84, of Charlevoix, and Spring Hill, Fla., died Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

He was born in Charlotte, the son of Don and Effie (Edmonds) Hosmer.

Max is survived by his wife Joyce, their son Mark (Doris) Hosmer of Lansing, and daughter Peggy (Darryl) Windle of Breckenridge, Colo.; grandsons, Matthew Hosmer of Potsdam, NY, James Hosmer of Lansing, Mich., Steven (Gretchen) Hosmer of Kingwood, Texas.

His parents, and sister, Dorothy Hosmer York preceded him in death.

Max joined the air force in 1943, after graduating with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

Upon discharge from the service, he did post graduate at University of Michigan.

In 1957, he purchased Wood Brothers Hardware in Charlevoix. He simultaneously served as president of the newly formed Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, and was instrumental in organizing the first Waterfront Art Fair under the auspices of the Chamber in 1958.

After the sale of Harbor Hardware, he joined Freedman Artcraft and later became General Manager when Harbor Industries took over. He was a charter member and past commodore of the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

His remains will be interned at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of West Hernando-Pasco Inc. 12260 Cortez, Brooksville, FL 34613; Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI 49720; or the charity of your choice.

Frances L. McCann: Sept. 11, 1917 - July 3, 2008

Frances L. McCann of Flint, formerly of Charlevoix, age 90, died July 3, 2008 at Fenton Health Care in Fenton.

A private family service was held on July 5 at Swartz Funeral Home with Pastor Wardlow of Twin Cities Baptist Church in Grand Blanc officiating. Burial was in Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Frances was born in Charlevoix on Sept. 11, 1917, the daughter of Frank and Nellie (Hull) Chvatil. Frances married Dale McCann on July 4, 1942 in El Paso, Texas and they were married for 66 years. Frances graduated from Charlevoix High School, class of 1935. After coming to Flint, she worked for A.C. Spark Plug division of General Motors and for Smith Bridgemans and the Vogue in downtown Flint.

Frances was a Girl Scout leader and past president of her sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha. She was also a member of the VFW #3087 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was very devoted to her family and a loving wife, mom and grandma. She had a wonderful laugh and positive outlook on life. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Surviving are husband, Dale, daughter Lynda (Dennis) Church of Grand Blanc, sister-in-law Shirley (Jerry) Greene of Charlevoix, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Frank Jr., sisters Margaret Ager and Doris Teague.

Hilda May (VanZant) Perron:
May 13, 1920 - July 21, 2008

Hilda May (Vanzant) Perron, 88, of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, July 21, 2008, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix She was born May 13, 1920 in Charlevoix to Earl C. and Marie E. (Clift) Vanzant. Hilda was a wonderful stay at home mom who raised 10 children: Hokey Pokey, how'd she do that?

She only drove a car once, hit a fence and never drove again. Hilda had a heart of gold, and is survived by her children, Eva (James) DeJonge of Mancelona, Sr Jr. (Linda) of Belding, Leon (Celeste), David (Sandy), Sherri (Wayne) Harthorn, and John (Paula), all of Charlevoix; and preceding her in death, her husband of over seventy years, Simeon, and their beloved children, Anna Marie, Shirley, Edward, and Judy Ann Kujawski. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Louie DeJonge, Lynette Heintzelman, Angela Kent, Nichelle Ciestelczyk, Simeon III, Renee Plumm, Nichol, Nathan, Noah, and Neahl; great-grandchildren, Louie DeJonge III, Sarah Beth, Harley, Amber, Daniel Lee III, and Josephine; sister, Lyone (Jim) Wert, brothers, Bud (Helen) Vanzant, Leon (Ann) Vanzant. Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the funeral was at 11 a.m., Wednesday. Pastor Michael Arp of the Family of Faith Ministries in Charlevoix officiated, and interment took place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

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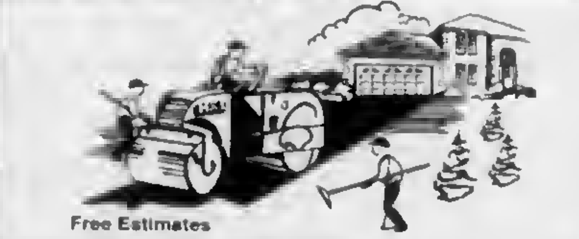

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School-Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson........ 547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	

Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Church Office 547-4121

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship		10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday	10:15 a.m.

Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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June July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold F. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Sabbath School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-1pm

Pastor Duane O'Ffill 231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	[illegible]
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Arunson 547-6281

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1803 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	[illegible]
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Renewable energy meeting

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Concerned about energy? On Saturday, Aug. 2, there will be a meeting discussing renewable energy, specifically, wind energy.

There is no cost to attend the meeting, which will be held at Charlevoix Public High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Charlevoix has good wind potential and transmission capability," said Jeremy Wittrock, Wind Program Director for the GLREA. "Furthermore, wind development can serve as an economic development and redevelopment tool. Also, wind is a great way to stimulate open space/farm land preservation."

The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association will be hosting the meeting which will include a panel of experts from all over Michigan.

"Our group's main expertise is in wind and solar," Wittrock said. "However, we do work on biomass, biofuels and energy efficiency. With the potential passage of a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in Michigan, wind will be the main contributor to meeting this goal."

The meeting is intended to inform individuals with a desire to learn more about the different aspects of wind energy. There will be discussion about the economic, social and environmental benefits.

Experts will also be addressing concerns as well as planning/zoning challenges.

The GLREA has hosted many such meetings across the state, including ones in Manistee County, Wyandotte, and Marquette.

Wittrock will talk about the County Wind Planning Process conducted in Manistee County.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Wittrock, is to provide a fair and balanced assessment of issues around citing, planning and zoning for wind energy.

"The meetings have all been successful. GLREA does not advocate for specific projects. We are focused on providing information so that informed decisions can be made," Wittrock said. "In Wyandotte though, they are in the final phase of initial studies to erect four to six 1.5 Mw turbines."

Wittrock said that some of the reoccurring concerns amongst citizens include initial cost, aesthetics concerns, and fear of change and the unknown. "Some other issues are bird kills and sound issues," he said.

Ben Calnin from the Michigan State University Land Policy Institute, will demonstrate the Wind Prospecting Tool, an interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map tool for use by both developers and residents.

David Konkle, former Energy Coordinator for the City of Ann Arbor, will give a keynote address about the big picture issue of energy.

After the panel's presentations, audience members are invited to ask questions in an open forum. There will be one hour allotted for attendees to ask questions and have their concerns addressed.

GLREA will also host another Public Wind Town Meeting in October or November.

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Screening tests like mammograms and Pap tests can detect cancers early, Sington said, providing better opportunities for women to get effective treatment with fewer side effects.

Patients whose cancers are found early and treated in a timely manner are more likely to survive these cancers than are those whose cancers are not found until symptoms appear.

Openings for free mammogram and Pap test appointments at Health Department office in Mancelona, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord are booking now for fall.

For additional information, to confirm income eligibility, and to schedule an appointment at any Health Department office, call (800) 432-4121.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

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Sheriff. I worked with Don for 18 years in his capacity as a deputy sheriff and sergeant for Charlevoix County. During this time frame I found Don to be honorable, dependable, trustworthy and an excellent over all Officer. I feel the citizens of Charlevoix County would be hard pressed to find a better Candidate for the Sheriff's position. I wholeheartedly support Don Sproul for the sheriff's job.

D.B. Harrington
Petoskey

SCHNEIDER MOST QUALIFIED

Editor:

All things considered, Don Schneider is the most qualified and best prepared candidate to become our next Charlevoix County Sheriff. He has answered our questions regarding the budget, explaining many grants that the department currently receives. He has been open and honest with the federal government regarding the Hatch Act: remember, he is the one who initiated contact with them in February and he has not been found in violation. He has shared his choice for undersheriff. He has worked diligently for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department for 26 years and continues to do so. He has been a dedicated and competent undersheriff for 11 years. He truly cares for the people of Charlevoix County. Please join us in voting for William Donald Schneider for Sheriff on Aug. 5.

Tom and Treasure Eggers
Charlevoix

SPROUL EQUALS LEADERSHIP

Editor

Sheriff George Lasater has served admirably and deserves commendation for his many years. Now, as he retires, it is time for a change in leadership.

Both Don Sproul and Don Schneider have a fine history of public and community service. This is not to disparage any public servant.

Sproul has the energy and fresh outlook that is needed in the department. He is not afraid to question procedures and look for new and better ways of managing our County resources.

If you are looking for innovative as well as dedicated leadership, consider a vote for Don Sproul on Aug. 5.

Thomas F. Conlan LCDR, United States Coast Guard, retired
Charlevoix

VOTE FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS

Editor:

"A right to property is founded in our natural wants, in the means with which we are endowed to satisfy these wants, and the right to what we acquire by those means without violating the similar rights of other sensible beings?" *Thomas Jefferson to Pierre Samuel Dupont de Nemours, 1816.*

I believe the last time I checked we are still somewhat a republic, and a republic is ruled or should say, controlled by the people, not by the chosen few, or those who believe that they're unquestionable our betters. That isn't how the country is supposed to be, and definitely not the way a township is supposed to be operated. I did my part as a citizen to serve this country for over 20 years, now I just want to do my thing, to be left alone, to play with the horses and try to be a good steward of the property. There looms out on the horizon a foreshadowing of impeding disasters, mostly the doings of our so-called betters.

Operating by way of fear, and litigation is the way this crowd seems to want it; to use the sheriff department as sort of a Gestapo, protecting their particular interest, and agenda, but not the rights of the majority, who vote, but don't care or are intimidated. I would have to rank myself with the latter, but have grown tired of seeing money that is paid in taxes go for protectionism of special private projects, and to special meetings. I am also dismayed by the way a few of the meetings have been conducted. The sheriff had to get involved, basically for nothing, but we seem to have to toe the line with our hat in hand and say "no sir" or "yes sir." It is time for a change, a word that seems to get a lot of play this election year, but for Norwood Township a very important word

Change is what is really needed, the tag of special interest needs to go away, and the term statesmanship to replace it. I understand that the chances for a Populist Utopia is impossible but it wouldn't hurt to work towards it, especially in this very rural environment. That is why I believe it important to vote in some new blood, so to speak, and why I think we should vote for Frank Hamilton on Aug. 5. He is a proven statesman and more than capable of pulling this township back together, without outside county help.

Fred Brooks
Norwood

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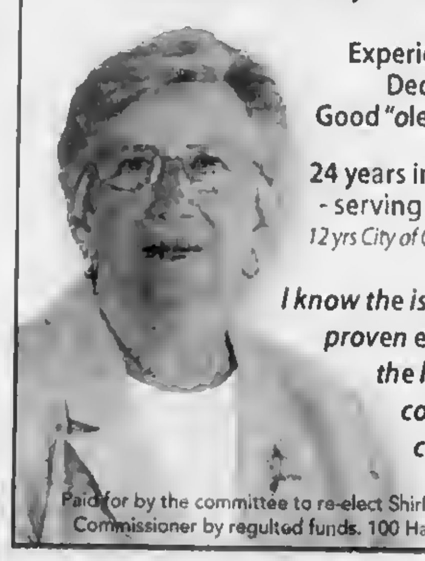
Re-elect
Shirley Roloff
6th District County Commissioner



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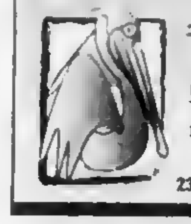

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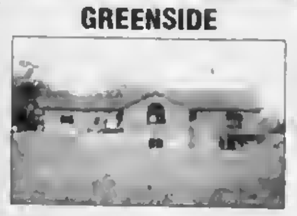

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THANKS, BLOOD DONORS

Editor,

Please allow me to thank the 135 devoted blood donors in Charlevoix who responded to the recent emergency appeal for blood by the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross held a blood drive at the Community Reformed Church on July 17 and at Bethany Lutheran Church on July 24.

The Red Cross was able to collect 106 pints of blood. Each pint could potentially help 3 people. The Belvedere Club in Charlevoix made the commitment to host the blood drive at the Reformed Church. The many Belvedere residents who volunteered were wonderful and did a great job. Mr. Don Denison and his Belvedere team attended to every detail. Edith Dale coordinated the excellent drive with her volunteers at Bethany Lutheran on July 24.

Thank-you. I am grateful to the churches, to the Charlevoix Water and Electric Department for making the banners visible, to all of the volunteers, donors and the Red Cross Staff. The next community blood drive is Sept. 25 at the Reformed Church. Please remember to donate blood. It is so important to our hospital patients. The need for blood is ongoing.

Ellen Breming
Charlevoix

SCHNEIDER CAMP KEEPING IT CLEAN

Editor:

It is apparent that Don Schneider and his committee are attempting to run a "positive" campaign. That is just what we would expect from him. You have our vote, Don.

Paul and Connie Bradley
Charlevoix

EMMET SHERIFF ENDORSES SCHNEIDER

Editor,

I have had the privilege of working with Don Schneider, a candidate for Charlevoix County Sheriff, for more than 20 years. Don Schneider has held the positions of Deputy, Undersheriff, and is currently the Liaison Officer for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

The experience Don Schneider has attained during his employment would make him the natural choice for Sheriff of Charlevoix County. As Undersheriff, Don was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. His duties included preparing budgets, equipment purchasing, personnel issues, working with the county commissioners, being responsible for the road patrol, corrections, marine and snowmobile patrol. And it should be noted, that in the absence of Sheriff Lasater, Don Schneider was the acting Sheriff.

Don Schneider has experience, commitment, and integrity – all qualities that make him the best choice for Charlevoix County Sheriff. His years of commitment have already proven that he can do an outstanding job for the citizens of Charlevoix County.

Please join me in supporting Don Schneider for Charlevoix County Sheriff on Aug. 5.

Peter A. Wallin
Emmet County

CONGRATULATIONS, SON

Editor:

It was a beautiful afternoon on June 1, as I watched the class of Harbor High march down the old Ottawa Stadium steps. I stood off to the side with mixed emotion as my oldest son came into view. I held my youngest son in my arms swaying him while the lump in my throat made it hard to breathe. When others were receiving awards, I wanted to make a speech fit for a king to honor him, but knowing how modest and quiet he was I kept still. I wanted to applaud his teachers and friends for all of their support through the year but stayed standing and watched with anticipation for his moment to walk up and receive his Diploma. Not more than just a few months before I was lying in a hospital bed not knowing how I would have ever survived, other than God's blessings to me of having sons and this one now in particular who completed the work to earn his Diploma.

On the eve of Dec. 29, 2007 I went to bed and awoke with complications related to antibiotics I was just given for pneumonia that I had come down with on Christmas Day. My oldest son calmly warmed up our truck as the snow whipped around it at 3:30 a.m. I grabbed my bag for the hospital in case I was in labor for my fifth son who was due in another week. We got out on the road and my son stayed in the two-tracks as we made our way one road at a time, first Levering, and then the turns on Larks Lake and finally the hills of Pleasantview. At one point I felt like we were back in time and recalled the story of our distant cousin Lewis Sweet who weathered and survived the Schoals ice fishing incident and walked on ice flows in a blizzard to the shore. We came almost to a dead stop as waves of snow drifted over the hood of the truck, somehow my son kept the gas pedal gently going as we floated through the sea of white. When we finally arrived at the E.R. in the Charlevoix Area Hospital, I was so far progressed in labor that complications arose and the Doctors knew my unborn son and I would not have survived had it not been for the courage and bravery my son showed that night driving us in that snowstorm and hearing his mother murmuring in pain.

I will never know what must have went through his mind or how he stayed on track, but if a mother could present her child with an award, I would give him The Purple Heart, for he truly saved not just my life but also the life of his little brother. Thank you my son Christopher, not just for completing your goal to graduate but for having gone above and beyond your duty to our family. God Bless you and keep you safe as you go to achieve your next goals.

Margaret Sweet
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Help Kali find a cure for paralysis

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Kali's Cure for Paralysis Foundation, Inc. will kick off its fundraising efforts on Saturday, Aug. 2 with a golf outing at the Dunmaglas Golf Course in Charlevoix.

Kali's Cure for Paralysis Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded by Kali Pung of Alma.

Pung suffered a diving accident in 2006, resulting in injuries that have left her paralyzed from the neck down.

"After everything I've been through and everyone I've meet over the past two years, I've come to realize that I must do whatever I can to help other individuals like myself better their lives," she said.

She felt compelled to start the foundation after spending time in various rehabilitation facilities across the country, meeting others like her with similar situations.

"While Kali's Cure will help aid in funding research to find a cure for paralysis, it will also support programs and facilities that work to improve the quality of life for paralysis patients now, such as rehab programs," Pung said.

Kali's Cure for Paralysis Foundation is devoted to raise and distribute money to spinal cord hospitals, rehabilitation facilities and researchers specializing in spinal cord injury.

Pung says she typically keeps positive but she also has her moments.

"If I wasn't upbeat, I probably wouldn't have made the advancements that I have and I also wouldn't have realized the need for this foundation," Pung said.

She added, "Fortunately, I have never suffered from any sort of depression since the accident. Of course, I realize what I've lost and am sometimes sad for those things but by no means depressed."

According to Pung, her doctors tell her a positive attitude is crucial to recovery.

"Doctors say attitude is everything and I wouldn't have made it through the initial couple days if I didn't have the will to make it," she said.

The foundation will be hosting Kali's Cure Kickoff Golf Outing as the foundation's first official fundraising event.

The outing will take place on Saturday Aug. 2, as a way to announce the newly formed foundation and raise money for the advancement of a cure for paralysis.

The golf outing is sponsored by Aerotek and Dunmaglas.

A dinner and an auction will immediately follow the event.

Dunmaglas is donating all golf and dinner registration fees to Kali's Cure.

For more information on Kali's Cure for Paralysis Foundation or to register for the event, please visit the foundation's Web site at www.kaliscure.org.

City council business

The following actions were taken by the City of Charlevoix City Council during their July 21 meeting.

Item: Discussion on Journeyman-Lineman pay raise

In brief: Though it was decided to give the journeyman-lineman a $4 pay raise, there was confusion as when it would be. They would either raise the pay level now, for all of them or wait until a new person is hired.

Board action: The Council decided to wait until a new person was hired.

Item: Request by the Charlevoix Yacht Club for free launch

In brief: A resolution to waive the launch/parking fees for the races and special or public events.

Board action: Passed

Item: Request for liquor license transfer

In brief: A resolution for the license transfer, which is from T.H.P.P Enterprises, LTD (Charley's) to Edgewater Bistro.

Board action: Passed.

Item: Revisions to Chapter 22 of the City Code

In brief: An ordinance to change the reference from the Michigan Department of Public Health to the MDEQ.

Board action: Passed

Item: Consideration to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 22A

In brief: An ordinance to amend section 2.71(3) of chapter 22A: City water service exclusive water source of title II of the code of the City of Charlevoix by revising the legal description of the impact area contained in section 2.71(3).

Board action: Passed

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Shannon Leigh Nystrom, and Edward Michael Klonowski, are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning their wedding to be June 20, 2009 at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Diane Nystrom, Charlevoix. Shannon graduated from Charlevoix High School, received a BA from Alma College, is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, Alpha Psi Omega dance and theater honorary.

She is a professional singer, songwriter, dance instructor, model and accountant.

She was employed in "Dance in Bloom" in model talent management and presently for the State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

The groom-to-be is the son of Edward and Patricia Klonowski of Sterling Heights. He attended Adlai E. Stevenson High School, received a BS from Alma College, a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan.

He is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, the Alpha Psi Omega dance and theater honorary. He is a Mechanical Engineer employed by Universal Lighting Technologies.

Both Ed and Shannon are making their home in Nashville, Ind.

Klonowski-Nystrom

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Charles and Darleen Dhaseleer will be celebrating their 60 year wedding anniversary. The couple has been married since 1948 and have lived in the area their whole life.

Charles was a farmer and a mail carrier. Darleen was a nurse.

Together, they had 12 children, 26 grandchildren and six great grandchildren with two more on the way.

The 12 children and their spouses include: John and Connie Dhaseleer of Boyne City; David and Susan Babcock of New Bern, N.C.; Carl and Mary Romanik of Sedona, Ariz.; Allan and Leslie Dhaseleer of Charlevoix; John and Elaine Scharenbroch of Charlevoix; Esther Moore of Charlevoix; Kirk and Beth Weaver of Moorpark Calif.; Leslie Dhaseleer of Raton, N.M.; David and Heather Dhaseleer of Rhinelander, Wis.; Norbert and Carol Scharenbroch of Charlevoix; Carl and Cornelia Dhaseleer of Charlevoix and Laura Dhaseleer of Charlevoix.

The children and their spouses hosted a 60 year anniversary celebration for Charles and Darleen Dhaseleer at the family farm off Barnard Road now owned by Carl and Cornelia Dhaseleer.

The celebration was attended by approximately 70 people who were entertained by the North Country String Band in the refurbished Dhaseleer Event Barn.

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Cynthia Postmus, Vice-President of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees presents a historic photo of Charlevoix to Mary Ann Chew, to be hung in the trustees' conference room. Chew recently finished six years as president library board president. The new officers of the library board include: Joe Seidel, president; Postmus; Yvonne Wendt, secretary; Rick Brandl, treasurer.

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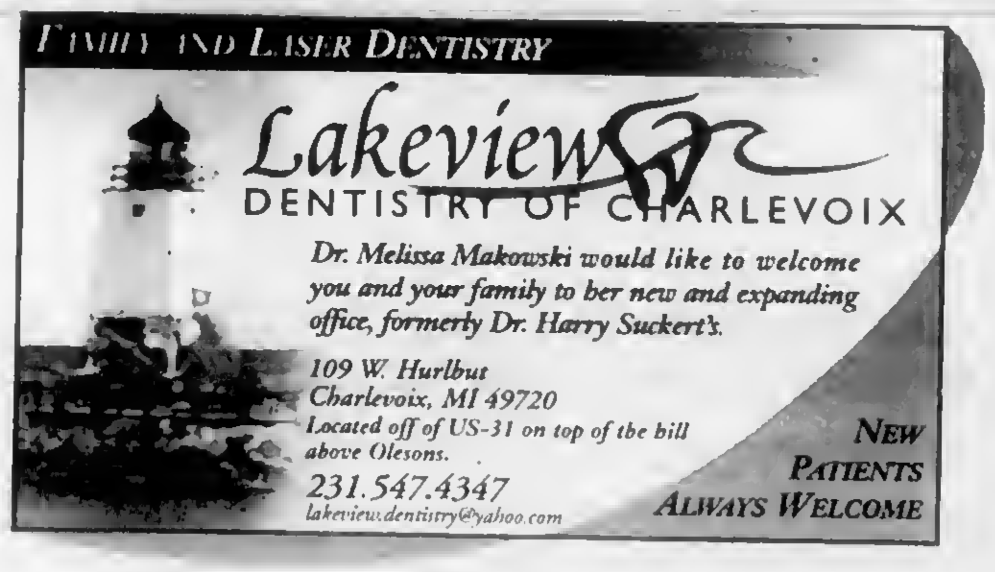

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 731 of 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY REVISING SECTION 2.65 OF CHAPTER 22 OF TITLE II TO MAKE REFERENCE TO REGULATIONS OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, CHANGE THE REFERENCE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE MDEQ, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2.65(4) AND TO RENUMBER THE REMAINING SECTIONS

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Revision of Section 2.65(1)

Section 2.65(1) of Chapter 22 is revised so that it shall read as follows:

2.65. Cross Connections.

(1)The City adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, being R325.11401 through R325.11407.

SECTION 2. Revision of Section 2.65(2)

Section 2.65(2) of Chapter 22 is revised so that the reference to the Michigan Department of Public Health is changed to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

SECTION 3. Repeal of existing Sections 2.65(4) – (7) and the creation of Sections 2.65(4) through 2.65(8).

Existing Sections 2.65(4) – (7) are repealed and Sections 2.65(4) through (8) are created and shall now read as follows:

(4)For all water services connected to the City Water Supply, all testable backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested upon installation to be sure that the device is working properly. Subsequent testing of assemblies shall be conducted on an annual basis as required by the City and in accordance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements. Only individuals that are certified in Cross Connection Control by the State of Michigan shall be qualified to perform such testing.

(5)The Charlevoix Water Utility is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service after reasonable notice to any property wherein any connection in violation of this section exists, and to take such precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply system. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(6)The potable water supply made available on the properties served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified by this section and by the State and Charlevoix County Plumbing Code. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

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(7)This section does not supersede the State Plumbing Code.

(8)Any person violating the provisions of this Section or the written order of the City of Charlevoix Water Department in pursuance of this Section is responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

SECTION 4. Severability.

No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held in valid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part of portion of this ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ENACTED this 21st day of July, 2008.

Ordinance No. 731-2008 was adopted on the 21st day of July 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Councilmember Gabe Campbell
Yeas: Picha, Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina
Nays: None
Absent: None

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs - City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr. - Mayor

Township races

VOTE

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important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those? '

"I think by being on board as clerk and able participate in the budget process and the fiscal responsibilities our township has, I think I will be of great service."

Jean Palmer, 71, Republican

Past political experience: 16 years as St. James township clerk

What do you see as the most important issues facing your

township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"I think funding is going to be an issue with the increased cost of everything and cutbacks that the state continues to dole, I think funding

and balancing the budget are the biggest issues. My experience of being able to balance our budget and being able to work with what we have will

greatly help with the future. And, (I'll) be available to the people to hear their concerns."

• St. James Trustee

Timothy J. McDonough, 51, Republican

Past political experience: 27 years as a St. James Township Trustee

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"Just to keep up with infrastructure needs and to keep people coming here even in tough economic times. And to just keep working with the board on what we've been doing."

Bob Tidmore, 68, Republican

Past political experience: Served two terms as city alderman in Menominee, served twice on Menominee school board served one year as president. Tidmore also spent a short term on the Flushing Planning Committee.

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"We need a road grader on the island to help all of the island, not just St. James Township. And, I'd like to see more transparency in government through easier access of agendas, publication of minutes and records of expenditures (via Web site). If elected, basically I'll work with the other townships, the county commissioners and the road commission to get a road grader on the island."

When phoned, Richard L. Speck refused to comment.

• Peaine Township Treasurer

Nancy Saxton, 67, Republican

Past political experience: None

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"I don't like to see too many relatives on one board and that seems to be the case here sometimes and with me there won't be any relatives on the board."

Jean Kingsley, 60, Republican

Past political experience: None

What do you see as the most important issues facing your township/district/county etc. and how do you plan to address those?

"Taxes. A good portion of our population are second home (owners) here and they pay through the nose with the nonresidential/non-homestead tax, and we're really having a difficult time drawing people in because of the economy in general and it's prohibiting people from buying second homes because the taxes are so high. I'm not a crusader, so to speak, but I will be very vocal about my feelings."

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With sincere appreciation, Susan Bergmann, Director

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We thank you all. – Charlevoix County Senior Citizens and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

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Please forgive us if we overlooked the names of any individuals or businesses that assisted in this community effort.

Going once, going twice

Cass Williamson, (from left) Donna Looza, Lorene Sakamoto and Juli Fialkowski of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild want to remind you of their silent auction from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7, in the hospital's new solarium. The ladies say there's something for everyone, with reasonably priced minimum bids. Call 547-3431 for more information.

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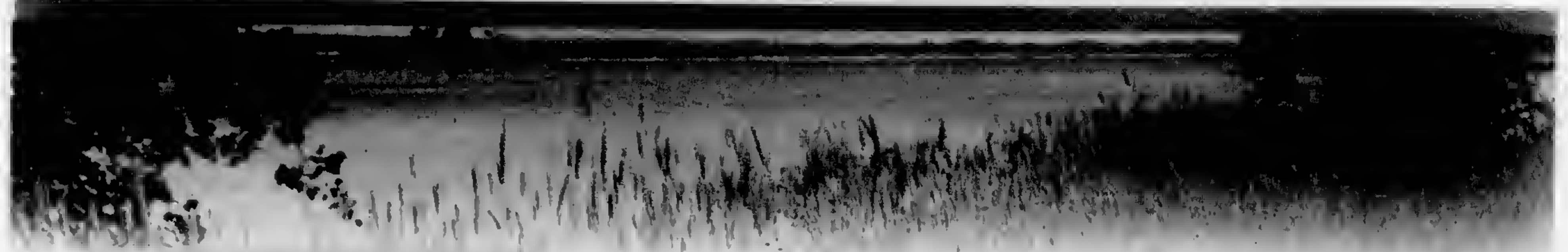

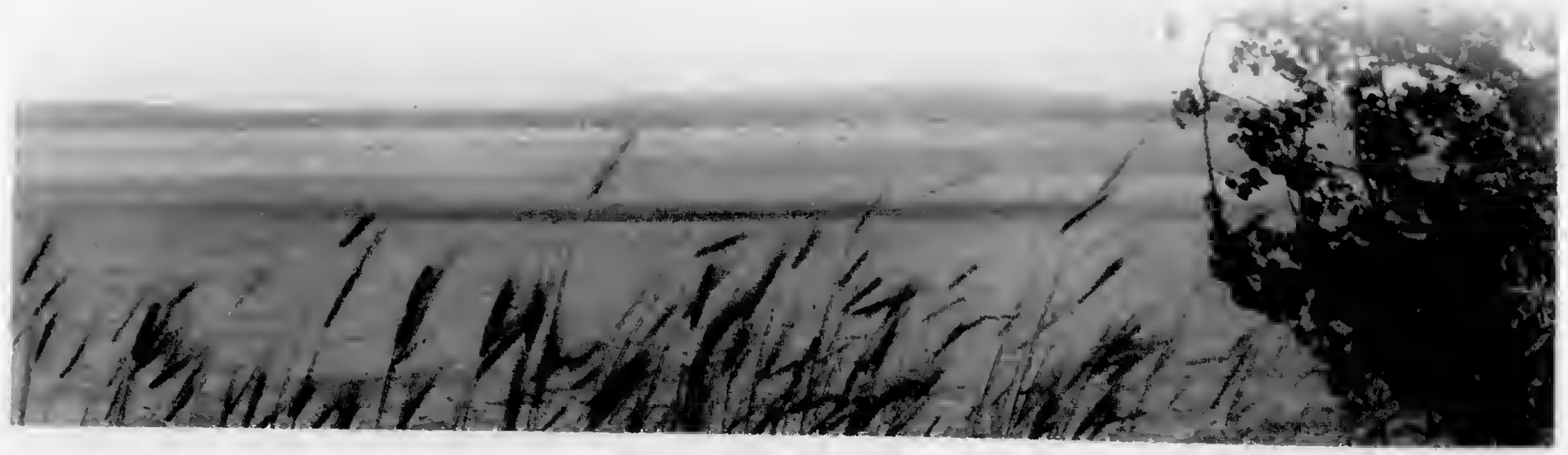

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Q. Was removing all of the cement kiln dust from East Park considered?

A: Removing the material was one of five options evaluated in the proposed final remedies for East Park. Ultimately it was not recommended based on environmental, safety and practical concerns. Removal of the material would result in approximately 1,000 gallons of water a minute mixing with cement kiln dust during the excavation process and picking up the associated contaminates from the dust. The water would have to be discharged directly to the lake because it is not physically possible to ship that volume of water off-site for disposal. This option would result in a dramatic increase in the amount of contaminates in the lake. Additionally, an estimated 75 - 80 trucks a day for a year would be required to remove the material, adding associated trucking pollutants to the environment and increasing transportation safety risks to the community.

Q: Is there a big problem with mercury in the water coming out of East Park and the Bay Harbor development?

A: While there is a trace amount of mercury in the water coming from the piles, the system installed by CMS Land is collecting 135,000 gallons a day, treating it, and disposing of it off-site. The mercury levels in that water are more than 10 times less than what the government considers safe for drinking water. During its short-term work, CMS Land has installed three parts of a proposed five-part final remedy at East Park. Before that work, the amount of mercury going into the lake annually would equal about three paper clips. That's been reduced to about one paper clip a year. It will be reduced even more when the other two parts of the long-term remedy are in place.

Q. When will East Park reopen?

A: CMS Land recently reached agreements with Resort Township and the EPA which allows CMS Land to complete the two remaining remedies in East Park this year. Resort Township plans to begin park improvements this fall, such as paving and installing benches and other amenities, with the goal of East Park reopening in 2009.

Substantial environmental progress has been achieved. CMS Land continues to work closely with officials to put a final cleanup plan in place that will protect our bay for future generations.

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plicants, with special attention paid to providing quality work and a variety of media. The Art Fair Committee is comprised of a small number of volunteers who put in endless hours adhering to the format and specifications set down in the by-laws of the organization. The Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair, as it has been designated since 1990 and the Charlevoix Council for the Arts work as tandem organizations, both dedicated to the mission of providing exposure to the arts for Charlevoix and surrounding northern Michigan communities. The Charlevoix Council for the Arts is a non- profit organization that donates funds for art scholarships to aspiring young artists, brings performances and presentations to the schools and supports local art and music endeavors. It is dedicated to providing stimulus for the arts in the schools and the community throughout the year, and is funded primarily through entry fees paid by artists who show in the art fair. The annual Waterfront Art Fair is held the second Saturday in August each year. It continues and expands upon the tradition of excellence it promotes. Exhibitors, buyers, collectors and art lovers can count on it.

A complete timeline tracking the highlights of the first 50 years of the Waterfront Art Fair can be seen online at the Charlevoix Courier Web site: www.charlevoixcourier.com.

Anne Kelly can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Photo by Anne Kelly

A 1987 graduate of Charlevoix High School, Scott Kelly presently is employed by HOK, a global architectural firm, in Georgetown. A Washington D.C. based interior designer, he has developed his love of photography into a vocation. This will be Kelly's debut in the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair.

WHAT'S MISSING AT VENETIAN?

Have you ever noticed what is missing at the Venetian Festival?

It isn't live entertainment. Throughout Venetian Week, bands in East Park will be jumping with a wide variety of music.

It isn't kids' activities. The Venetian Games include kids and teens in soccer, basketball, running, sailing, golf and tennis tournaments. Teens are provided their own music venue at the "Battle of the Bands." Kid's Day at Lake Michigan Beach also provides a slew of low and no cost children's entertainment.

It isn't spectator opportunities. The street parade and the boat parade have entertained spectators for decades, and the Ultimate Air Dogs will dazzle Festival goers with their canine leaping prowess.

It certainly won't be fireworks that are missing, considering the festival features two nights of world class fireworks displays.

What's missing is admission prices. All of the big events and entertainment offered at the Venetian Festival are absolutely free to the public.

But, it still costs the Venetian Festival upwards of $200,000 (only 1/10 of the National Cherry Festival budget), to put on its premier festival, which is why the nonprofit volunteer organization needs your help. If you've ever enjoyed a concert in the park, Kid's Day, the Venetian Games, the street parade, the Venetian boat parade or the spectacular fireworks displays, please contribute, so that we can continue to bring you quality entertainment and activities in the future.

Frankly speaking, 2008 is a pivotal year for Festival finances, considering the revenue loss and increased expenses which the Festival was forced to incur in staging outside of East Park in 2007, which totaled over $50,000.00. In the event the Festival does not receive increased and new contributions, the Venetian Board may be left with no alternative but to dramatically reduce the two costliest (and nonrevenue generating) events, concerts and fireworks.

Please do not look away when it is time to contribute. By donating to the Festival, you can become a noted member of the Venetian Burgee Club. Anyone who donates $100 or more becomes a member of the Club and receives a burgee pennant. The pennants are emblazoned with the Venetian logo, the current year and the level of sponsorship.

Levels are: Admiral level, $3,000 minimum donation with a blue burgee; Captain level, $1,000 minimum donation with a red burgee; First Mate level, $500 minimum donation with a gold burgee, and Crew level, $100 minimum donation with a white burgee.

Please send donations to: Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc., PO Box 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 or visit the Venetian Festival Merchandise Stand in East Park, during the festival.

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78TH VENETIAN FESTIVAL

Photo by Jeremy Kuhn, News-Review Photographer

With a bang!

Venetian Saturday ended with a literal bang, many of them, as the night sky over Charlevoix was lit up with fireworks following the annual lighted boat parade in Round Lake Harbor.

Photo by Julie Witthoett, News-Review

Slip slidin' away

Greg Barton of Grosse Isle learns you're never too old to ride the super slide. Here he takes tha plunge with 2-year-old son Camron Wednesday at Charlevoix Venetian Festival's Kid's Day at Michigan Beach. Click on reprints at petoskeynews.com to see the full gallery of images from the event and watch the video.

Waving winner

Bridge Street was packed with onlookers Saturday, July 26 for the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Street Parade which featured over 70 entrants. Here, Grant Robinson, winner of the First Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival Ryan Shay Memorial Foot Race, waves from a float. Saturday festivities concluded with the famed boat parada and fireworks over Round Lake.

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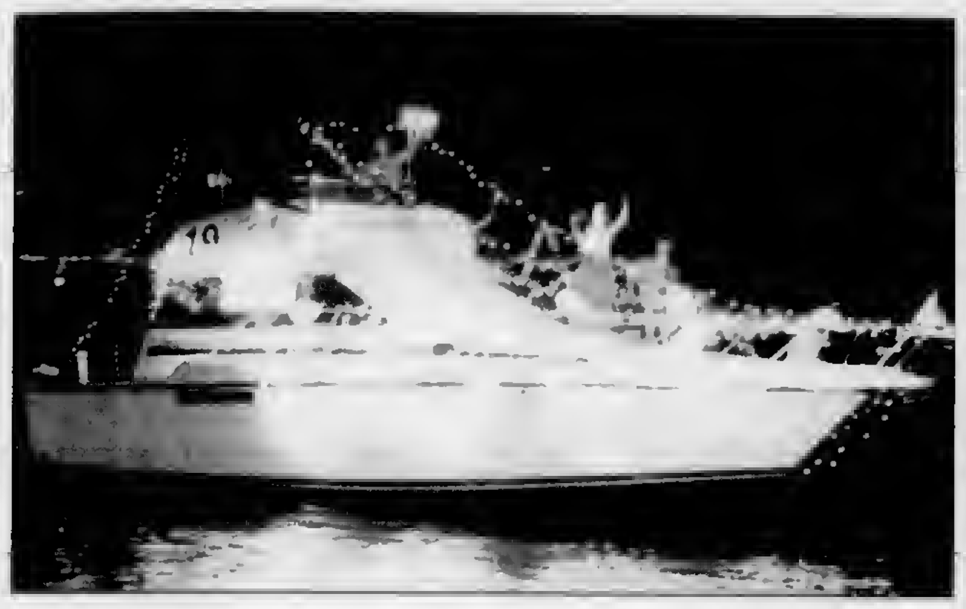

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Boating with gusto

This boat was one of dozens which participated in Venetian Saturday's annual lighted boat parade in Round Lake Harbor. The boat parade was followed by the Venetian finale fireworks display.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft, News-Review

Gone to the goats

Caroline Chardoul, 1, and her mom, Mandy Chardoul of Grand Rapids make friends with the animals of Barnyard Babies Petting Zoo, Wednesday at Charlevoix Venetian Festival's Kid's Day at Michigan Beach.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft, News-Review

Cameron Gudmunsen, 3, of Petoskey waits for his special balloon pet crafted by local favorite clown Kookie. Kookie and many othar entertaining guests spent tha afternoon Wednesday at Charlevoix Venetian Festival's Kid's Day at Michigan Beach.

Fit for a queen

Venetian Queen 2007 Sarah Klooster (behind) attaches the crown to Miss Venetian Queen 2008 Alyssa McCormack during the crowning ceremony Friday evening. A sudden thunderstorm delayed the ceremony but eventually the weather cleared.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

An Olympic-sized mess

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

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A.J. Hoffman

China is a mess and it's supposed to be the home of this year's Olympic Games.

Dissecting the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, there are not just a few small problems, but several big ones. They range from safety, to tourism, to health issues.

Unfortunately, this year's Olympics have gotten a lot of attention due to China's own politics. Protesters, while carrying out the message for a free Tibet, have been actively trying to interrupt the proceedings as much as they possibly can.

Though I admit, it's hard to research and digest information about Tibet (this is an educated way of saying I don't know as much as I'd like to about the subject or atrocities), my biggest fear is that protesters will develop a "by any means necessary" mentality.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not afraid, nor do I disapprove of the Students for a Free Tibet activist group. Now, it's unlikely, but violence is not an impossibility during a protest, especially if one were to take place in a freedom-stricken country such as China. I'm sure there will be plenty of demonstrators in the streets during the games, which is pretty much the entire month of August.

In April, protesters in San Francisco went so far as to climb the cables of the Golden Gate Bridge to unfurl banners that read "Free Tibet '08" and "One World, One Dream, Free Tibet Now."

In June, more protesters staged a "die-in" to represent the lives being lost in Tibet, while others held large banners that read "Open Tibet To Media" and "IOC No Torch in Tibet," and shouting slogans such as "IOC uphold China's promise." IOC is the acronym for the International Olympic Committee. They're a nonprofit organization which holds all the rights to the logo, anthem, motto, etc. They also decide where the games are going to be held every four years.

So what's the big deal? There's genocide all over the world, right? True, but here's the problem, folks: China consistently makes promises they don't plan on keeping. One of them included a vow that they would give civil rights to the people of Tibet if the IOC gave them the summer games in 2008.

Another promise was that Western news networks such as CNN and the BBC would be given free reign to cover whatever they wished during the time of the Olympics until October of 2008. This includes interviewing whoever is willing to talk and taking footage of any protests that might be occurring at that time.

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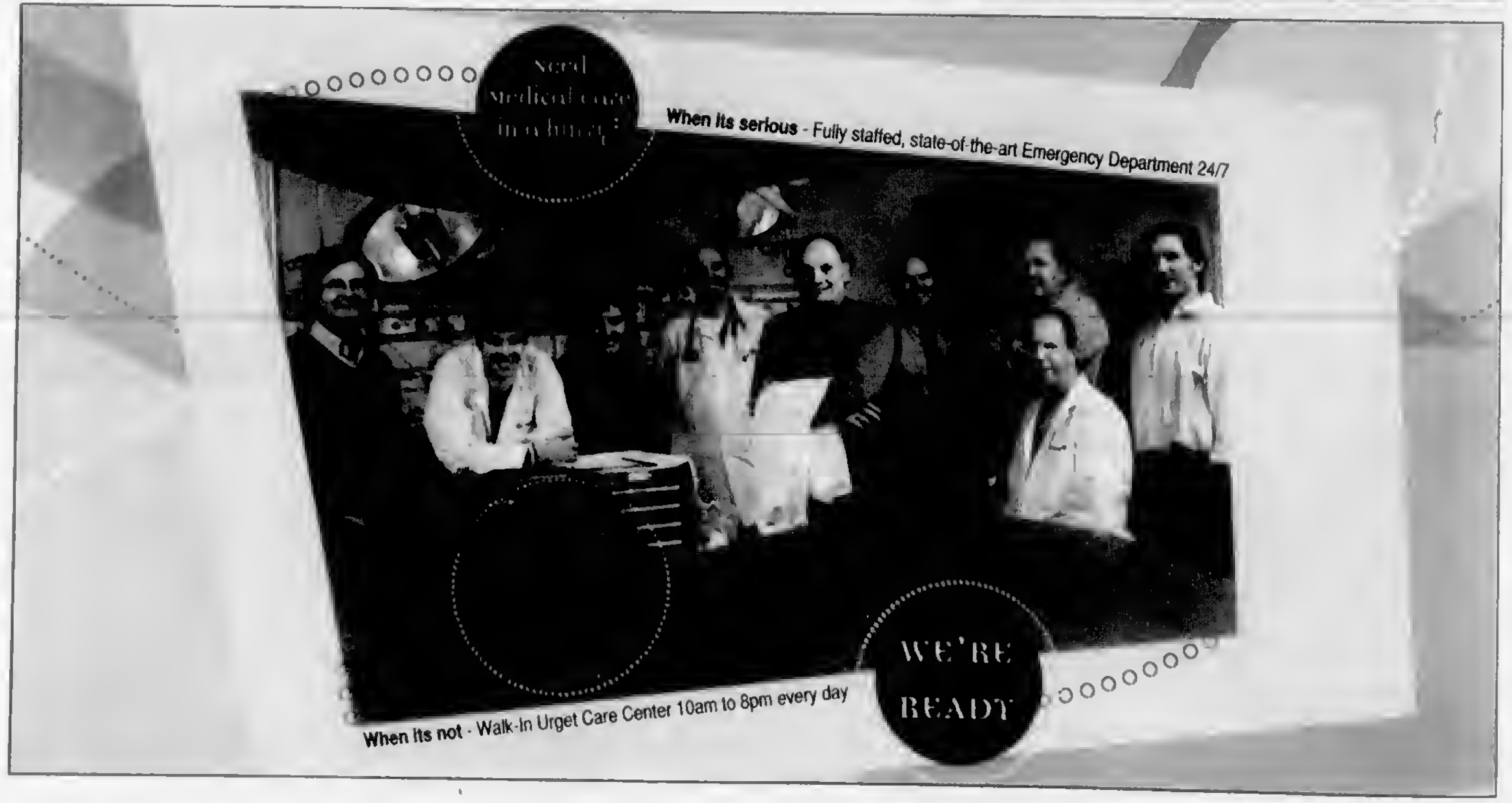
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Another reason not to shop in China

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should probably just forget about it. Wait another four years until the games goes somewhere a bit less problematic, or better yet, wait two years for the winter games.

According to The Times Online, a foreign tourist needs four different documents to get into Tibet: The Chinese Visa, the Tibet Permit, the Travel Permit for those planning to travel to closed areos of Tibet, and the Military Permit, which needs to be obtained by those traveling to military sensitive areas.

On a completely nonpolitical note, Beijing's pollution is so bad that the best distance runner in the world (Haile Gebrselassie, of Ethiopia) has decided not to participate in the marathon.

In fact, the IOC's President, Jacques Rogge said that he's considering postponing outdoor endurance events lasting more than an hour if the air quality is still as poor as it is.

Many athletes are actually training away from Beijing to avoid any damage to their lungs; the air is that bad.

China, however, has taken steps toward improving the air conditions. They've implemented a driving regulation, where half of the cars on the road will be removed from the street. Cars will be restricted on alternating days based on their license plate numbers ending in odd or even numerals.

One of the things China was counting on by hosting the Olympics was a boom of tourism. So much for that. Summer tourism in Beijing is way down due to people just not wanting to travel to China. The Chinese government seems to be more concerned over keeping foreigners out.

Instead, they should be inviting them in for the sake of their own businesses, rather than hosting a paranoid attitude about what the world thinks of them. Since the Olympics are coming to town, China also felt the need to make visa restrictions even tighter than they already are.

Let's say, hypothetically, that you do get into China. Unless you plan on sleeping on the streets, a hotel room in Beijing is going to cost you anywhere from $500 to $2,000. The world economy is slumping, so, how many people can really afford that unless they are in fact a die-hard Olympics fan who also happens to be a sadist.

As if all of this weren't enough, tickets for the games are scarce enough.

So, if you don't mind blowing gobs of money on a sporting event this summer, in China no less, plus dealing with an assortment of governmental restrictions, running into protesters, breathing in some of the world's most polluted air, and fighting through busy streets, then have fun and good luck at the summer games!

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, July 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

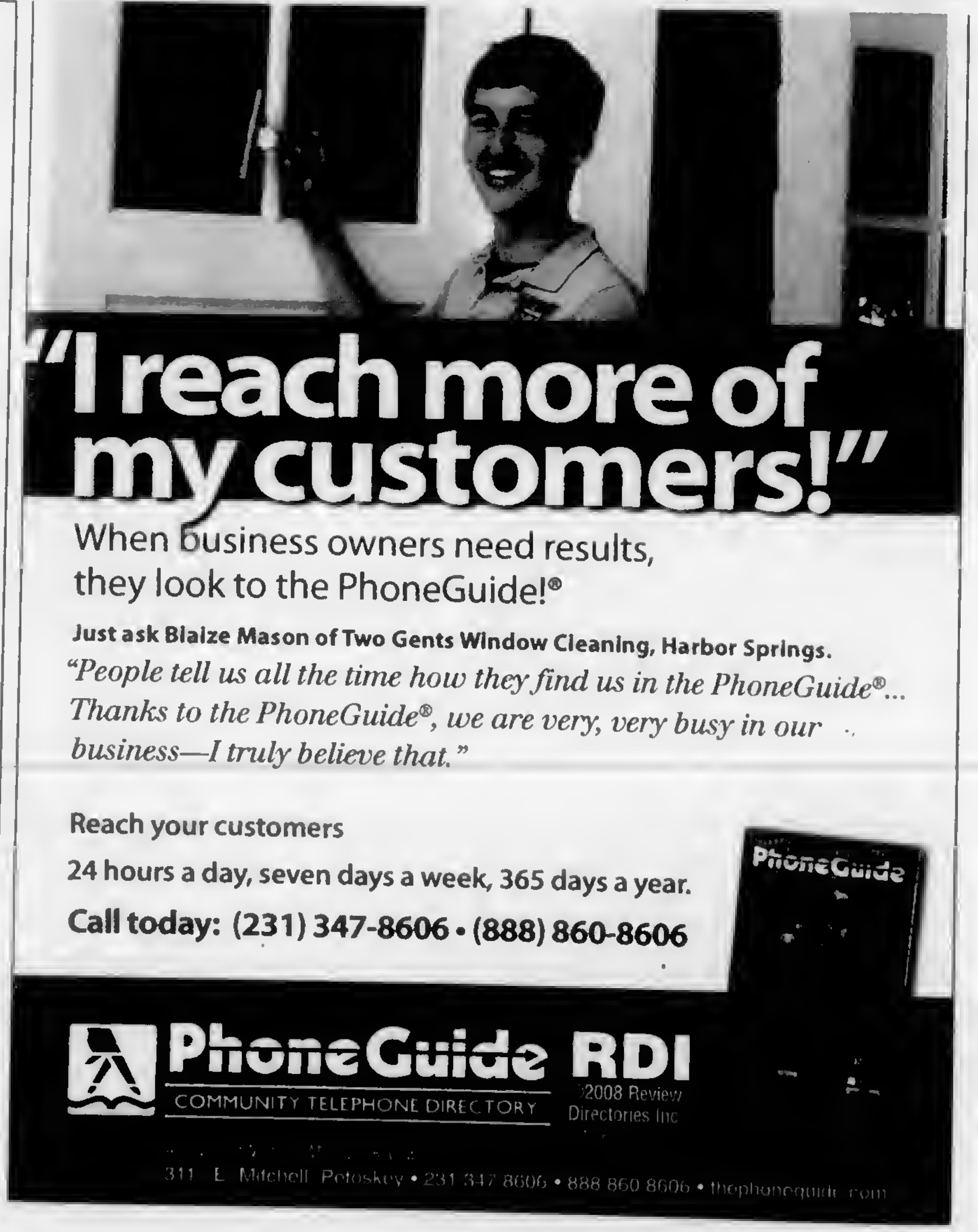
The following proceedings took place:

- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend chapter 22 of Title II of the City Code to change State department references and add an annual testing requirement to backflow prevention assemblies.
- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend chapter 22A of Title II of the City Code to correct legal descriptions of impact areas.
- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code to grant a gas franchise to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.
- Motion passed accepting the resignation of Dianne Clifford DuPont from the Housing Commission.
- Motion passed to reconsider the motion passed at the July 7, 2008 meeting increasing the journeyman lineman wage rate by $4.00/hr.
- Motion passed increasing the journeyman linemen hourly rate to $28.88 for recruitment purposes, with the effective date being the first day of work for a newly recruited, qualified journeyman lineman; at which time the higher wage will be paid to existing, on the job, union, journeyman linemen.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for the 2008 power line tree trimming to Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
- Motion passed appointing City Treasurer Rick Brandi as officer delegate and Fire Chief Paul Ivan as alternate for the 2008 MERS Annual Meeting.
- Resolution 2008-07-05 adopted. Free Launch for NuCore Triangle and Red Fox Regatta.
- Resolution 2008-07-06 adopted. Liquor License Transfer from T.H.P.P. Enterprises, Ltd. (Charly's) to Edgewater Bistro, Inc.
- Ordinance 731 of 2008 enacted, an ordinance to amend chapter 22 of Title II of the City Code to change State department references and add an annual testing requirement to backflow prevention assemblies.
- Ordinance 732 of 2008 enacted, an ordinance to amend chapter 22A of Title II of the City Code to correct legal descriptions of impact areas.
- Council had a discussion with Del Terrill, Jr. regarding redundant power poles on his property and the possibility of condensing the number of poles or putting in underground service.
- Council had a discussion with Charlevoix County Soil Erosion Control Officer and Drain Commissioner Marc Seelye on a proposed county-wide draft storm water control ordinance. Council directed staff to continue working with the county on this ordinance.
- Council discussed pedestrian, traffic and boat concerns with Police Chief Gerard Doan. Council directed staff to work with MDOT to see if the bridge tenders can better notify boats in the lake when the bridge is going up so they can start down the channel sooner.

Council adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 732 of 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.71(3) OF CHAPTER 22A: CITY WATER SERVICE-EXCLUSIVE WATER SOURCE OF TITLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY BY REVISING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPACT AREA CONTAINED IN SECTION 2.71 (3)

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 2.71 (3) of Chapter 22A of the City Code

A. Section 2.71 (3) of Chapter 22A is amended to read as follows:

(3)"Impact area" means the property located within the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows (and also illustrated in the attached map):

In the City and Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence South on North and South 1/4 line of said section 1138.50 feet; thence South 89o39'00" East 303.00 feet, more or less, to the Westerly line of the former C&O Railroad right-of-way, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description, thence continuing South 89o39'00" East 350 feet, more or less, to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence Southerly along said shore to the thread of Stover Creek; thence Westerly along the thread of Stover Creek to the Easterly line of former Highway M-66; thence Northerly along said highway 469.20 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Stover Road, thence West along said centerline of Stover Road to a point which is 1162.26 feet East of the centerline of May Street, thence North 330.00 feet; thence East 62.44 feet, thence North 165.00 feet; thence East 260.75 feet to the Northwesterly line of the former C&O Railroad right-of-way; thence Northeasterly along said railroad right-of-way to the POINT OF BEGINNING; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West. The above described property extends to the water's edge of Lake Charlevoix. (This area is called Impact Area A on the attached map)

AND ALSO.

Part of Sections 26, 34 and 35, T34N, R8W, City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, more fully described as: BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of Section 34, said corner being at the intersection of State Street and Carpenter Avenue, thence West along the centerline of Carpenter Avenue to the intersection of Grant Street, thence South 1906 feet, thence East to the centerline of US-31, thence northeasterly along the centerline of US-31 to a point that is 1419 feet south of the North line of Section 35; thence East, parallel with the North line of Section 35 to the centerline of May Street, thence North along the centerline of May Street to the intersection of Eaton Avenue, thence East along the centerline of Eaton Avenue to the intersection of Ferry Avenue; thence northerly along the centerline of Ferry Avenue and its extension to the south shore of channel between Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake; thence westerly along said south shore to the intersection of Antrim Street extended; thence West along the centerline of Antrim Street to the intersection of Bridge Street; thence South along the centerline of Bridge Street to the intersection of Wood Avenue; thence West along the centerline of Wood Avenue to the intersection of State Street; thence South along the centerline of State Street to the Intersection of Carpenter Avenue and the POINT OF BEGINNING. (This area is called Impact Area B on the attached map)

AND ALSO:

A part of the West 1/2 of Section 26, and a part of the East 1/2 of Section 27, all in T.34N.-R.8W., City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows; Commencing at the South Section Corner common to said Sections 26 and 27, also being the Intersection of the centerline of State Street with the centerline of West Carpenter Avenue; thence North along the Section Line common to said Sections 26 and 27, which is also the centerline of State Street, 672.9 feet to the centerline of Wood Avenue and the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence West 898.5 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Grant Street with centerline of Crain Street; thence continuing West along the centerline of Crain Street 288.1 feet to centerline of Beacon Street; thence North parallel with Grant Street 614.5 feet to the centerline of West Garfield Avenue; thence West along the centerline of West Garfield Avenue 474.9 feet to the centerline of Sherman Street; thence North along the centerline of Sherman Street 1930.1 feet to the centerline of Park Avenue; thence N.34°W. to the shore of Lake Michigan; thence Northeasterly along the shore of Lake Michigan extended to the south bulkhead of the Pine River channel; thence Southeasterly along the south bulkhead of the Pine River channel to Round Lakes' westerly bulkhead; thence Southerly along said bulkhead to the southerly bulkhead of Round Lake; thence Easterly along the southerly bulkhead and/or shore of Round Lake to the north extension of the centerline of May Street; thence South along said north extension of the centerline of May Street to the Intersection of the centerline of May Street with the centerline of Belvedere Avenue; thence continuing South along the centerline of May Street 1165.5 feet to the centerline of East Garfield Avenue; thence West along the centerline of East Garfield Avenue 837.3 feet to the centerline of Bridge Street; thence South along the centerline of Bridge Street 643.5 feet to the centerline of Wood Avenue; thence West along the centerline of Wood Avenue 487.1 feet to the centerline of State Street and the POINT OF BEGINNING. (This area is called Impact Area C on the attached map)

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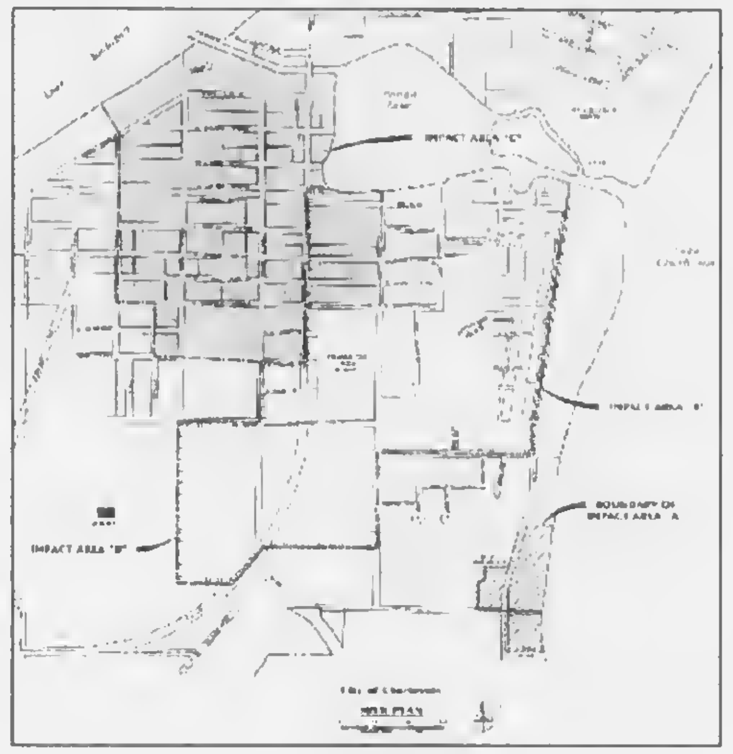

SECTION 2. Severability.

No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held in valid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part of portion of this ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ENACTED this 21st day of July, 2008.

Ordinance No. 732-2008 was adopted on the 21st day of July 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by:	Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by:	Councilmember Gabe Campbell

Yeas:	Picha, Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

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SPORTS reviewing the action

First Ryan Shay Mile a success

ELITE RUNNERS CAPTURE FIRST SHAY MEMORIAL

BY STEPHEN BELL
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITER

That Ryan Shay would be honored by a mile race must seem fitting to some area track fans, who recall his high school battle with Charlevoix's John Bush in the Bockmaster 1600-meter run at Petoskey's Curtis Field in the mid 1990s.

That was one of the rare races Shay didn't win, as he was a four time cross country state champion and six-time track state champion at Central Lake, and a nine-time All-American at Notre Dame.

Shay, then 28, died last November from a heart attack during the Olympic marathon trial in New York City. A select field — 10 runners in the men's race, 11 in the women's — gathered for the first Ryan Shay Mile, to compete in the sport its namesake gave his life to, Saturday in downtown Charlevoix.

Grant Robison of East Lansing won the men's road race in 4 minutes 3.2 seconds, while Dot McMahan of Rochester Hills was first in the women's race with a time of 4:35.

"In 2005, I was a teammate of Ryan's on the half marathon national team," McMahan said. "I remember what an intense competitor he was. This is a great way to honor him. It was a fun race."

McMahan, an 800-meter runner at Wisconsin-Milwaukee who now does distance for elite Detroit-area running club Hanson-Brooks, took home $1,000 for winning the race, plus $250 for leading at the halfway point.

"I haven't been running middle distance, but I got off to a nice start, then the last quarter mile was downhill," McMahan said. "In a mile race, you just do what you can."

Former Grand Valley State star Mandi Zemba was second in the women's race in [illegible].55, followed by former [illegible]ona State runner Desi DaVilla, 4:42.31, former Michigan State runner Lisa Senakiewicz of Davison, 4:47.30, and Andrea Parker of Livonia who ran at the University of Michigan, 4:49.15.

Second in the men's race was Jeremy Doherty of Missouri, 4:04.21, followed by Ben Rosario of Missouri, 4:06.98; Derek Scott of Indiana, 4:07.77, and Clint Verran of Hanson-Brooks, 4:08.96. Rondell Ruff was the half-mile leader.

"Rondell took it out pretty fast, and then by the three-quarters mark there was a group of three of us up front," said Robison, a 2004 Olympian and 1,500-meter NCAA champion at Stanford. "Then I just started sprinting with all I had."

Robison had competed almost solely on the track during the spring, so a road race took a little adjusting.

"The biggest difference is on the track, you always know where you are," Robison said. "In a road race, even though there were quarter mile markers, you don't have as accurate a pace. And, there are no spikes."

Also on Saturday, Stephan Shay, Ryan's younger brother, who runs for BYU, won the Jeff Drenth Memorial 10K in 31:23. Justin Zanotti was second, 32:22, and Tyler Nohle third, 35:18. Andrea Osika was the women's winner, in 42:19.

Stephen Fuelling of Milford won the Drenth 5K, in 16:30. Ben Wynsma was second, 16:38, and Tecumseh Adams of Harbor Springs third, 17:02. Ashley Casevant was first among women, 18:15.

Stephen Bell can be reached by e-mail at sbell@petoskeynews.com.

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Ryan Shay Mile winner Grant Robison (right) of East Lansing comes down the stretch ahead of runner-up Jeremy Doherty Saturday, July 26 in Charlevoix.

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Discover new trails from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Susan Creek Nature Preserve and Talmi Hoag Nature Preserve located along US 31 northwest of Charlevoix and southeast of Petoskey across from the Big Rock Restoration Site there will be guided tours.

Little Traverse Conservancy and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will be hosting a joint event, "Discover the Trails of the Susan Creek and Talmi Hoag Preserves."

Come and enjoy:

- Guided trail walks by knowledgeable naturalists leaving every hour
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- A chance to meet the staff of LTC and LTBB

LTC's Susan Creek Nature Preserve and LTBB's Talmi Hoag Nature Preserve lie adjacent to each other on US 31 between Charlevoix and Petoskey in Hayes Township (near the former site of the Big Rock nuclear plant). Together, the preserves encompass 278 acres and more than 1.5 miles of scenic US 31 frontage.

The Preserves include more than a mile of Susan Creek (a major tributary to Little Traverse Bay), dense evergreen and hardwood forests, meadows, ferny ravines cut by surface drainageways through old post-glacial lake terraces, and stream side bluffs.

This high-quality habitat attracts abundant wildlife. There are some interesting cultural features to note as well, including ponds excavated by a former owner and what appears to be an old railroad grade and stream crossing trestle (now collapsed).

All of this is accessed by a gentle 2.1 mile long trail system that was just completed last summer.

"In spite of the close proximity to Petoskey and Charlevoix and the attractive features, these Preserves seemingly remain 'off the radar' for many area outdoor enthusiasts" said LTBB Environmental Services Director, Rachel Schwarz. "We're co-hosting this event in an effort to change that by showcasing the Preserves and their trails."

The event is free to the public and no reservations are necessary. Please call either the Conservancy office at 347-0991 or the LTBB office at (231) 242-1670 for directions or more information.

Since 1972, the Little Traverse Conservancy has been working as the oldest regional, non-profit land trust in Michigan. With the support of more than 4,200 members, the Little Traverse Conservancy works with private landowners and units of local government to permanently protect ecologically significant and scenic lands from development.

Since it was founded, more than 35,930 acres and 98 miles of shoreline along our region's lakes, rivers, and streams have been set aside to remain in their natural state within Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Mackinac and Chippewa counties.

Each year, thousands of school aged children participate in an environmental education class offered at no charge through the Conservancy.

For more information about the Little Traverse Conservancy, please contact their office at 347-0991 or visit www.landtrust.org.

Birders enjoy a walk along the trails of the Susan Creek Preserve. More than two miles of trails are available between the Susan Creek and Talmi Hoag Nature Preserves located just northwest of Charlevoix.

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Pat McKeown of Pat McKeown Ford Inc. was recently presented a plaque, honoring his 25th anniversary with Ford Motor Company. The honor was presented by James Farley, Group Vice President for Marketing and Communications for Ford Motor Company at the Grand Traverse Resort. Pat came to Charlevoix in November of 1981 and purchased the dealership from the Erber family the year later. Pat and his wife Barbara of 43 years and children Pat Jr., Kerry Zahner and Rory thank the city of Charlevoix for their kindness and help in growing the business over the past 25 years.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Food and art merge

In the heart of downtown Charlevoix, overlooking East Park and beautiful Round Lake Harbor, Sadie and Jake's Gallery and Café recently held their grand opening.

The cafe and gallery opened during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

It's family owned and operated. Sadie and Jake are sister and brother.

They've spent their summers in Charlevoix for years.

At 327 Bridge St., the café will feature gourmet coffee from Zingerman's of Ann Arbor.

They'll also have espresso, chi tea, iced coffee drinks, and fresh fruit smoothies. The menu includes a variety of grilled panini, and fresh, "Sailing Salads," an array of greens and cheese trays for those on the go. The café serves and offers sandwiches, bagels, fresh fruits, daily soups, kosher Coney dogs, a children's menu and deserts. Sweets include Zingerman's famous Magic Brownies and Cream Cheese Coffee Cake, pastries, Sander's Ice-cream puffs, cheese cake and a selection of fresh baked pies and cookies.

Guests enjoy views of the harbor in the outdoor seating and they will be providing evening entertainment. The cafe is also Wi-fi ready.

The gallery includes works from local and regional artists. Paintings, paper art, fiber art, ceramics, jewelry, and an array of mixed media will be on display for purchase.

Sadie and Jake's is open from [illegible] a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 547-2097 for more information.

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As your County Clerk, I will make sure your calls are answered personally, people will be treated with respect and any information given will be correct. My personal experience as a businessman will allow me to operate your clerk's office professionally, giving you the accurate and courteous service you expect.

As it is now, we are facing some weak economic times; this is something that has to be addressed not only at the Federal and State level, but especially at the local level. I have the business background that can make tough decisions, also keep in mind the need of our citizens. In the coming years we are going to need someone who has been in the trenches, and not just working in an office for a long time. I have this experience as I was self employed for 18 years, in a business that I started in 1977 and sold in 1995. This business is still running strong today because of the foundation that it was built upon years ago.

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• The Belvedere Club provided 18 volunteers and all the baked goods for the Red Cross Community Blood drive held on Thursday, July 17 at the Community Reformed Church. A total of 85 blood units were processed from Charlevoix participants and sent on for distribution. Over 100 persons presented themselves as potential donors. The blood collected could affect up to 255 patients. Members of the Belvedere Club Community Relations Committee and their families handled the volunteer tasks of registration, donor aides and serving refreshments from the canteen. Belvedere members also provided all the baked goods for the donors, volunteers and Red Cross staff. The Belvedere Club encourages teenage participation in community projects. A crew made up of Rogers Mueller, plus Cody Autterson and his two friends from Colorado, Tyler Jackson and Jake Stroud very efficiently handled the Red Cross truck unloading/re-loading and equipment set-up/take-down tasks. Support for the blood drive is part of Belvedere's "hands on" help commitment for the community of Charlevoix. Helping Charlevoix maintain their excellent reputation as generous blood donors has been a priority task for the past three summers.

Law enforcement

• At around 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies, Allied EMS and Petoskey Department of Public Safety Officers were called to respond to the area of Townline Rd. and Charlevoix Rd. in Hayes township for an unknown injury accident involving a male and a riding lawn mower.

Officers and EMS personnel were able to make contact with Jerold Earhart, a 29 year old male from the Bay Shore area who was passed out alongside Townline Rd. near Charlevoix Rd. Earhart appeared to be intoxicated and to have suffered minor injuries from a fall he sustained while operating a riding lawn mower in the roadway. Witnesses say that Earhart appeared to be slumped over the wheel of the riding lawn mower that was going in circles in the intersection of Townline Road and Charlevoix Road in Hayes Township. Witnesses stated that Earhart appeared to regain control of the riding mower when he again passed out behind the wheel, at which time Earhart was thrown from the riding lawn mower. The riding mower continues on until it struck a tree and a yard ornament where it continned to run until a witness turned the mower off. Earhart was questioned at the scene and could not recall operating the riding lawn mower, however witnesses could place Earhart on the riding mower. Earhart was given a Preliminary Breath Test, which resulted in a blood alcohol content of .441%, more than five times the legal limit. Earhart was placed under arrest for the offenses of Operating While Intoxicated 3rd offense, and Driving While License Suspended 1st offense. Earhart was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was seen by a physician, released to Deputies, and lodged at the Charlevoix County Jail. Earhart was released on a $5,000 bond and was expected to appear in court on Tuesday, July 29.

• Sheriff George T. Lasater and Acting Undersheriff Chuck Vondra are presenting the Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award to Margeaux Leakas and Lacy Flanigan. The awards will be presented at 11:30 a.m. on Monday July 21. These two young ladies are employees of the Belvedere Club. The incident they are being recognized for is as follows: At approximately 3:24 p.m. on Saturday, June 21st Robert Leitz, 64 of Sister Bay, Wisconsin was operating his vessel in Round Lake when a speed adjustment caused him to fall from the vessel. His safety lanyard and life vest were not being worn which caused the vessel to continue to run and eventually turn and strike Mr. Leitz, who was already exhausted from swimming after his vessel. Mr. Leitz was rescued from the water by the two young ladies and brought to shore where he was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital for lacerations to the upper right side of his body

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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!

General

MAINTENANCE PERSON

Resort community in Petoskey, MI area looking for person with broad range of maintenance and caretaking skills. Knowledge of grounds maintenance, snow removal, carpentry, paint, drywall repair, basic plumbing, basic electrical, & other duties as assigned. Must be able to bend, stoop, climb ladders, lift 50 lbs. Must be able to work unsupervised. Year around full time employment with benefits. Please send resume and cover letter to: Send reply to File 833, c/o Petoskey News-Review, 319 State St., Petoskey MI 49770.

Trades

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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

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OFFICE MANAGER OR SECRETARY

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Hospitality

NIGHT AUDITOR

Friday and Saturday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Additional hours available. Holiday and vacation pay. Apply in person Comfort Inn Petoskey.

Office

RECEPTIONIST

Independence Village of Petoskey has a full-time position available. Candidate must have excellent customer service skills, a pleasant telephone voice, computer skills in Word and Excel. Benefits included. Apply at Independence Village, 965 Hagar Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770.

New Today!

Sales

LEADERS

Looking for three leaders to open this area. Earn corporate income in jeans. Betsy 231-347-8998.

0990 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

ATTENTION ANTIQUE collectors Clocks and Baby Ben's and Boudoir. Victrola with cylinders Old fishing reels. (231)347-7206.

1000 GARAGE SALES

CHARLEVOIX: 5285 Marion Center Road, (directly across from high school) Friday 9-5pm, Saturday 9-3pm. Huge multi-family sale. New drop-in range and convection microwave, dryer, changing table, car seat, lots of quality children's and adult clothing, metal working equipment, new tupperwear, household items and lots more.

CHARLEVOIX: 11400 Sequanota Heights, (near fronton), Friday and Saturday, 8 to 4. Emptying a storage unit. A bit of everything and it's all got to go!

EAST JORDAN: 2535 M-66 south, Friday & Saturday, 9-3pm. Boys clothes $3 per bag. Bike seat for child. Lots of pre-schools toys plus others.

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1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

CHARLEVOIX PHOTOGRAPHS

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OAK DINING room set, table and 6 chairs, $1,500. Catalina 6 person hot tub, $2,000 (231)347-5411.

1350 SUPER SAVERS ITEMS UNDER $1000

BOW FLEX Extreme, excellent condition. $350 or best offer. Free delivery. (231)242-4142.

1390 LAWN & GARDEN

SPRUCE, PINE, Balsam and maples. Nice selection 3' to 12'. Delivery/install available. Tryban Trees, (231)420-0971, Dan.

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SWEET and **TART** cherries, pick your own or place orders for ready pick. Tart with free pitting. Open Sunday through Friday, 8 to 6, closed Saturday. Rosenthal Orchards, Barnard Rd., Charlevoix. (231)547-4350.

1440 WANTED TO BUY MISCELLANEOUS

HAYING EQUIPMENT Wanted 9' mower, rake and square baler, used. (231)582-5440.

1540 BUSINESS & INCOME PROPERTY

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1620 MOBILE HOMES/SITES FOR SALE/RENT

CHARLEVOIX ESTATES
Excellent Starter Home
1998 Modular Home
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TIRED OF the high cost of living? Excellent clean, 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home with access to fire pit, trout stream. Share 14 acres with owner. Everything included. $650 plus security deposit. No pets. (231)536-3439

1690 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX NORTH SIDE

Commercial space, 1,300 sq. ft. $750 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One (231)547-5100.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX

Located downtown by the bridge. Large, 1 bedroom, 2 bath with hot tub and pool. Available weekly or monthly. Rent negotiable. Low winter rates. Call (231)881-3528.

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom 2nd floor apartment. Close to stores, beach and work at 101 Park Avenue. Priced reasonably at $400 per month plus utilities. Also available furnished for an additional $100 per month. Call Amy at (231)547-7916.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

RENT A LOG HOME

On Susan Lake in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

CHARLEVOIX, 2 bedroom, ideal for couple, near public beaches with lake view. Call owner for application with references only. (231)547-6321.

CROOKED RIVER/ Inland waterway, 2 bedroom completely furnished, boat slip or 1 day pontoon rental free. No pets. $750 Weekly, call about daily or monthly rates. (231)548-5802.

1710 RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT

Rent This!

BEAVER ISLAND

QUAINT, 100 year old farm house for WEEKLY rental. 1-1/2 miles to town and beaches. Sleeps 8. $400 per week. Deposit required. (231)547-6429, leave message or (231)448-2025.

1730 ROOMMATES TO SHARE RENT

CHARLEVOIX CLOSE to town. Huge newer home to share with the right person(s). $500 plus 1/2 utilities. (231)330-1030.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

SELF STORAGE UNITS

50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS Charlevoix Mini Storage. (231)547-5838. Closed Thursdays

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT EQUIPMENT

Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply. 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

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CKC CHIHUAHUA puppies, 1 weeks old, black and white. $600 each, taking deposit. Mom, 4 lbs., Dad, 3 lbs. (231)350-1309.

PUREBRED BLOODHOUND intact male, 1 year old. Mother and Father are bear and coyote trackers. New baby, no time. $300 or best offer. (231)838-9536

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

1999 MAZDA Miata, 5 speed, power windows/steering, cruise, 103,000 miles, dark green, great shape. $5,900. (231)547-3817.

2005 SUBARU Outback LL Bean Edition, excellent condition, black, 36,500 miles. $18,900. (231)838-4422.

2006 TOYOTA Camry LE, loaded, 36,000 miles, 4-cylinder, 30+ mpg, 1 owner. $14,650 or best offer. (231)881-5905.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1995 CHEVROLET Conversion van, runs well, everything works, heavy duty trailer hitch. $4,000 or best offer. (231)347-4308.

1996 OLDSMOBILE Silhouette, 111,000 miles, Power Slider, seats (7), leather interior, keyless entry, $3,900. (231)536-0481.

New Today!

2001 FORD-E250 Cargo Van, includes exterior ladder rack, interior tool bins, great condition, $5,900. (231)675-7711.

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2001 JEEP Cherokee Sport, 4x4 loaded 74,000 miles, excellent condition, $7,600 or best (231)582-6175

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SWEET

2001 Chevrolet ZR2 package Blazer, excellent condition $6,500 or best (231)838-6027

1950 HEAVY EQUIPMENT

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New Today!

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New Today!

1992 26' Thompson, Santa Cruise, excellent condition, shore station boat hoist included. $14,900. (231)409-1500.

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BOAT SLIP 44'x17' at Harborage Marina, Boyne City. $89,000, 5% down, land contract or $2,400 rent balance of 2008 season. (231)631-3333.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011257-DE

Estate of Robert C. Miles Jr., Deceased.
Date of Birth: 09/20/1936

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert C. Miles Jr., who lived at 10504 Boyne City Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan died on June 28, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David L. Miles, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: July 24, 2008.

Scott Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

David L. Miles
109 Park Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-6736
(L-07/30)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

JOHN J. McQUILLAN P.L.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default.

Mortgage made by *George Wallace and Carol Wallace*, his wife, *Troy S. Wallace*, a single man, *Jill M. Bell*, a married woman of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagors, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.*, a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004, in Liber 648 at Pages 897-909 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars.* The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse (that being the building where the Charlevoix County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, thence North 0 09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 4060.00 feet to the North 1/8 line, as monumented, thence North 87 20'50" West along said 1/8 line 320.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 87 20'50" West along said 1/8 line 605.00 feet, thence South 52 47'08" West 1342.02 feet to the shore of Nowland Lake; thence South 42 28'00" East along said shore, 200.00 feet, thence North 59 48'30" East 1798.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

Subject to and together with a road and utility easement 66 feet in width, the center line of which is described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, thence North 0 09'34" West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 1860.03 feet, thence South 72 30' West 362.70 feet, thence North 17 30' West 619.74 feet, thence South 72 30' West 379.17 feet to the center line of Brock Road, thence South 25 15' East along said center line 74.21 feet, thence South 52 48'25" East along said center line 216.15 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 24 58'25" East 125.45 feet; thence on a curve to the right 71.11 feet (radius of said curve is 39.30 feet, long chord bears South 26°51'35" West 61.80 feet, thence South 78°41'35" West 215.00 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet, thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet; thence North 17°30' West 200.00 feet, thence North 23°05'40" West 196.24 feet, thence North 17°30' West 140.00 feet; thence North 39°32'43" West 64.73 feet; thence North 33°28'33" West 208.04 feet; thence North 27°52'39" West 221.93 feet; thence North 22°30'22" West 213.46 feet; thence North 27°35'30" West 208.33 feet; thence North 37°28'15" West 208.88 feet; thence North 30°10'49" West 230.80 feet; thence North 42°11'29" West 365.87 feet to a line that bears North 41°43'19" East, being the point of ending.

Property Tax Code No. 006-119-015-00.

Commonly known as 2589 Hidden Valley Lane, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee
7254 Michigan Avenue
P.O. Box 560
Pigeon, MI 48755-0560

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

JOHN J. McQUILLAN P.L.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default.

Mortgage made by *Wallace Holdings, L.L.C.*, a Michigan limited liability company of 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, Michigan 49729, as mortgagor, to *Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.*, a national banking corporation of 7254 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 560, Pigeon, Michigan 48755-0560, as mortgagee, dated October 26, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds on November 8, 2004 in Liber 648 at Pages 884-896 of Charlevoix County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is *One Million One Hundred Eighty-six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 94/100 ($1,186,160.94) Dollars.* The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

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The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a 3/4 inch steel bar at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, as monumented, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 33.02 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road, thence continuing along said 1/4 line, North 00°04'12" West (recorded as North 00°03'30" West) 826.92 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 88°13'10" West 959.94 feet (recorded as North 88 13'04" West 960.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°02'20" East 269.92 feet (recorded as South 00°03'30" East 270.00 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod, thence South 46°39'35" West 493.88 feet (recorded as South 46°38'46" West 493.54 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented, thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°00'36" East 2912.56 feet (recorded as North 00°00'18" East 2913.05 feet) to a 1/2 inch rod which is recorded as being 800.00 feet South of the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along a line recorded as being parallel with said North 1/8 line South 88°08'32 East 1685.16 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of the West 3000.00 feet of said Section as monumented, thence along aforementioned line, North 00 04'41" East (recorded as North 00 04'04" East parallel with the West line of said Section, 800.39 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section, thence along said 1/8 line as monumented, South 88 08'32 East 301.25 feet to a point in the centerline of Flag Road, thence Easterly along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 232.22 feet (radius of said curve is 468.66 feet, the central angle is 28°23'23" and the chord bears South 60°10'12" East 229.85 feet); thence continuing along said centerline, South 45°58'30" East 493.77 feet, thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 127.18 feet (radius of said curve is 986.93 feet, the central angle is 07°23'01" and the chord bears South 42°17'00" East 127.09 feet) to the East 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 54.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°01'04" East (recorded as South 00°01'01" East) 736.82 feet to an iron stake on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence continuing along said East 1/8 line, South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 2579.27 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of Metz Road; thence continuing along said 1/8 line South 00°12'20" East (recorded as South 00°11'58" East) 33.01 feet to the South line of said Section; thence along said Section line and along the centerline of said road, North 88°53'08" West 1317.24 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

Property Tax Code No. 014-005-015-10.

Commonly known as 10505 Metz Road, Ellsworth, MI 49729

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A §600.3240(12).

DATED: June 26, 2008

THUMB NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO. Mortgagee
7254 Michigan Avenue
P.O Box 560
Pigeon, MI 48755-0560

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: [illegible] the [illegible] prior [illegible] with the above mentioned foreclosure, the Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 15, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on July 25, 2002, in Liber 479, Page(s) 183, et seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $102,290.52, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 7.99 percent per annum.
NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et seq., on August 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:
SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS FOUND IN DEED BOOK 411, PAGE 687, ID#008-029-001-75. BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: BEGINNING AT NORTH 1/8 POST ON THE EAST SECTION LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, 210 FEET SOUTH, THEN 210 FEET WEST, THEN 210 FEET NORTH, THEN 210 FEET EAST BACK TO POINT OF BEGINNING
which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2002 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number CV3356ABIN
The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.
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ROADS

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part-time office girl and some changes in how we segregated some duties, we got rid of that."

He added, "The only criticism our auditor had this year for us was that $63,000 of December 2007 state routine maintenance money that we received in 2008 was not recorded as 2007, it was recorded as 2008. I don't think it's a big issue, but that's why we have an auditor."

The road commission received total revenue of $6,259,944 from the following sources last year:

- Federal - $336,015
- State transportation - $3,122,184
- State economic development - $125,294
- Township contributions - $2,110,249
- Trunkline - $451,945
- other revenue - $114,257

Expenditures in 2007 totaled $5,942,627 on the following items.

- Preservation of structural improvements - $2,334,775
- Maintenance - $3,247,525
- Trunkline maintenance - $ 431,333
- Administrative costs - $437,817
- Equipment expenses (net) - $51,007
- Capital outlay (net) - $457,816

While the road commission was able to maintain roads, Ogden said continued decreases in federal and state revenue prevent the county from undertaking any new road projects.

Additionally, gas tax revenue for Charlevoix County is lower than it was 10 years ago.

"None of our elected representatives in Lansing are willing to address the funding issue. In fact the state legislature still continues to take road fund money to support non road agencies," Ogden said.

Michigan continues to be what Ogden called a "donor state" because it receives nearly 92 cents of what Michiganders pay in road taxes.

"That goes back to the Eisenhower administration back in the '50s. You had small populated states like Alaska and Wyoming that had large land areas. They made a case that they couldn't fund it (road projects) themselves, they needed help," he said.

Nearly all road improvement projects in 2007 were funded by local townships.

"Had it not been for them we would not have had a road commission construction program of our own," Ogden said.

Federal funds paid for eight-tenths of Thumb Lake Road.

Some of the main township-funded road improvement projects of 2007 include work done on .67 of a mile of Fineout Road, 4.44 miles of Ferry Road to Peninsula Road, 450 feet of Springvale Road and 1.31 miles of South Shore Drive.

To help balance funding, the road commission is not replacing employees who retire.

"We've lost three employees at our Ironton garage and the fourth employee is going to be retiring this fall/early winter," Ogden said. "We've been able to avoid layoffs, but just barely.

Other cost cutting measures include trimming the township cost sharing program, "by reducing free trucking when a township wanted to do a gravel project. But, we are still supplying the engineering work and some limited match money for seal coat and asphalt work."

Despite tough financial times, Ogden said, "The road commission's in as good a shape as possible for the cards we're being dealt.

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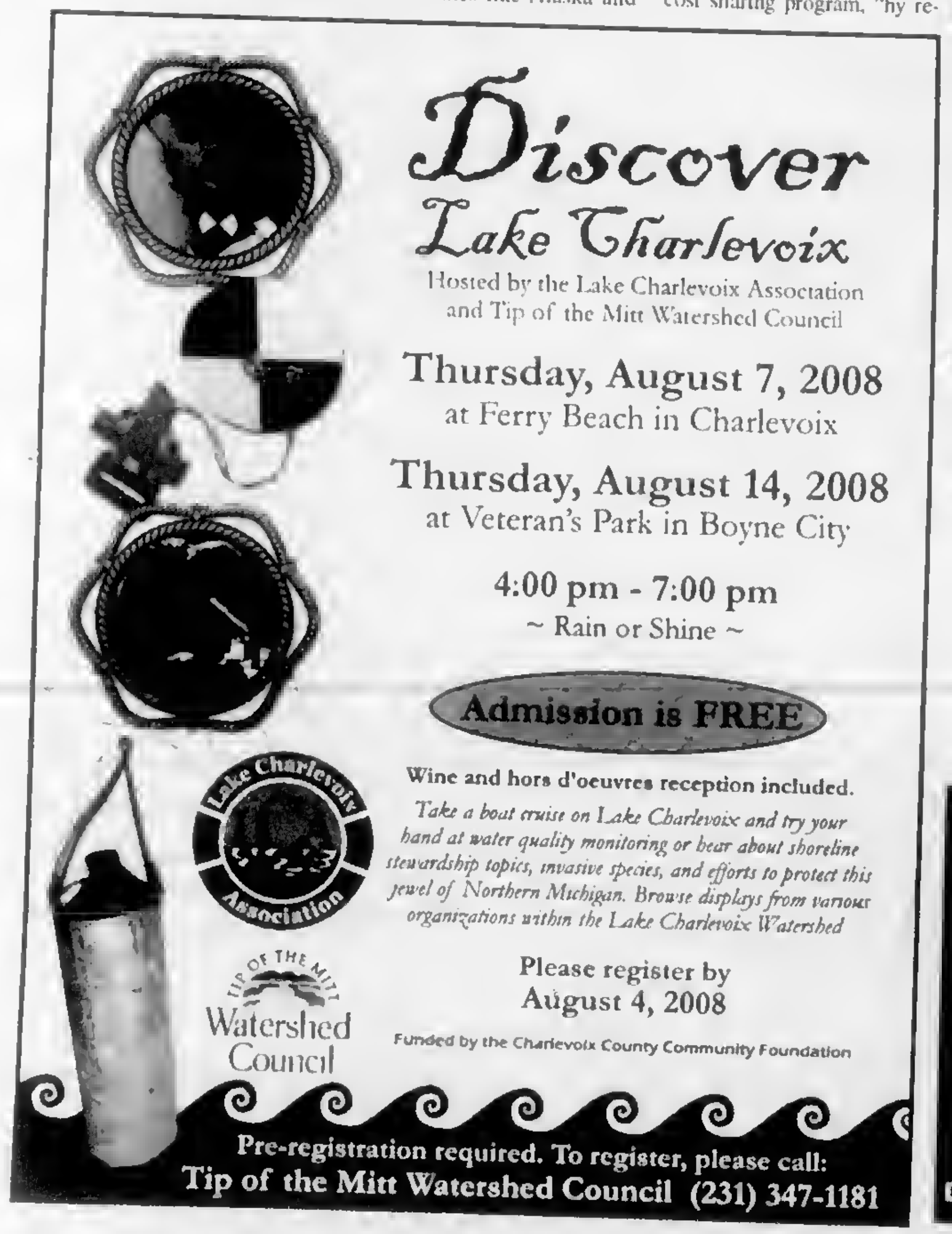
Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Keith Ogden is seen delivering the Charlevoix County Road Commission's annual report during a recent county board meeting.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- Catch the Reading Bug summer reading club is offered at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday through Aug. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library. To participate in a club, a child must visit the library, set a personal reading goal with the staff, and attend three library programs.

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JULY 30

Film. Mr. Art Critic with filmmaker Rich Brauer, 8 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library community room. Event is free, but donations will be accepted.

Mary Carter will be signing copies of her book "My Lake" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., July 30 at Maison and Jardin, 228 Bridge St.

JULY 30 THROUGH AUG. 3.

"Baroque on Beaver," a festival of classical music returns for its seventh year at 7:30 p.m. for the opening night at the Beaver Island Biological Station. At 7:30 p.m. at both Aug. 1, the music will be at Holy Cross Hall and Aug. 2, music will be at the Beaver Island Community Center and Aug. 3, there will be a 2 p.m. matinee at Holy Cross Hall, Beaver Island. For more information on the free event, visit www.baroqueonbeaver.com.

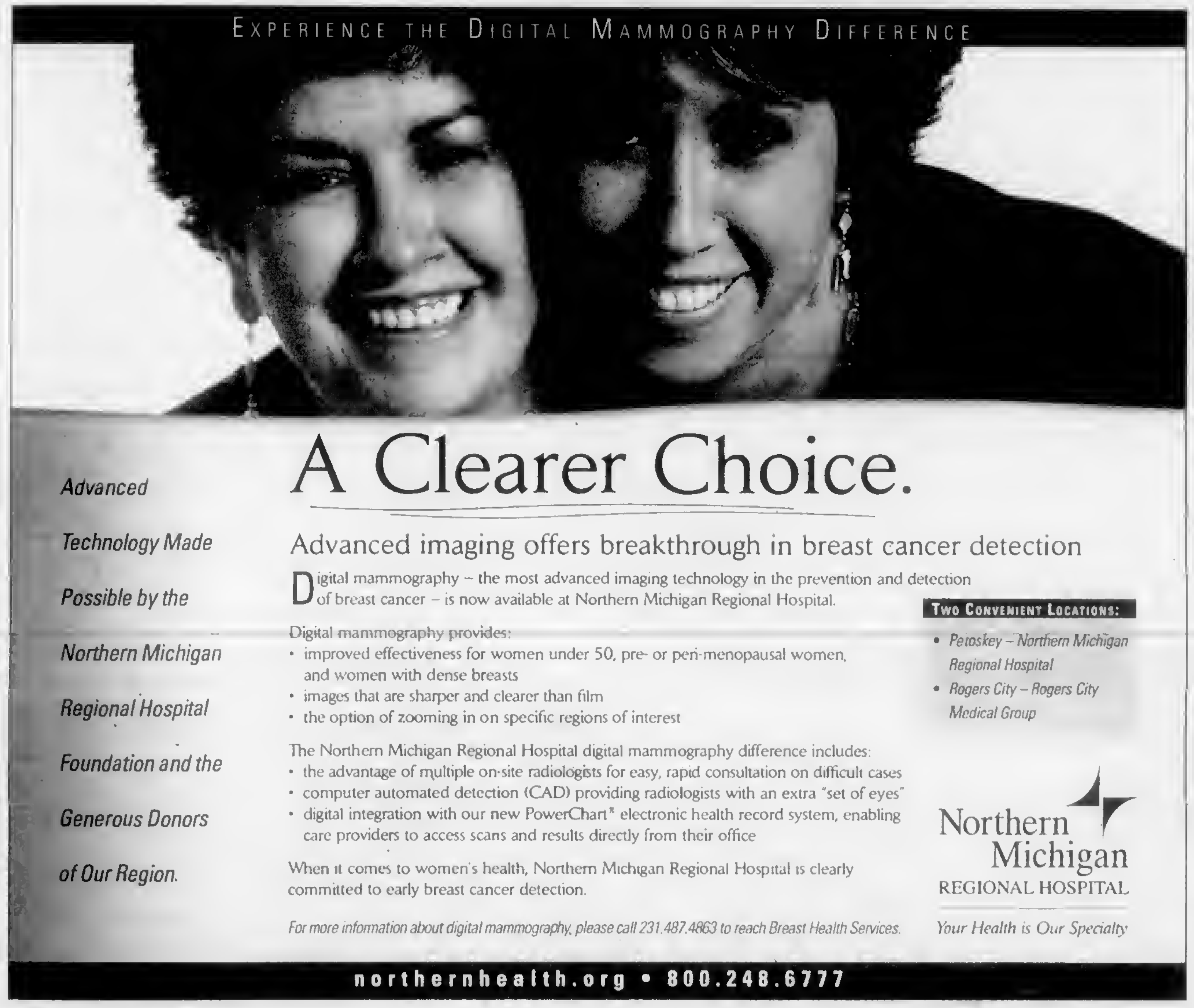
JULY 31

American Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m., July 31 at Beaver Island Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 38215 Kenwabikise Lane, Beaver Island.

The Charlevoix Historical Society is presenting an illustrated program that will trace the history and evolution of Charlevoix's 13 parks, recreational and public open spaces at 7 p.m. on July 31 at the Charlevoix Public Library's community room.

ROCKING RALLY

At 6 p.m., July 31 at Northern Lights Recreation Center in Petoskey, there will be a Rock the Vote concert with food and live music. This free event is intended to raise enthusiasm for this year's election. Volunteers will help new voters fill out registration forms and absentee ballot requests if they will be away from their homes in November. Funds to underwrite the event have also come from individual donors and area Democratic or-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AUG. 1

The Friends of the Jordan has been trying to work through the challenge of giving the public the opportunity to vote for their favorites from the entries to the annual photography contest while getting that input in time to have a calendar published and available for sale at the time for our annual Celebration in September. There is still time to get in your entry for the current photography contest. Entries will be accepted through Aug. 1. Get your pictures in and you may find yourself sharing in over $1200 in prize money to be awarded. Entry forms and additional information may be found also at www.friendsofthejordan.org. All photographs entered will be exhibited at the Fourth Annual Celebration on Saturday. Sept. 20. To facilitate printing of the 2009 Calendar, we are giving the public the opportunity to go online and vote for our Viewer's Choice Award from a compilation of photographs entered in the previous 3 years. The winning picture will be printed in the 2009 calendar.

AUG. 2

Heise Event: The Architecture of Alden B. Dow.

At 2 p.m. Regina Clark, Public Relations Director at the Alden Dow Museum in Midland will be discussing the architectural vision of Alden B Dow who was "never afraid to fail." Lecture and reception are in honor of library volunteers, Kay and Don Heise. Reservations appreciated. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

AUG. 3

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 3, at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix — Don Julin & The Neptune Trio

AUG. 7

It's that easy

At 7 p.m. It's That Easy: The High Vibe Guide to Attracting What You Really Want. Would you like to attract more of what you desire in life? Presenter and author, Dr. Beth Rosenthal will help you discover how to shift your vibrations and attract exactly what you desire! Adults and teens welcome. Dr. Rosenthal is an author, entrepreneur, teacher, facilitator and speaker. She holds MBA and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago and a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Charlevoix Public Library 220 West Clinton St. 237-7340.

The Lake Charlevoix Association will launch its new "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. at Ferry

Beach in Charlevoix.

CAH GUILD AUCTION

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild silent auction is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7 in the large classroom near the cafeteria. Call 547-3431 for more information.

AUG. 9

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Up North Network of BNI meets from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation to attend, please call Sam Bingham at 547-4062.

The next chance for ordering Angel Food will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 9 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. Delivery date for this order is 10 a.m. on Aug. 23. Pine River Apartments residents only may also order from 1 to 2 p.m. on Aug. 9 and make arrangements to have their food delivered to them if there is a need for that. Angel food is available to all in the community without restriction.

"My World" photography and mixed media by Rebecca Glotfelty and Watercolors by Kelly Wesner. The opening reception is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 9. Entertainment by Blues musician Martin Beneteau. The Cycling Salamander Art Gallery is located seven miles south of Charlevoix at 02217 U.S. 31 South.

Visit www.cyclingsalamander.com or call 547-2333 for more information.

Bier Art Gallery

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 9 at Bier Art Gallery six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse, there will be an art demonstration. It's a day to meet and talk with working artists, also refreshments will be available.

AUG. 11

Magical Mystery of the Sea

At 7 p.m. Underwater sea photographer, Ruth Petzold shares her passion for the sea and her work of artistic and humorous portraits. Born in Michigan, Ruth blends her love of nature into unique photographic images. Her work is a collection of artistic and humorous portraits of the sea and its curious inhabitants. Join us in this unique opportunity to meet the artist, hear her speak and see her work, some of which have been published in National Geographic magazine. Charlevoix Public Library 220 W Clinton St. 237-7340.

Lake Michigan Summit, 2008

Tip of the Mitt Watershed is hosting the 2nd Annual "Lake Michigan Summit 2008: Opportunities for Protection and Restoration" from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Aug. 11 at the Harbor Springs City Hall. The Summit includes a presentation by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council staff and a discussion of what we can do together to protect our magnificent waters of Lake Michigan and Little Traverse Bay. The Summit will involve a brief geological history of the Great Lakes, update on the current health of Lake Michigan and Little Traverse Bay, threats to the health of our waters, and opportunities for restoration and protection. "Because Little Traverse Bay is the focal point of our regional economy and quality of life, all residents should be interested in learning more about our water resources. The public's understanding and involvement are critical for safeguarding this invaluable resource." said Gail Gruenwald, Executive Director of Tip of The Mitt Watershed Council. Interested persons should RSVP by Aug. 8 to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council by contacting Jennifer McKay or Sandy Schreck at (231) 347-1181

AUG. 14

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Lake Charlevoix Association will host "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" at Veterans Park in Boyne City.

Republican Convention

At 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Charlevoix County Commissioner's room there is a meeting of the duly elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates to the county convention. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect delegates and alternatives to the Aug. 23 convention-to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The purpose of the State Convention is to elect 17 members of the electoral college and to nominate one Michigan Supreme Court Justice, two of the State Board of Education, two members each for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the University of Michigan Board of Regents, and for the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the State Convention. Only precinct delegates elected at the Aug. 5 primary election, the last recent Republican nominees for county and state legislative offices will be seated and considered eligible to vote at this convention.

Films: Song of the Lakes: Live at Interlochen, by Rich Brauer and Journey to Joy by Rebecca Glotfelty, at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room, 7:00 p.m.. Glotfelty will introduce the films and participate in question and answer period following. Event is free, but donations will be accepted.

From 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., there will be a Red Cross blood drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

AUG. 15

The Lake Charlevoix Association will host their annual meeting at 10 a.m. at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

AUG. 19

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

AUG. 22

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

AUG. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

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Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Tuesdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

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The following events and workshops are scheduled for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) located at 109 Clinton St. Call 547-2333 for more information on any of the following or visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

Adults Documentary Photography Workshop by S. Kay Young, 9 a.m.. to 1 p.m. at CCA. This adult program costs $60.

Aug. 5 and 6

Two-day introduction to glass head making workshop with Sherrie Styx; 9 a.m. to noon at CCA; For ages 12 and older; $100 includes all materials.

Aug. 8

Fabric Collage Angel Doll Workshop with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CCA. Adults and teens welcome. Cost is $60.

Aug. 11

Art Quilts 101 Class with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CCA for adults. Cost is $50.

Aug. 12

Kevin Devine's Summertime Sing-along Family Concert from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at CCA. Bring a picnic lunch and prepare to have a rollicking good time

Aug. 13

Songwriter's Bootcamp with Kevin Devine from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CCA. Adults and children 13 and older and children 9 and older if accompanied by a participating parent. Cost is $50.

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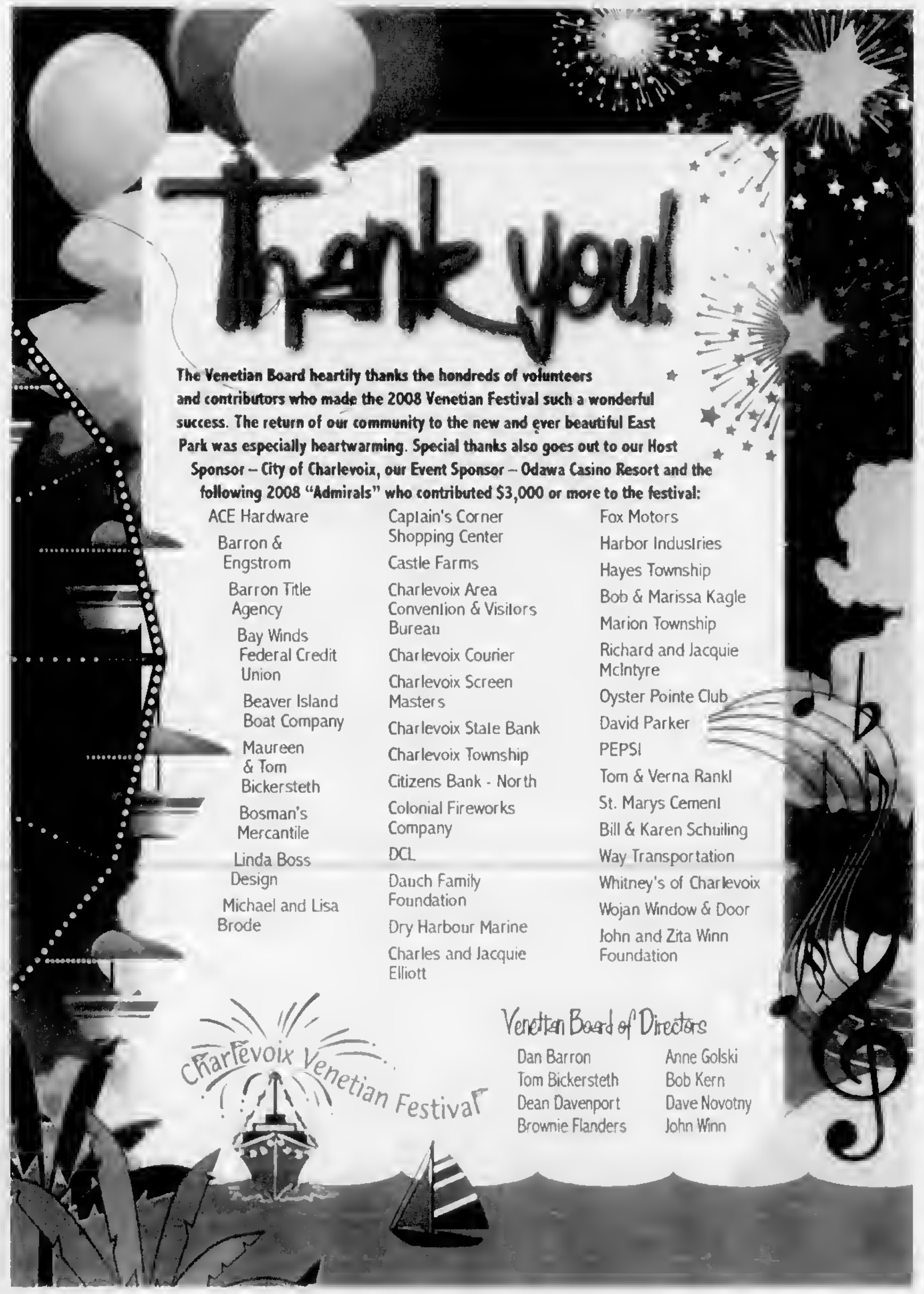
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Pontiac men busted with cocaine, heroin

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
COURIER EDITOR

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Quinn

Thousands of dollars in cash, cocaine and heroin were discovered during a traffic stop near the corner of U.S. 31 and Carpenter Street in Charlevoix.

The bust was a culmination of investigations by Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix Police and Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department.

"We were contacted by Cheboygan County yesterday morning (Wednesday, July 30) I contacted (Charlevoix Deputy-Chief of Police Scott) Hankins and throughout the day we worked on the case to resolve a few investigative issues and about 3:30 p.m. ... the end result was three search warrants," said acting Charlevoix County Undersheriff Chuck Vondra. "We had information ... that that vehicle would be going between Traverse City and Petoskey and that there would be controlled substances inside," Vondra said.

He added, "That led us to having the drug dog at the scene."

Hankins, who was on road patrol at the time, spotted the Monte Carlo driven by the suspects and stopped them for having tinted windows and a vision obstruction.

"The dog indicated on the vehicle; he smelled drugs and that was the probable cause to get the search warrants," said Charlevoix County Chief-Assistant Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara.

The two search warrants were executed on both suspects Brandon Anthony Quinn, 22, and Kristopher Winston Anderson, 31, both of Pontiac. A third warrant was attained to search a storage locker at an undisclosed mall in Traverse City. While the contents were important to the investigation, Vondra said, they were "nothing sinister."

Hankins said Quinn was observed during the stop try-

See DRUGS, page 20

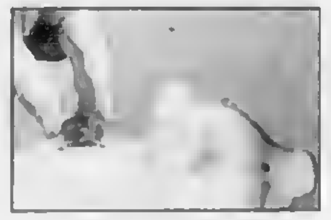
Oh deer!

Dr. Robert Blau was boating two miles north of East Jordan on Lake Charlevoix when he saw this white tall deer a quarter-mile from shore. Concerned the deer was a hazard to boaters, Blau guided it to shore using his boat and horn. Blau is a member of the United States Power Squadrons where he teaches marine electronics and weather courses for the Birmingham squadron where he is currently Commander. See page 7 for more "That's My Photo" submissions.

Photo by Robert Blau

Small steps equal big savings

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER



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It is no secret that prices of food, gas and services continue to rise, while Michigan's economy continues to suffer a series of economic strokes.

The following tips from local experts will help you get the most out of your family budget.

The car

"Keep the oil changed, it helps the car last longer," said Randy Maurer of Integrity Automotive. "Also, keep up with its maintenance in general. Things like keeping the tires rotated and keeping the tires up to the maximum pressure, which you can usually find on the side of the tire, are all things that will help your car run smoother."

Maurer also suggested keeping your fuel level above empty.

"In the summer time, a lack of fuel in your tank can cause the electric fuel pump to overheat," he said. "In the winter time, it's good to keep it filled because the moisture can cause problems as well and freeze something."

Maurer also suggested experimenting with different fuels.

See SAVINGS, page 3

Business booms in Charlevoix

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

If you take a walk down Bridge Street, you'll notice that just about every storefront is taken.

Business in downtown Charlevoix has been in an upward swing according to local owners. Many of them have been feeling the benefit of summer tourism.

"Location is prime," said Rob Straebel, City Manager. "Not only do we have a picturesque backdrop, but we also have a major highway going through the town."

Straebel said that Charlevoix has a great deal to offer visitors, especially during the summer. He said that people may be deterred to going out of state for vacation because gas prices are still relatively high and Charlevoix has a number of amenities to offer tourists.

As for every storefront being filled on Bridge Street, Straebel said that's definitely a positive. "That's a great thing. There's great momentum and vitality in the downtown business district," he said.

People all over the state of Michigan come up North because Charlevoix has the most picturesque waterfront in Northern Michigan, according to Straebel.

"We had a strong commitment from the DDA on the East Park project," Straebel said. "That's a great barometer that our local business owners have confidence in Charlevoix."

Even Dave Cole, the new owner of Car Quest, said he had no reservations about owning a business in Charlevoix. "I've lived here my whole life. I've been selling parts for 20 years," said Cole. "Even with the economy the way it is, you just have to understand that its going to bounce back."

Cole said that even with the day to day challenges of customer satisfaction and finding new customers in general, he doesn't see anything wrong with Charlevoix.

"One of my biggest challenges is competing with the

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Jeremiah Lee Zeitler, 25, Charlevoix. Attempted resisted arrest and obstruction. To serve 349 days in abeyance with 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $950 in fines and costs and attend three substance abuse meetings.

Dianna Elizabeth Howard, 23, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. To serve 30 days in abeyance with 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $980 in fines and costs and attend five substance abuse meetings.

Stephen Bradley Lafleur, 20, Indiatlantic, Fla. Minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol. To serve 30 hours of community service work. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Vicki, Lynn Lach, 52, Beaver Island. Driving while impaired. To serve 30 days in abeyance with five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $780 in fines and costs and attend five substance abuse meetings.

Dustin William Melvig, 21, Boyne Falls. Larceny of under $200. To serve 30 days abeyance with ten days of community service in lieu of ten days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $700 in fines and costs.

Kathleen Diane Fortune, 39, Elmira. Driving while impaired. To serve 30 days on electronic monitoring device; 47 days in abeyance with 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $885 in fines and costs.

Shelley Ireland Anderson, 47, Haslett. Driving without a license. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Brandin John Elzinga, 19, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property of more than $200 but less than $1,000. To serve 10 days on work release and 339 days in abeyance with 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $1840 in fines and costs.

Crystal Ann Legg, 24, Boyne City. Driving without a license. Pay $100 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

Kyle David Carson, 21, East Jordan. Driving without a license. To serve 13 days in jail with 13 days of credit. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Stephen Lawrence Sander, 50, East Lansing. Driving without a license. To serve four days in jail with four days of credit. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve ten days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Campbell's Cleanouts and Removal, P.O. Box 208 Waterman Road., East Jordan by Dave Campbell and Miki Ford

R. Scott Kelly Photography, 3660 38th St. NW #E-257 Washington D.C., by R. Scott Kelly

Prestige Hospitality, 118 N. Park St., Boyne City, by Kirsten L. Ploe

Boyne City Wear, 211 1/2 S. Lake St., Boyne City, by Bethany G. Revoir

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Jerome Campbell, 41, and Miki Lynn Ford, 29, both of East Jordan

James Byron Holm, 37, and Yvette Marie Harris, 44, both of Charlevoix

Chad Alexander Johnson, 23, and Victoria Anne Switzer, 21, both of Charlevoix

Gordon William Selph, 24, and Emily Etta English, 22, both of Charlevoix

James Robert Brown, 30, and Bethany Lynn Tomkins, 25, both of Boyne City

Brian Gene Herzberg, 33, and Kari Sue Hersha, 25, both of East Jordan

Jose Luis Beauvais Jr., 40, and Angela Marie Adams, 28, both of Brooklyn, NY

Douglas John Giles, 34, and Abigail Hickey Engelsmann, 31, both of St. Louis, MO

Stephen James Ward Jr., 22, and Jessica Ann Massey, 21, both of Boyne Falls

Thomas Edward May, 26, and Sarah Ann Lambert, 27, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Wade R. Gotts weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces was born July 23 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Richard and Marlena Gotts of East Jordan. His siblings are Wessley and Wyatt. His grandparents are Robert and Sheila Wilson of Boyne City, and Calvin and Gayle Gotts of East Jordan. His great grandparents are Clara Gotts of East Jordan, Edward and Naomi Baker and Aubrey Wilson, all from Boyne City.

Mia Griffin weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces was born July 19 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cari and Jeff Griffin of Boyne City. Her siblings are Morgan, Sydney, Conner, and Madison.

Rachel Marie Dhaseleer weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces was born July 29 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua and Tennille Dhaseleer of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Ellen and David.

Her grandparents are Anneke and John Pickering of Petoskey, Allan and Leslie Dhaseleer of Charlevoix, and Steve and Joyce Tchozeski of Belding. Her great grandparents are Charles and Darlene Dhaseleer and Agatha (Sanford) Matchett both from Charlevoix, and Anneke (Jan) Leenen from The Netherlands, and Bette (Henry) Tchozeski from Ludington.

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• Belvedere blood drive

The Belvedere Club provided 18 volunteers and all the baked goods for the Red Cross Community Blood drive held on July 17 at the Community Reformed Church. A total of 85 blood units were processed from Charlevoix participants and sent on for distribution. Over 100 persons presented themselves as potential donors. The blood collected could affect up to 255 patients. Members of the Belvedere Club Community Relations Committee and their families handled the volunteer tasks of registration, donor aides and serving refreshments from the canteen. Belvedere members also provided all the baked goods for the donors, volunteers and Red Cross staff. The Belvedere Club encourages teenage participation in community projects. A crew made

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SAVINGS

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"I'd suggest filling up your car with a tank of Shell fuel one week and then try Marathon the next, and then try Mobil or something different," he said. "See which brand of fuel gives you the most miles."

Some additional automotive money saving tips:

- Slow down — For every five mph you drive over 60, you lose 30 cents per gallon
- Lighten up — Every extra hundred pounds in your vehicle costs you two percent off your miles per gallon
- Stay tuned — You could save $100 a year by routinely changing plugs, wires, filters, oil and keeping your tires shipshape
- Avoid idling — There is an abundance of idling in Charlevoix due to the bridge; Turn your engine off any time you will be stopped for more than a minute and remember the bridge opens on every hour and every half-hour
- Don't get burned — Find a mechanic you can trust. An unnecessary repair, whether intentional or not, is an unnecessary financial burden you should not have to pay
- Use cruise — Cruise control and overdrive gear improve fuel economy by maintaining a steady speed and decreasing the amount of power needed to travel at higher speeds respectively

The bills

"In our current economy, which hasn't been so great and everything is down, we recommend that people take a little bit of it and put it in a savings account," said Rick Malamed of Citizen's Bank. "A checking account typically has a very small interest rate. So, that's why we suggest putting a little bit away into your savings because you're going to earn more."

Malamed also said Citizens offers a variety of Certificates of Deposit, or CDs.

"They're a great way of getting money quickly. There's usually a $1,000 minimum, but our bank offers CDs for periods of time from as low as seven days all the way to five years," Malamed said. "The longer the term you choose, the better the interest rate. Also, the bigger the amount you deposit, the better the interest rate as well."

Malamed also recommends taking advantage of such free services a bank might offer, such as online banking and their bill pay service.

"Online banking is a 24/7 service. You can get on the computer any time you want and transfer funds or figure out the balance on your checking account," he said. "With bill pay, we pay your bills on your behalf and guarantee it will arrive when it's supposed to. We pay the postage and everything. There's also the benefit of electronic statements, too."

Bill paying tips:

- Choose a free checking account which does not require a minimum balance
- Beware of ATM fees, some banks charge nearly $4 per transaction
- Cut unnecessary late fees and interest by paying bills a week in advance
- Ask your bank if they charge penalties for excessive ATM withdrawals or writing checks
- Shift credit card balances to a card with a lower interest rate

The groceries

"Shop the ads ahead of time," said Bob Borths, Store Manager at Oleson's supermarket. "That's what the ads are there for. There's usually a lot of buy one, get one free deals in there."

He added, "Use the coupons, that'll definitely save you money. Also, check the dates on the ads, make sure it's for the right week."

Spending 20 minutes looking through the weekend newspaper's coupons and sales circulars could save you big money.

Be sure to check the prices on larger quantity items as you will not always save money by buying in bulk. Some vendors charge more for the larger containers.

Join a food co-op where members save money by buying groceries in bulk.

Angel Food Ministries of Charlevoix is similar to a food co-op, but no membership or contracts are required. Anyone can buy as many units of name-brand groceries as they like for pennies on the dollar.

Angel Food Ministry officials in Georgia use the buying power of thousands of people across the United States.

Each month's menu is different, but following is a sample menu of what consumers could expect for $30: Four pounds of chicken leg quarters, four ounces of ribs, one pound of ground beef, two pounds of chicken tenders, 1.5 pounds of pork chops, one pound of ground turkey, 10 ounces of stuffed manicotti, 12 ounces of smoked sausage, one package of seasoned potatoes, seven ounce cheeseburger dinner, one pound of green beans, one pound of baby carrots, two pounds of onions, one pound of pinto beans, one pound of rice, seven ounces of blueberry muffin mix, package of 10 waffles and a dessert.

Angel Food will be taking orders from 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 9 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

The delivery date is 10 a.m. on Aug. 23.

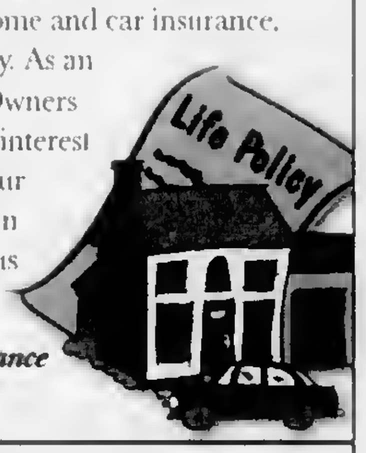
Fast Cash:

Following are a few ways to come up with money in a hurry:

- Have a garage sale — the unused household items you may consider throwing away could add up to real revenue with a simple yard sale
- Sell plasma — While some organizations only accept donations, there are others which will pay for your blood
- Classifieds — Your local newspaper is the perfect place to sell collectibles, furniture, cars, boats and just about anything else
- eBay — Auction sites such as eBay are a great place to sell smaller items like DVDs, CDs, collectible cards and action figures
- Consignment — Sell anything from a wedding dress to a classic guitar at Consign Design in Charlevoix, call 237-9773 for more information

Save money in the long run by getting a home energy audit. You may be losing hundreds of dollars a year due to poorly functioning water heater, lack of insulation, leaky windows and doors and outdated appliances.

In the end, simply keeping track of all income and expenditures in a notebook will help you better understand where your money goes.



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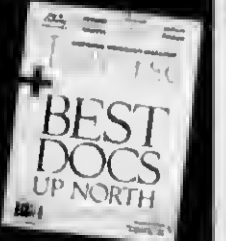

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Benches, bins good for Park

EDITORIAL

We applaud Keith Carey and the city's effort to add recycling/waste receptacles and more seating to East Park.

Carey and his team have been working to win a Waterfront Redevelopment Grant offered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). These monies are awarded to municipalities in an effort to revitalize their waterfront properties and require a 25 percent local match.

While the city was not given the full $73,831.50 toward their original $98,000 plan for which they asked, they were alerted earlier this month that they will receive $25,321.

To avoid creating a heavy financial burden in light of the lesser award, Carey was astute enough to alter his original plan to fit the grant monies available.

Carey's new plan features fewer benches and bins than he earlier wanted, but by scaling the project back to 10 benches, six waste receptacles and 12 recycling receptacles from the original 21, 14, 26 and two dog waste stations respectively, he saved the city more than $60,000.

The city's marina fund kicked in $3,400 and the DDA plunked down $5,355 toward costs and installation.

Carey must now work out the fine details with the MDEQ and East Park's new accouterments are likely to be ordered at the end of this summer and installed next spring.

Not only will the bins help keep the park gleaming and trash-free, but there will be dozens more spots for people to sit back, relax and enjoy Charlevoix's most interactive work of art.

'Look at Life' looks at Odds, ends in the news

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

All is well with the world in Charlevoix. We made it through another successful festival feasting on food, listening to the sounds of great music, viewing a family focused parade and taking in the site of fireworks that all except a few dogs could enjoy.

It's delightful to walk in our new East Park listening and observing children of all ages frolicking in the fountain while parents and grandparents secretly wish they were in on some of the action. When dusk permeates the air and the evening sky looks like black velvet, vibrant colors glisten in the streams of water dancing to the music. This awesome site is a veritable liquid fireworks display.

It was mentioned to me by someone viewing the park from their nearby apartment that when the town was lit up our fair city took on the appearance of a small Monte Carlo.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the festival and the new park on a job well done.

I was surfing the channels this morning and for the first time in months things were pretty calm elsewhere too.

The biggest noise on the Today Show was a guest telling Kathy Lee Gifford to be quiet for at least a minute.

Good for him; Her chatter distracts from the show.

Since Kathy Lee and life have quieted down, I thought "What better time than now to educate our readers with tidbits in the news?"

It's time for me to share the wealth of little known facts that bring about a healthier you.

Did you know that white American middle age men could increase their life span by eating more fish?

Japanese men who diet on fish daily have less plaque buildup in their arteries.

I checked in with my Asian friends living in the United States and some have atherosclerosis because they are not getting their omega3 fatty acids.

So it's not always genetics when it comes to health.

Did you know that inhaling scented candles for two or more hours is a health risk?

You can recognize the difference in the toxic candles because they emit black soot.

Go with unscented or soy instead.

Live plants in your home increases creativity and reduces your blood pressure just by seeing something fresh and green.

Non green thumbs beware, silk ones don't have quite the same value.

To fight off colds, this winter, grow a pot of English ivy in the house. It releases more moisture than most plants.

There is also the peace lily which is very good at creating natural moisture and thus reducing dry throats.

When you watch TV while eating, you are apt to eat more, so eventually your weight will increase; That truly is a couch potato.

I wonder if the same thing happens if you are watching TV in a restaurant?

Did you know the worst bathroom stall in a public restroom is the one dead center? It collects the most bacteria.

If you are prone to air sickness you should not sit in the rear of the plane due to the see-saw effect.

Toothbrushes should be kept in a drawer or cupboard. Leaving them on a sink poses a health risk since there is a spread of bacteria from a flushed toilet nearby. Now that's gross.

After working in the garden or lawn you should keep your shoes in an entry way and not in your bedroom closet. Allergens and contamination remain on your shoes for weeks.

Let those hot dishes like lasagna and casseroles cool for an hour on the counter before putting them in the refrigerator. Uneven cooling results in bacteria growth.

Coffee beans and ground coffee should be kept in an air tight container in the cupboard, not the fridge or freezer. Moisture from the cool temperatures will affect the taste.

I am sounding a bit like Heloise and her famous hints, but reminders do jog our memory. Now that I got all that off my chest, it's time to travel on down to Cross Fisheries to get my dose of omega3.

I'll be certain the TV is off during dinner, and tonight the toothbrush will get tucked away in a drawer and nowhere near my gardening shoes which have been contentedly contaminated most of the day.

Gayle Gennett's column appears bi-monthly in Charlevoix Courier. Gennett can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

Have you traveled less this summer due to gas prices?

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LETTERS to the editor

A WINN-ING ATTITUDE

Editor:

It has become a fun, family tradition to vacation in Charlevoix during the Venetian Festival.

This was our third year taking part in the activities, riding carnival rides with our children and enjoying wonderful musical performances and fireworks. The newly renovated East Park is truly a wonderful asset to the entire community.

Our children enjoyed the newly created splash park down near the marina.

As we were reading the Charlevoix (Courier, July 23 edition) newspaper on Wednesday, we were surprised by the tone of the letter to the editor written by one of the Venetian Fundraiser Committee members (John Winn).

His letter went on and on regarding the lack of donations given by those visiting the events.

He went on to say that Venetian Festival is not financially sponsored by the city, and unlike Cherry Festival's huge budget, Venetian Festival's is minimal.

He should not assume that everyone who comes to visit realizes that this is a volunteer association and that funds are so terribly hard to come by.

When you advertise so many of your events as free, you can't turn around and criticize people for not paying more for the event.

He couldn't believe that people didn't feel guilty about letting others pay for their entertainment. As a tourist, I was very offended by this. We spend a great deal of money in your city when we vacation there.

He stated that it was obvious that there were people enjoying events who could afford to give more money.

Unless he is asking people about their financial status, then this is an assumption he should not make. Does he ask visitors if they have given money? Does it affect how he treats people?

If this letter had been written by a general member of the city, it would have been easier to read.

However, as a committee member, it showed a lack of respect for the visitors and quite honestly was unprofessional.

Inform the public, politely, about the financial needs, or charge a small admission fee for premium concert seats.

But, please don't harass us or insult us because you think we should give more money, especially if we were never asked in the first place.

Our hometown is somewhat similar to Charlevoix: a tourist town along the shores of Lake Michigan. We know what that means: Tourists. And more importantly: economics.

Tourism is a very important part of our economy: Please treat it that way.

Kim Schrader
Grand Haven

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LETTERS to the editor

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HOORAY FOR CIRCLE OF ARTS

Editor:

The natural light, the space, the action, the location.

What a wonderful use of the old Public Library at 109 Clinton St.: a Charlevoix Circle of Arts center.

It is a compliment to the inspiring beauty of Charlevoix itself.

As a life-long summer resident, I have waited over 40 years to have such a hub to enjoy. I can remember vainly trying to listen to a concert broadcast from Interlochen and because the station was from "so far away" the radio reception included static and volume facing away and out.

I went into the old Public Library over 40 years ago, to check out Art books of other "far off" museum collections to share with my children.

The spirit of the old Library must be so pleased to harbor a new educational and cultural gathering place, a Circle of Arts Center. Its flexible open areas, natural sunlight window wall are assets to be used for exhibitions, performances, classes.

As I attended the Grand Opening Reception on Friday, June 27, it was evident that the freshly formed Board of Directors of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts recently organized in March, is a highly energized, sincere and bright group bringing a wide range of career skills with them. The fine area artists exhibited were displayed in a highly professional setting arranged by Heidi Dietrich. The jazz provided by a trio of Jerry Cameron, Steve Little and Mike Hunter was a perfect background compliment to the party mood. With generously donated edibles and wines, welcoming Board member hosts Todd Warner, Kathryn Lobenherz and Rebecca Glotfelty and impressed partygoers all had a great time.

I encourage both sides of the bridge, native full year and summer residents of all ages, to stroll a half block from Bridge Street on Clinton to the old Public Library to view the new Charlevoix Circle of Arts for yourselves.

I have volunteered as a docent, my only connection to this new group.

Ruth Ramsey Willis
Charlevoix

LETTERS POLICY

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The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters.

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Olivet Dean's List

Nate Gilmore, son of Daniel and Jackie Gilmore, Charlevoix, was recently named to the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed Spring 2008 semester. He is enrolled as a sophomore majoring in History. Nate graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2007, is a Resident Assistant in his dorm and is active in intramural sports.

Grand Valley

The following Charlevoix County students were recently named to the Grand Valley State University's Dean's List for the Winter 2008 semester:

Gina E. Attee, Andrea L. Farrell, Aaron W. Hagen, Sarah E. Hagen, Logan M. Priess, Kyle R. Smith, Jacob A. Teuscher, and Adam R. Wager.

Hope College

Amanda Boss, of Charlevoix, is a recent Hope College graduate who was awarded Summa Cum Laude graduation honors who achieved a cumulated 3.87 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Safety first

Midwest International Standerds Products of Charlevoix was presented with Michigen's top award for safety on Aug. 1, for their efforts to meintein e heelthy work environment for employees(right). The Sefety end Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) ewerd was bestowed, in pert, beceuse Midwest's incidence of incidents was lower then the industry everage.

Courtesy photo

Program honors giving golfer

File photo

Steve Breun (left) seen here with Deen Devenport on the Cherlevoix Municipel Golf Course is being honored for his yeers of work for young golfers with e new scholership program celled "Steve's Kids."

Steve Braun is retiring from being the Belvedere Club's Pro at the end of this summer.

According to Dean Davenport, Braun has had a tremendous influence on the growth and success of the Charlevoix Junior Golf program.

Club member Bob Klein representing Steve's friends and admirers contacted golf program director Davenport and they planned to honor Braun's years of service and dedication to junior golfers with the "Steve's Kids" program.

Junior golfers recommended by the program will be provided with free passes to the Municipal Golf Course.

"Steve has given so much to the program and helped so many youngsters learn the game that it is fitting he be recognized in this manner," Davenport said.

According to Klein, the initial program begins immediately and coincides with the conclusion of this summer's program.

Thirty-one youngsters with a passion for the game were identified and awarded season passes for select young golfers for the remainder of this year's season.

Plans are that future top devoted junior golfers from Charlevoix's program will be selected as "Steve's Kids."

"Braun helped launch the summer program for juniors 14 years ago, sharing his earlier year's experience with the successful Flint, Michigan junior golf program," Davenport said. "He and others saw the program immediately fill a need with often over 200 area youngsters enrolling during the start-up years."

Braun, along with several other local teaching professionals, provided the instructional phase of the program. As the program gained popularity, there became a need to expand program offerings.

He volunteered to start a fundraiser which became his famous "100 holes in a day" where pledges were made and he played a marathon of golf: 100 holes in a single day.

Through the years this has enabled nearly 100 juniors to attend the prestigious week long golf camp at Ferris State University.

Recently additional scholarship awards were also awarded to youngsters to attend the Boyne Golf Academy

Braun will embark on his final "100 holes in a day" fundraiser on Aug. 18.

Supporters are encouraged to pledge by calling Braun at the Belvedere Club, 547-2661, or by calling Davenport at 547-6433.

Davenport said he is excited about junior golfers being able to continue to play now that the program is over.

"Looking toward next year there may be others that have similar feelings about golf and kids," he said. "Those wishing to support "Steve's Kids" in 2009 should contact me so the program can continue and grow."

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August 6 - Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Stan Getz. No other instrument epitomizes the sound of Jazz more than the saxophone. In order to showcase some of the seminal players, we feature our good friend Bill Sears. Sears has been the Jazz instructor at the Interlochen Arts Academy since 1987 and a first-call sax soloist in the Midwest.
August 13 - Guest soloist Dan Jacobs will lead the JATL trio through the history of Jazz trumpet. Starting with Louis Armstrong and working his way through Harry James, Ziggy Elman, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie and more, Jacobs will feature the signature pieces of the great players. Dan's credits include Mel Torme, Woody Herman, Gene Krupa, Frank Sinatra and many more.

Story Time
Thursday, August 7, 10:30 am
Join other youngsters for stories, songs and crafts. Birth to age 3

It's That Easy: The High Vibe Guide to Attracting What You Really Want
Thursday, August 7, 7:00 pm
Would you like to attract more of what you desire in life? Presenter and author Dr. Beth Rosenthal will help you discover how to shift your vibrations and attract exactly what you desire! Adults and teens welcome. Dr. Rosenthal is an author, entrepreneur, teacher, facilitator and speaker. She holds MBA and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago and a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley.

Magical Mystery of the Sea
Monday, August 11, 7:00 pm
Underwater sea photographer, Ruth Petzold shares her passion for the sea and her work of artistic and humorous portraits. Born in Michigan, Ruth blends her love of nature into unique photographic images. Her work is a collection of artistic and humorous portraits of the sea and its curious inhabitants. Join us in this unique opportunity to meet the artist, hear her speak and see her work, some of which have been published in National Geographic magazine.

Microsoft Word for Beginners
Tuesdays, August 12 & 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Geared for the beginning computer user, this class will include how to use basic word processing features.
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SRC Family Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 pm
Bring the family and celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club, and most important - reaching individual goals.

Computer Basics I
Wednesday, August 13, 10:00 am
This class will help the computer novice learn the basics: computer parts, terminology, driving a mouse, and using the Internet.
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Brown Bag Lunch with the Charlevoix Men's Chorus
Friday, August 15, 12:15 pm
The program will include a medley of spirituals, songs of love, and settings of familiar folk songs, including "Viva l'amour."

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Rockin'

Chris Leese took this shot of Jefferson Starship Starring Mickey Thomas (left) during this year's Rhythms of Venetian.

Tale of two sheriffs

Cindy Romero caught Charlevoix County Sheriff Georga T. Lasater (left) comparing lew enforcement notes with the Sheriff of Nottingham during Castle Farms of Charlevoix's Rennaisance Fair aerlier this summer.

Resting gracefully

Jack Hodge spotted this American bald eagle perched high up in e tree neer his home off Bleck Roed late this spring.

Wing and a prayer

Frank Sole took this picture of Island Airways' annuel fly over on Beaver Island over July 4 weekend. Airweys' director of operations Paul Baron had made the fourth plane in the formation seen (left) for many years until this yeer when he died. Baron's place seems to have been filled by this seegull.

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OBITUARIES

Luella Georgine Craig: March 20, 1921 - July 26, 2008

Age 87, died Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Chelsea Retirement Community.

She was born March 20, 1921 in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of George and Luella (Kelly) Dean.

Georgine graduated from Kenmore, N.Y. High School in 1939, and attended New York State Teachers College from 1939 to 1943.

She was employed as a lab technician at Linde Air Products in Tonawanda, NY from 1943 to 1945.

Georgine moved to Ann Arbor in 1975. She was active in the AAUW (American Association of University Women) and their work to encourage women of all ages in their studies in higher education. Georgine received her Masters from U of M in gerontology.

On Sept. 29, 1945, she married Robert G. Craig of Charlevoix, and he preceded her in death on April 24, 2003.

She is survived by three daughters, Susan Craig of Santa Monica, Calif., Barbara (Jack Burgess) Craig of Tigard, Ore., Katherine Craig of Sacramento, Calif.; two grandchildren, Andrew and Allyssa Burgess; a nephew, Peter Lilga; a grand-niece, Dawn Lilga, and a grand-nephew, Aaron Lilga.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Vivian Lilga.

She spent the last five years of her life at Chelsea Retirement Community where she received wonderful care from the entire staff.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1, at Chelsea Retirement Community Towsley Village Chapel, with Rev. Beth Foster officiating.

Burial followed at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor.

Donations are welcome for Chelsea Retirement Community (Towsley Village) or the Scholarship fund of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the AAUW.

Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

Walgreens open by fall

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Construction workers continue work on the new Walgreens store Monday on the corner of M66 and U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

Corporate officials say Charlevoix's newest pharmacy, variety store, should be open by Thanksgiving.

According to Carol Hively a Walgreens Corporate spokesman, factors including a large elderly population and aging baby boomers prompted Walgreens to build in an area which already supports at least three pharmacies.

"What we're seeing is demand for prescription drugs increasing dramatically," Hively said. "We're opening a new store every 18 hours, that's more than a store a day."

She added, "We're expanding all over the country."

The building, located at the corner of U.S. 31 and M66, is 13,650 square feet and should employ nearly 25 people and will offer a drive-through pharmacy window.

There are currently 198 Walgreens stores in Michigan with 550 stores expected to open nationwide this year.

Though it appears work has slowed on the job site, Hively said there does not appear to be any delay in construction which began earlier this spring.

Walgreens officials hope to open more than 7,000 by 2010.

The 107-year-old company fills an estimated 583,000,000 prescriptions a year, employs 226,000, and offers nearly 20,000 items from CD players and toys to exercise equipment, groceries and contact lenses.

"In addition to drive-thru service, the new Walgreens will offer extensive pharmacy services, including a variety of options to refill medications. Touch-tone service allows a patient to enter their prescription number and request a time for a refill by touch-tone without having to speak directly to pharmacy staff," Hively said. "Patients may also arrange for automated refills and receive e-mail reminders of refill status, or to have their labels printed in any of 14 languages."

She added, "The store will offer one-hour photo processing, passport photos and digital photo services. Customers can share photos with family and friends across the country when they upload digital pictures from their home computer for pick-up at any Walgreens nationwide."

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

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104 State Street

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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
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12021 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7415

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	547-4121

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Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-1899

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
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Rummage sale proceeds to benefit mission trip

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Courtesy photo

Volunteers (above) worked on this trailer house during the 2007 Frakes mission trip. Proceeds from the rummage sale on Aug. 16 will fund this year's trip.

Ever wish you could help the needy by simply going shopping? Now you can.

Members of the United Methodist Church and the Community Church of God will soon raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to Frakes, Ky., with a rummage sale.

"This is the fourth year we've done this. There's a 50 mile radius around the Henderson Settlement," said Maryanne Borths, a representative for the church. "One year we actually worked on a home in Tennessee."

Helping the Henderson Settlement is a mission which has been supported by the Methodist Church for several years.

According to Borths, the area in Frakes is severely economically depressed.

She said their economy has always been based on the coal industry and now with many of the mines either closing down or becoming automated, the unemployment rate is now over 50 percent.

The settlement provides childcare, elder care, hot meals, after school tutoring for children, the only gym in the area for recreation, home repair and transportation.

There is also a host of other services provided for the people of southeastern Kentucky and northern Tennessee.

"The communities are very small there because of their geography. People don't have vehicles, so transportation (from place to place) is very long," said Borths. "In this situation, we're saying, 'we know you need a little help, we've needed help before, so here we are.'"

In the past, the Charlevoix workers have added trailer skirting to a 93-year-old woman's home, put new doors and windows in for a single father, worked with other groups to put an addition onto a young family's home and put wiring and insulation into a small home built for an elderly man who had been living in a tent.

"We don't know what our project is going to be until we get there," Borths said. "When we do get there, though, we purchase all of the supplies in that area so that it helps their economy."

Fellow trip and fundraiser organizer Jan Gibbs said she has simply fallen in love with the area.

"They're just good, god-loving people," she said.

Gibbs explained that the communities have very little as far as economic growth, infrastructure and business.

"They have schools and churches, but they don't have any movie theaters or anything," she said. "It's a very beautiful area, with hills and mountains, but there's just nothing else there."

Gibbs said the group decided to go to Frakes through the recommendation of a friend of hers who lives in the area.

"It's an area that really needs our help, and that's why we continue to go there," Gibbs said.

Borths said they purchase all of the things they need with the money they raise through fundraisers.

This year's rummage sale features a variety of donations from people all around Charlevoix including household items and furniture.

"Besides meeting a real need, we have a chance to meet and form relationships with people far from our own homes," Borths said. "These relationships are just as important or more so than the monetary value of what we do."

The rummage sale fundraiser is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday Aug. 16 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church at 104 State St. in Charlevoix.

The group will depart for the Henderson Settlement on Sept. 7 and will return on Sept. 13.

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up of Roger Mueller, plus Cody Autterson and his two friends from Colorado Tyler Jackson and Jake Stroud very efficiently handled the Red Cross truck unloading/re-loading and equipment set-up/take-down tasks. Support for the blood drive is part of Belvedere's hands-on help commitment for the community of Charlevoix. Helping Charlevoix maintain their excellent reputation as generous blood donors has been a priority task for the past three summers.

• Arbor Day Foundation offers 10 free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during August 2008 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

"Colorado blue spruce trees were selected for this campaign because of their many uses in home landscapes," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They lend beauty to their surroundings with their silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees."

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, at the right time for planting. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, or join online at www.arborday.org.

• **Get your measles shots**

Public health officials recommend northern Michigan residents get the measles vaccine. More measles cases have been reported in the U.S. this year than at any time since 2001, largely a result of measles outbreaks occurring elsewhere in the world. Measles vaccine is especially important for people planning to travel anywhere outside the U.S. who have had two doses of measles vaccine, or other evidence of immunity

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Charlevoix resident attains U.S. citizenship

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Back in Jamaica, she was used to the images of America she saw on television: high rises and beautiful beaches. She was expecting America to be like Miami and New York City.

So, when Andrea Miller, 36, finally came to the United States and landed in Michigan, she couldn't believe she was actually there.

"My first winter here, it was so cold that I just cried," said Miller. "I didn't know how people could live here. The first time it hit single digits (in temperature), I was ready to go home."

Andrea met her husband, Michigan resident Dennis Miller, while he was on vacation in Jamaica.

They were married and she moved to America a year later.

Miller will have lived on U.S. soil for 11 years as of Aug. 28.

On Thursday, July 24, she went down to the Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids where she was sworn in as a U.S. citizen.

"There were about 80 people there, all from different countries," she said of her experience in Grand Rapids.

"My advice to anyone who is here illegally is to do it," she said of becoming a U.S citizen. "It's not hard. They give you a book, you study it and then you take a test. It's just like school, except there's only one subject. It's a very fair and simple process."

Miller said it only took 11 months to obtain her certificate for U.S. citizenship. She said she got it because it makes things easier on her and her family. She said there's less paperwork, less hassle when traveling to other countries, and it's easier to bring family members from Jamaica to the U.S.

"I thought about it a lot before I applied," Miller said. "Even though I'm a U.S. citizen, I still love Jamaica very much."

Miller said the process of getting her citizenship was very simple. "The people there make you feel very comfortable and it was just smooth, smooth sailing," Miller said. "It's a very simple thing, to just learn about the country you're going to live in. To learn about the price that had to be paid for freedom."

Miller said she doesn't get to go back to Jamaica as often as she'd like, and the last time she went home was four years ago.

She and her family will typically stay for two weeks.

However, she said she talks to family back in her homeland nearly every other day.

"My advice to anyone who wants to come to Jamaica is to go during the wintertime," she said. "Why leave 80-degree weather here in the summer for 120-degree weather in Jamaica?"

Miller said she will never get used to the weather in Michigan.

"I'm just learning to cope with the cold weather. I try to get all of my shopping done all at once and dress warmly. I like to stay where it's warm," she said. "It's warm all year around. Also, the food there, it's always fresh. No matter what time of the year it is."

But, nine months of cool temperatures aside, Miller is happy in the United States.

"(In America) there's better jobs, better opportunities for education, the cost of living, health care and you experience things here that you don't get there (Jamaica), like four seasons," Miller said. "I love the Fall. It just looks like these oceans of color that God painted."

Miller works for Harbor Industries where she makes display fixtures and has worked there for the last seven years.

She lives in Charlevoix now with her husband, her 14-year-old daughter Nasstassia Ewurs, and her 14-month-old baby daughter Trista.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident and Harbor Industries employee Andrea Miller proudly shows off the certificate of American Citizenship she recently earned.

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such as previously having the disease.

Anyone born before 1957 is considered immune to measles and does not need the vaccine, but people are "strongly urged" by the department to get vaccinated. Initial symptoms of measles are fever, which usually climbs above 101° F, along with coughing, runny nose, and red, teary eyes. After about three days of the initial illness, a characteristic red raised rash appears on the face and moves down to cover the body over the next several days. The rash may eventually become blotchy and may last five or more days. Complications of measles include pneumonia, ear infections, encephalitis, seizures, and, though rare in the U.S., death.

• United Way

Char-Em United Way has successfully completed all of the United Way of America membership requirements. Over and above the annual requirements, Char-Em United Way completed a mandatory organizational self-assessment in 2006 as part of this process. The certification mandates completion of 13 requirements for United Way of America membership along with verification of the status of 44 indicators that a United Way demonstrates the intent of the membership requirements.

Char-Em United Way works to advance the common good by supporting local programs and services including, meeting urgent and basic needs, improving financial stability, helping youth succeed, increasing independence and self sufficiency, and promoting individual and family health and wellness and projects like Day of Caring, Project Connect, Stuff the Bus and the Poverty Reduction Roundtable.

• Health department accreditation

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has earned full accreditation from the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program, recognizing the agency's excellence in implementing public health standards from Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Community Health, and Environmental Quality. Organizations that earn this certificate have demonstrated to a team of surveyors during a series of on-site visits that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

Law enforcement

• Sheriff George T. Lasater and Acting Undersheriff Chuck Vondra are presenting the Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award to Margeaux Leakas and Lacy Flanigan. The awards will be presented at 11:30 a.m. on Monday July 21. These two young ladies are employees of the Belvedere Club. The incident they are being recognized for is as follows: At approximately 3:24 p.m. on Saturday, June 21st Robert Leitz, 64 of Sister Bay, Wisconsin was operating his vessel in Round Lake when a speed adjustment caused him to fall from the vessel. His safety lanyard and life vest were not being worn which caused the vessel to continue to run and eventually turn and strike Mr. Leitz, who was already exhausted from swimming after his vessel. Mr. Leitz was rescued from the water by the two young ladies and brought to shore where he was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital for lacerations to the upper right side of his body and face.

• At approximately 1 a.m., July 27, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies along with Charlevoix City Police, State Police and Charlevoix EMS all responded to a personal injury accident at 5907 M-66 N in Marion Township for a 28 year-old male that had been struck by a car.

Witnesses say Joseph Reedy of Central Lake pulled into the driveway of 5907 M-66 N when he and 28 year old Alva Noirot were horsing around. Reedy, driving his 1999 Red Dodge Neon, accidentally hit the accelerator and struck Noirot in the legs. EMSL officials stated Noirot suffered two broken legs and was transported to Charlevoix Are Hospital, then transferred to Northern Michigan Hospital.

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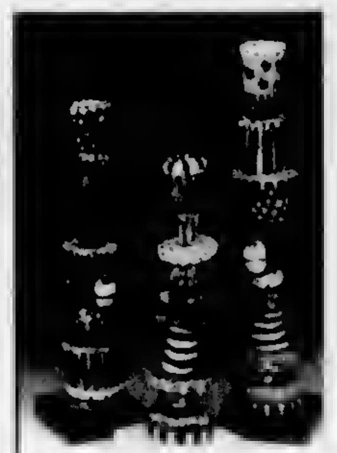

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19th pool auction

This log cabin playhouse was donated by Savanna and Alyssia Joseph to the 19th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction which begins at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 10 at Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are $75 per person or $125 for a couple. Call 547-0982 or 547-9796 to make reservations. The public is invited to an auction preview Aug. 9 at the country club. Other auction items include two cars, two boats, football tickets for University of Michigan and Michigan State, including five tickets on the 50-yard line for the Michigan State vs. Ohio State game, a week at a Key West hotel and more. Donations may be dropped off at the pool, located at 11905 US 31 north in Charlevoix. For more information on donations or volunteering, call 547-7444 or 547-6960.

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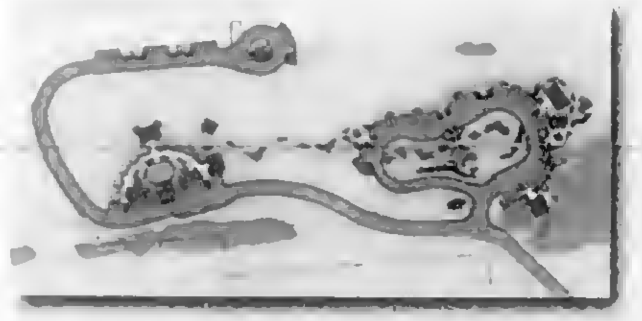

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

As we talk with the public about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project we have been asked many questions about the history of the property and what we are doing today to address the problems of the past.

Agreements reached earlier this year between the CMS Land Company, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Resort Township have paved the way for a scheduled reopening of East Park in 2009. Here are answers to some of the questions we hear most often about our work in East Park.

Q: What environmental steps have been taken at East Park?

A: Environmental work at the park includes:
- The installation of more than 800 feet of collection lines along the shoreline to catch water coming from the dust pile,
- Relocating about 30,000 cubic yards of cement dust to remove contact with ground water,
- Shaping the pile to maximize water run-off,
- The installation of a watertight liner over the pile, followed by a sand and soil cover over the liner,
- The installation of 10 wells south of the park to divert water around the dust pile is currently on-going,
- At the suggestion of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, CMS installed a "Downstream Defender" to filter storm water before it makes its way to the lake, and
- The entire site has been seeded and the grass is becoming well established.

Q: How environmentally effective have the remedies been?

A: Environmental results have been impressive. Since the collection lines have been installed, pH readings in the lake routinely have been less than the action level of 9. According to testing protocol developed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the amount of mercury making its way to the lake over a period of a year has been reduced about 65 percent. Continued improvement is expected when the diversion wells are installed and all remedies are working in concert.

Q: What amenities are planned for the park?

A: Only the eastern (original) side of the park had any structures on it and the township plans to begin that replacement work this fall. One of the side benefits of the environmental work at East Park is that the useful size of the west side of the park has about doubled. The township plans to add additional amenities to the west side of the park in the future, including restrooms and a pavilion, depending on budget and securing grant money. *See park rendering at left.*

Q: What agreements were reached with Resort Township?

A: The agreements between Resort Township and CMS Land included necessary access and equipment maintenance agreements and park infrastructure replacement costs. At the beginning of the project CMS Land committed to replace park structures removed during the environmental work at the park. CMS and the township agreed that the township could better realize its goals for the park if they conducted the replacement work and CMS reimbursed the township $390,000 to replace the removed infrastructure.

Substantial environmental progress has been achieved. CMS Land continues to work closely with officials to put a final cleanup plan in place that will protect the bay for future generations.

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For more information, go to *www.protectingourbay.com*

SPORTS reviewing the action

B-ball greats

The 11-year-old winners of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival 3 on 3 basketball tournament on July 20 are (seatad, from left) mascot Michael Mattingly, (standing) Sean Mattingly and Mitch Shaffar of Troy and Drew Gallaghar of Bloomfield Hills.

Courtesy photo

Super seniors

The winners of this year's Venetian tennis super siner mens' doubles action were (in tha middle, from left) Bob Williams and Jim Grant. Finalists were (from left) Richard Hanna and (far right) Hal Kaplan.

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Venetian games results

Venetian Golf

Keith Carey Cup Final Results

The final matches of the 2008 Keith Carey Cup were completed during last week's Venetian Festival. A total of 30 golfers participated in four categories this year. This year's winners and runners-up are as follows:

Chris Wyniawskij defended his title from last year and defeated Chris Putnam to win the Men's Championship Division. This was Chris' third title in a row. Dennis Dominic defeated Kory Van Horn to win the Men's First Flight title. Glen Taylor defeated Jack Barker to win the Men's Senior Division title. And finally, Fran Marschner defended her title by defeating Kate Beaudoin to win the Women's Division title. This is the fifth time Fran has won the Women's title. Congratulations to the winners and a special thanks to all those who participated to make this year's tournament a success. We look forward to next year's tournament and hope for even greater participation. Thank you from the Charlevoix Golf Club Staff. Congratulations to Steve Trecha of Charlevoix who had a hole-in-one at the Charlevoix Golf Club on Saturday, July 26. Steve carded his ace on the par three third hole, using a six iron from the blue tees.

Boat parade

2008 Venetian Boat Parade winners:

Best of Fleet – Kistka, 1976

Best Large Powerboat – Alexis, Phantom of the Opera

Best Small Powerboat – Summer Semester, Indiana Jones Loves East Park

Best Large Sailboat – Oberon, Sixties Revival

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See page 23 for more sports coverage, and look for more Venetian Games coverage in next week's Charlevoix Courier.

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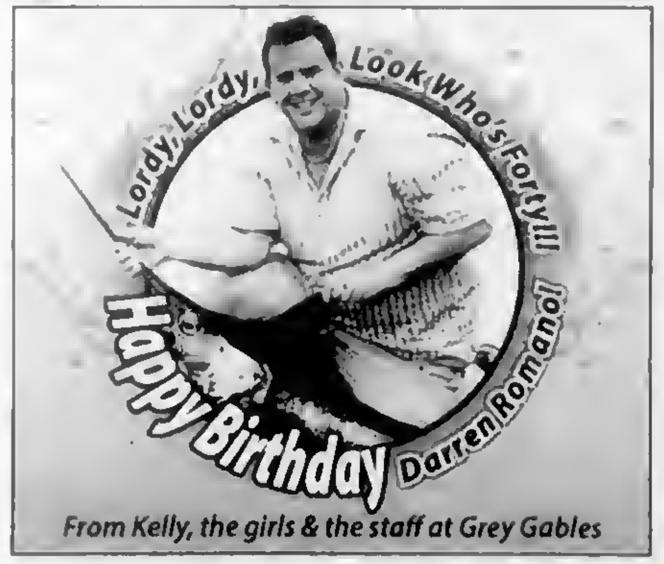

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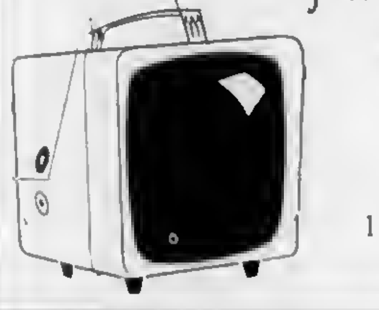

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Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 15, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on July 25, 2002, in Liber 479, Page(s) 183, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $102,290.52, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Jessica M. Wagle, a single woman, and Harry G. Gulick, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 7.99 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on August 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

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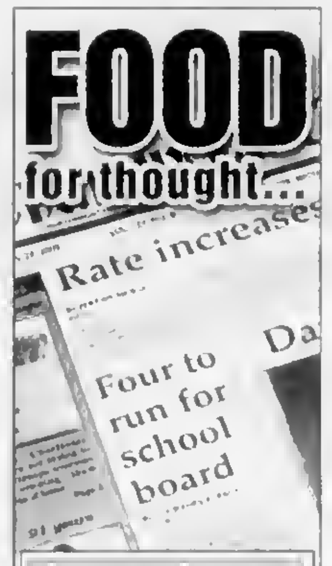

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Suspects could face decades in jail if found guilty

DRUGS

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ing to hide cocaine while in the backseat of a patrol car.

"Approximately 16 grams (a ball the size of a plum) of heroin and three grams of cocaine packaged in five separate wrappings was found in his (Anderson's) underwear," Hankins stated in his affidavit of probable cause.

The men were subsequently arrested and arraigned the following day, today, July 31 and are currently lodged in Charlevoix County Jail on $100,000 bond each.

Hankins estimated the drugs' street value of $2,000 to $3,000. Hankins and Vondra believe the suspects had spent at least the last week in Traverse City and were allegedly on their way to Emmet County to sell the drugs.

"We have no idea if this is part of a larger operation or just these two gentlemen," Hankins said.

Quinn faces two counts of possession of controlled substances, narcotic or cocaine, with intent to deliver on school or library property which each carry a two to 40-year sentence and $75,000 fine.

Anderson faces two counts of possession of controlled substances for heroin and cocaine, with intent to deliver on school or library property. Since he is being charged as a habitual offender with second offenses on each charge, his sentence could be as many as 160 years in prison with fines topping $225,000, if found guilty.

Hankins said the bust could not have been made without cooperation by the Cheboygan and two Charlevoix policing agencies.

"This large quantity of drugs was taken off the street before it was delivered in this community," he said. "We are a long way from the inner city, but I'm not surprised to see those drugs being utilized in the area. We have had similar cases that involved similar drugs."

He added, "The same drugs that are available in Pontiac or Detroit are, unfortunately, available in northern Michigan also."

The suspects are scheduled for a 3 p.m., Aug. 19 preliminary hearing in Charlevoix's 33rd District Court.

Benjamin Gahs can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevaixcourier.com.

Local economy on upswing

BUSINESS

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Internet. If you decide to buy parts through the Internet, you don't get to talk to anyone or get an opinion," said Cole. "But if you come in here, you get our professionalism and the understanding that we're going to set you up with the right part(s) you need."

"Our objective is to go above and beyond the expectations of every one of our guests," said Jeff Spreckseli, General Manager of the Weathervane. "(Our main attraction to the restaurant) is definitely the food and our location. We're a landmark property here in town."

Sprecksell said the toughest part about the business is finding good help, but right now they have a pretty good staff.

Also, letting people know that they offer value-priced entrees can sometimes be a challenge. "We're a 99% scratch house, which means that we make all of our food from scratch, so that can be very labor intensive," he said. "Our chef is very good with money. We've designed the menu around profitable things."

The Weathervane restaurant has been around since the 1960s, but has been owned by the Stafford's since 1986. As an earmark fine-dining restaurant in Charlevoix, they stand as a testament that business is good and remains strong in the area.

"The Spring started off slow. May and June's business weren't down, but acting in more of a straight line," said Jacqueline Dipert, owner of the Clothing Company. "July has been good though."

The Clothing Company, which has been in business on Bridge Street for 35 years, can attribute much of its good fortune to Charlevoix being such a beautiful place to visit, according to Dipert.

"The view, the people, the traffic, which isn't good for everyone, but it certainly is for us," Dipert said, noting some of the advantages to owning a business in downtown Charlevoix. "We get a lot of night business here, too, which is different from a lot of other towns."

Keith Carey, DDA Executive Director, said that any lack of business can certainly be attributed to the economy, the increase of Internet businesses and the creeping up of big-box stores.

"These challenges also present opportunities for small business owners," said Carey. "They provide a level of customer service that the Internet can't provide. Say what you will, people love convenience, but they want that hands-on experience of going into a store and trying something on or seeing it up close before buying it."

Carey said that for a long time, everything was centered around the East Park project but owners didn't see it as a negative. "To an owner, there was nothing but a positive outlook. Those owners were looking at it and saying, 'we're being challenged now, but look at what we're going to end up with.'" Carey said.

"Generally, owners are seeing an increase in sales. In my opinion, it has a lot to do with gas prices. We may not be getting as many summer visitors as years past, but I think we're getting a lot of people from around the area deciding to stay closer to home instead," Carey said. "The business we're getting from locals (this year) is replacing what we used to get from out-of-towners."

"I think we have a real sense of community among business owners and that makes us stand out. We have a unique location, too," Carey said. "Among the business community and community leaders, I think we have a very forward-looking set of people."

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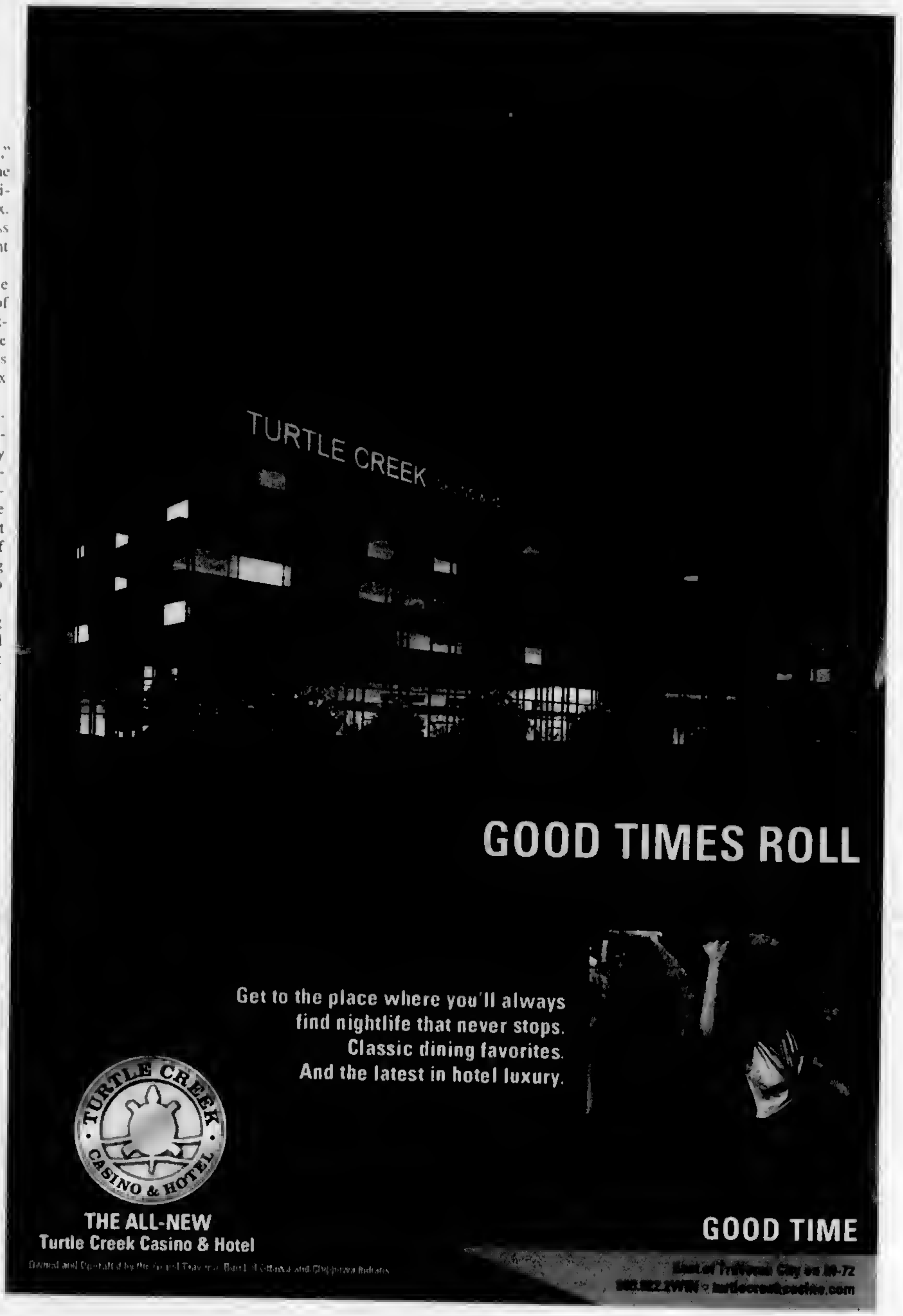

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Shannon Leigh Nystrom and Edward Michael Klonowski of Nashville, Tenn., are announcing their engagement and plans for a June 20, 2009, wedding at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Diane Nystrom of Charlevoix. Shannon is a graduate of Charlevoix High School, and earned a bachelor of arts from Alma College. She is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Alpha Psi Omega, dance and theater honorary. She is a singer/songwriter, dance instructor at Dance In Bloom, a model with Model Talent Management, and an accountant with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

Her fiancé is the son of Edward and Patricia Klonowski of Sterling Heights. He is a graduate of Adlai E. Stevenson High School.

Edward earned a bachelor of science from Alma College and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and Alpha Psi Omega, dance and theater honorary.

Edward is a mechanical engineer employed by Universal Lighting Technologies.

Chris and Danya Drost of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter Shayna Lyn Drost to Timothy John Partridge of Chicago. He is the son of Jack and Mary Partridge of Saline.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Hope College. She graduated with a degree in elementary education with a focus on social studies. She plans to pursue a teaching position in the Chicago area.

Her fiancée is also a 2008 graduate of Hope College. He graduated with a double major in biology and business management and minor in chemistry.

He will be attending Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago beginning in August.

Shayna and Tim are planning a Saturday, Oct. 4 wedding at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church.

Michael and Sandra Tilley of Charlevoix announce the engagement of their son Christopher Michael to Jennifer Ann Howell, daughter of Robert and Michele Howell of White Lake

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University and a Psi Upsilon Fraternity member.

He is currently serving as an officer for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, and is currently working in marketing and public relations in McLean, Va

A September wedding is planned in Bloomfield Hills

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Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday

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WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays.

Saturday Night Alive

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AUG. 7

Genealogy

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 7, in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St. The evening's topic will be a group discussion on "Remarkable Discoveries… and How They Were Made!" The group will also host another of several genealogical silent-auction book sales. The presentation is free and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call JoAnn at (231) 582-9602 for more information.

It's that easy

At 7 p.m. at the library, It's That Easy: The High Vibe Guide to Attracting What You Really Want. Dr. Beth Rosenthal will help you discover how to shift your vibrations and attract exactly what you desire.

LCA

The Lake Charlevoix Association will launch its new "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 7 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

CAH Guild auction

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild silent auction is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7 in the large classroom near the cafeteria. Call 547-3431 for more information.

Norman Brumm: A Retrospective

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts invites the public to the opening reception of "Norman Brumm: A Retrospective" on Friday Aug. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Street. His creations, much of which were purchased from his Charlevoix gallery, are found in the homes of art and nature lovers across the globe. There will be an exhibit from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, or by appointment for groups, through Labor Day weekend.

AUG. 9

Bring your dinghy

The third annual Dinghy on the Round begins at 3:30 p.m., Aug. 9 with a poker run around Round Lake followed by a party on the lake. It costs $5 to register a dinghy or tender. Prizes will include coupons for, and gifts donated by, local businesses.

Chicken salad luncheon

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix, there will be a chicken salad luncheon. Costs $10.

Book signing

Priscilla Cogan will sign her newest book "The Unraveling Thread" from noon to 2 p.m. at Round Lake Bookstore 107 Mason St. Suite 102.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

Angel Food

The next chance for ordering Angel Food will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 9 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. Delivery date for this order is 10 a.m. on Aug. 23. Pine River Apartments residents only may also order from 1 to 2 p.m. on Aug. 9 and make arrangements to have their food delivered to them if there is a need for that. Angel food is available to all in the community without restriction.

Photo exhibit

"My World" photography and mixed media by Rebecca Glotfelty and Watercolors by Kelly Wesner. The opening reception is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 9. Entertainment by Blues musician Martin Beneteau. The Cycling Salamander Art Gallery is located seven miles south of Charlevoix at 02217 U.S. 31 South.

Visit www.cyclingsalamander.com or call 547-2333 for more information.

Bier Art Gallery

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 9 at Bier Art Gallery six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse, there will be an art demonstration. It's a day to meet and talk with working artists, also refreshments will be available.

AUG. 11

Magical Mystery of the Sea

At 4 p.m. for youth and 7 p.m. for adults, underwater sea photographer Ruth Petzold will share her passion for the sea and her work of artistic and humorous portraits at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lake Michigan Summit, 2008

Tip of the Mitt Watershed will host the Second Annual Lake Michigan Summit at 10 a.m., Aug. 11 at Harbor Springs City Hall. RSVP by Aug. 8. Call (231) 347-1181 for more information.

AUG. 12

Ice-cream social

At 6:30 p.m., Aug. 12, bring the family to celebrate the end of the library's summer reading club.

Garden club speaker

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club features speaker Janet Macunovich at 1:30 p.m., Aug. 12 at the Charlevoix Public Library. The topic is "Fall Planting to Attract Wildlife." Macunovich is a founder of the Practical Gardening Institute and an author.

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Microsoft Word for beginners

Geared for the beginning computer user, this class will include how to use basic word processing features at Charlevoix Public Library.

AUG. 14

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Lake Charlevoix Association will host "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" at Veterans Park in Boyne City.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

At 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Charlevoix County Commissioner's room there is a meeting of the duly elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates to the county convention.

INDEPENDENT FILM NIGHT

Films: Song of the Lakes: Live at Interlochen, by Rich Brauer and Journey to Joy by Rebecca Glotfelty, at 7 p.m. at the library. Glotfelty will introduce the films and participate in question and answer period following.

BLOOD DRIVE

From 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., there will be a Red Cross blood drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

AUG. 15

LCA

The Lake Charlevoix Association will host their annual meeting at 10 a.m. at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

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AUG. 19

Business class

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At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

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At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

Aug. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

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The following events and workshops are scheduled for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) located at 109 Clinton St. Call 547-2333 for more information on any of the following or visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

Aug. 6

Two-day introduction to glass bead making workshop with Sherrie Styx; 9 a.m. to noon at CCA; For ages 12 and older; $100 includes all materials.

Aug. 8

Fabric Collage Angel Doll Workshop with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CCA. Adults and teens welcome. Cost is $60.

Norman Brumm

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, at 109 Clinton St., the Charlevoix Circle of the Arts will offer a program "Norman Brumm: A Retrospective" to highlight Brumm's 40 years as an artist.

Aug. 11

Art Quilts 101 Class with Kathie Briggs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CCA for adults. Cost is $50.

Aug. 12

Kevin Devine's Summertime Sing-along Family Concert from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at CCA. Bring a picnic lunch and prepare to have a rollicking good time.

Aug. 13

Songwriter's Bootcamp with Kevin Devine from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CCA.

Adults and children 13 and older and children 9 and older if accompanied by a participating parent. Cost is $50

Petoskey Blaze wins softball tourney

Winners of the 14-under softball tournament are (from left) Maddy Zimmerman, Haley Drenth; seated, Katie Hybl, bat boy Adam Hybl, Chelsie Hoffman, Kara Lavanway, Val Peters; back, coach Rob Hybl, Morgan Skop, Rieley Philliben, Hannah Hybl, Kristin Espinoza, coach Tony Zimmerman and bat girl Erin Hybl.
Courtesy photo

The Petoskey Blaze U-14 softball team finished a perfect 5-0 to win the nine-team Sault Legacies Softball Tournament.

The Blaze defeated Flint, 10-5, in the championship game and topped Midland, 6-2, in a semifinal.

Hannah Hybl struck out five, walked three and allowed four hits for the victory in the title game.

Maddy Zimmerman tripled and singled, while Rieley Philliben, Kara Lavanway and Hannah Hybl had multiple hits for the Blaze.

Hannah Hybl allowed one run on six hits to earn the win against Midland.

Val Peters had three hits to lead the Blaze, while Chelsie Hoffman, Philliben, Lavanway and Hannah Hybl also singled.

The Blaze opened the tournament with a 5-1 victory over Grand Blanc.

Hannah Hybl struck out five, walked three and allowed three hits for the win. Zimmerman, Peters and Hannah Hybl each had two hits, and Hannah Hybl drove in two runs.

The Blaze then topped West Branch, 7-5, as Peters struck out five, walked five and gave up six hits for the win.

Hannah Hybl struck out three in relief.

Zimmerman had two hits, while Kristin Espinoza, Tori Thompson, Hoffman and Hybl each singled.

The Blaze then defeated Pinconning, 5-2, as Katie Hybl drove in three runs with a bases loaded triple, and Haley Drenth and Espinoza each doubled.

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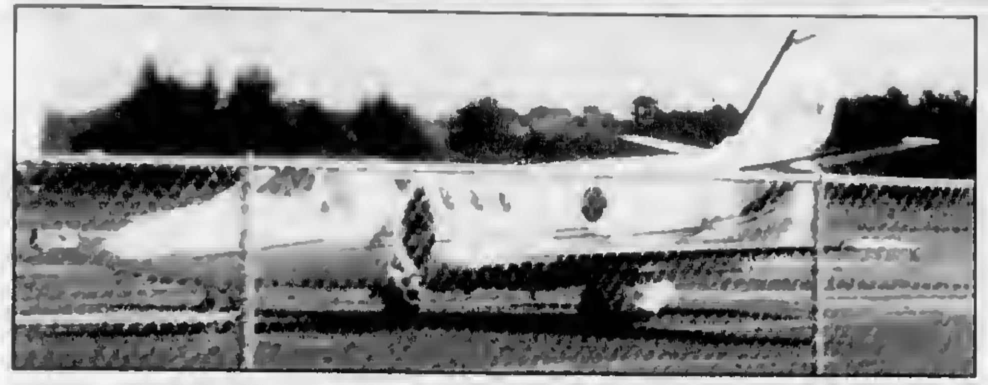

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Charlevoix City Council members are working to increase pilot awareness of the duration and amount of noise generated by idling planes and jets. Council members are also working to eliminate noise generated by aircraft from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. in order to increase the peace and tranquility in the neighborhood which surrounds the municipal airport.

Council members deal with plane noise

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Some city officials have a problem with noise levels at the municipal airport.

Mayor Norman Carlson expressed his concern at the July 21 city council meeting because planes have been flying at all hours of the night.

Carlson

"For a smaller residential community, these jets are flying over a heavily populated area and it's making a lot of noise," said Carlson. "It's annoying."

Carlson said that the issue had been brought up before, but at the time, a new city manager was settling in and there were more important issues that needed to be dealt with.

The city council's sugges-

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Road millage back on ballot?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
COURIER EDITOR

The county road millage, which failed to pass by 158 votes in 2006, has been revamped and will likely be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Roloff

Personnel/internal government (PIG) committee members in Charlevoix, Thursday Aug. 7, voted unanimously to take the revised ballot proposal before the full board.

"I'm not going to be out on the street corner telling everyone to vote for it, but at the very least we ought to give people the chance to decide for themselves if they want

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Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Hanging out

Michele Friedla admires a paper mache bat, one of many different animals that artist Lori Hough made. Friedle and her family boated into Charlevoix from Saugatuck as they do every year. Friedle, a longtime customer of Hough's works, bought every bat for sale last Saturday. *See page 6 for more Waterfront Art Fair photos.*

Granny goes a-sailin'

Audrey Lehman refuses to act her age. The 78-year-old recently spent the weekend parasailing over Grand Traverse Bay. Read more about Lehman's adventurous spirit on page 3.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Mark Larry Crain, 31, Boyne City. Driving without a license. Pay $260 in fines and costs.

Dakota Dallas Neusbaum, 18, Vicksburg. Minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol. To serve 30 hours of community service work, pay $200 in fines and costs.

Conrad Justin Marshall, 18, Scotts. Minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol. To serve 30 hours of community service work; pay $200 in fines and costs.

Benny Lopez Jr., 18, Northport. Minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol. To serve 40 hours of community service work; pay $250 in fines and costs.

Michael Norman Johnson, 41, Boyne Falls. Insufficient funds for check written, more than $100, but less than $500. Serve 12 days in jail with credit for one day; pay $625 in fines and costs.

Dee Alan Borst, 44, Grand Rapids. Trespassing at an airport. Pay $50 in fines and costs.

Tiffany Lorraine Simmons, 25, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. Eighty-nine days held in abeyance with credit for one day in jail; pay $500 in fines and costs.

James Ryan Larsen, 20, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol, third subsequent offense. To serve 50 days of community service work; to attend substance abuse classes; pay $350 in fines and costs.

Scott Daniel Cortez, 38, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Fifty-two days held in abeyance with 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; credit for one day in jail; Pay $1,485 in fines and costs and attend four substance abuse meetings.

Kathryn Ann Green, 25, Boyne City. Insufficient funds for check written, less than $100. Pay $410.39 in fines and costs.

Ronald Benjamin Mosley, 25, Boyne Falls. Sex offender, failure to comply with reporting. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Catherine Kendall Sheldon, 23, Charlevoix. Breaking and entering - illegal entry without permission. Credit for one day in jail; 84 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; pay $350 in fines and costs.

William Brandon Ferris, 32, East Jordan. Disorderly person. Pay $300 in fines and costs.

Rachel Renee Sturdy, 23, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Thirty days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail with credit for one day in jail; pay $650 in fines and costs.

James Ryan Larsen, 20, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol, second subsequent offense. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Ryan Michael Zitka, 34, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Eighty-four days in abeyance with credit for six days in jail; Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Zachary William Knott, 17, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Seventy-nine days held in abeyance with 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail with one day of credit; Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Larry Voughn McBee Jr., 42, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Eighty-two days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail with credit for one day in jail; Pay $1,055 in fines and costs.

Craig Michael Chesnut, 49, Monroe. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied, second or subsequent offense; pay $500 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Kyle David Carson, 21, East Jordan. Police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing; count two: controlled substance - delivery/manufacturing (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams; to serve 11 months in jail with 272 days of credit.

Annette Marie Brown, 52, East Jordan. Controlled substance - possession (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams; count two: controlled substance - maintaining a drug house. To serve 180 days in jail with two days of credit; Pay $755 in fines and costs.

Robert James Washburn, 47, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of personal property - $200 or more but less than $1000. To serve 90 days in jail with one day of credit; Pay $2,568.91 in fines and costs.

James Steven Baker, 46, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense notice; count two: operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/-second offense notice; count three: snowmobiles - fleeing and eluding. To serve 60 days in jail with credit for seven days in jail. Pay $1,675 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Davidson & Associates, 1925 Lalonde Road, East Jordan, by Richard J. Davidson

Custom Sewing, 322 Meech, Charlevoix, by Marilyn L. Copeland

William P. Hampton & Son Professional Services, 00171 East Deer Lake Road, Boyne City, by William P. Hampton

Still Point Photography, 27150 Paid Een Ogs Road, Beaver Island, by Frank H. Solle

G.L. Irrigation Service, 526 N. Lake St., Boyne City, by Gerald Marquardt

Jarema Woodworking, 00325 U.S. 131 S., Boyne Falls, by Erik Jarema

Jonathan Haan Designs, 101 West Hurlbut, Charlevoix, by Johannes Frey

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Nahil Ahmad Mohamad, 45, and Elizabeth Harper Campbell, 33, both of Washington D.C.

Richard Arthur Brown III, 33, and Jennifer Lynn Demorris, 29, both of Santa Maria, Calif.

Douglas Norman Labelle II, 33, and Radha Davi Allidina, 31, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

Kenneth H. Acker, 61, and Nancy C. Richardson, 61, both of East Jordan

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Timothy Malpass vs. Melanie Malpass

Mary Ann Swanson vs. William Donald Stafford

Travis John Groat vs. Elizabeth A. Groat

BIRTHS

A daughter, Sophia Anne Voisin, was born to Vincent and Meredith (Tiedje) Voisin at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia on July 3, 2008. Sophia weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces at birth and measured 21" long. Grandparents are Don and Vicki Voisin of Charlevoix, and James and Linda Beth Tiedje of Lansing. Sophia's great grandparents are Aggie Graves of Charlotte, Michigan, Harold and the late Winifred Tiedje of Newton Iowa, and Wilma and the late DeVern Creed, also of Newton.

Trinity Hope Pattenaude weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces was born August 4, 2008 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Holly Ann Everett and Donald Lyle Pattenaude of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Keith Lyle Pattenaude and Debbie Pattenaude both of East Jordan, Cary Dawn Kitson of Brighton and Tony Everett of Evart. Her great grandparents are Relf Kitson of East Jordan and Eunice Everett of Evart.

Hailey Neveen Page weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces was born August 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sondra Page and Thomas Teuthorn of Charlevoix. The baby's grandparents are Carla Middaugh and Thomas Teuthorn Sr. of Harbor Springs, Doug Powers and Tammy Raymer and Bev Duboise all of Battle Creek and Dave Middaugh of Charlevoix.

Cameron James Cochran weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces was born July 31 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Kirsten Cochran of Harbor Springs. His siblings are Austin and Brooke. His grandparents are Dennis and Karen Joy of Charlevoix and Terry and Monica Cochran of Saline. His great grandparents are Geraldine Joy of Charlevoix and Andrew and Anne Kinetz of Clarion, Penn.

Violet Ann Damstra weighing 8 pounds was born August 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Richard and Valerie Olive Damstra of Harbor Springs. Her grandparents are Kathy and Steve Nichols of Leota, Tom Olinik of Bradenton, Fla., and Gary and Marilyn Damstra of Beaver Island. Her great grandparents are Gloria Olinik of Dearborn, Lucille Szoka and Marilyn DeYoung both of Grand Rapids.

Naomi Lynne Cosgrove weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces was born July 30 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kone and Steven Cosgrove of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Floyd Wisniewski, DeWanda Wisniewski both of Boyne City, Mary Keenan, Kevin Keenan both of Traverse City. Her great grandparents are James Cosgrove and Mary Bugai both of Traverse City.

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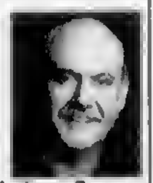

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78-year-old grandmother just getting started

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

"It wasn't as scary as a roller coaster, but you're up higher than a Ferris wheel," said Audrey Lehman. "We were up so high in the air that we couldn't even hear anything."

The 78-year-old and a group of friends recently spent a weekend parasailing as a first of what could be many adventures.

"It was like being suspended in air," said Lehman. "You could see everything and it was just awesome."

Parasailing is where a person is put in a harness and attached to a vehicle, typically a boat, by a long cord and suspended in the air by means of a parachute.

Lehman has had a relatively long life, but she's nowhere near done living it yet. As the mother of seven children, who are scattered around the country, and two great-grandchildren, she's living life to the fullest.

"It's wonderful. The last (great-grandchild) was born while I was in Florida. She'll be 2 in November. My other one was born on July 1, while I was here," she said.

Lehman was a nurse for 40 years. She's out-lived two husbands, each of whom she was with for 20 years.

Both Lehman and one of her daughters, Beth Egler, agreed that it was Lehman's children and her faith that kept her going.

"We were so young when Dad died that we just clung to each other," said Egler. "Four of us kids were still at home. One of my sisters was actually decorating for her senior prom on that day."

Egler said her mother had a rough childhood; Lehman lost her mother when she was 12 years old and her father when she first got married at approximately 23 or 24.

While some children may fear for an elderly parent's safety when engaging in something so adventurous, Egler's reaction to her mother going parasailing was, "Great. Can I go?"

She said all of her brothers and sisters were very supportive and proud of her.

Egler said her mother hasn't always been so adventurous.

"She's always been the stoic one. We've always counted on her to be our rock," said Egler. "I think she's figured out that she's not going to live forever."

A fond memory Egler had of her mother was when she was 17 years old and she wanted to go to a recording school in California.

"We flew out to this school in California and found this hole-in-the-wall studio and she said, 'now what do you think, Beth?' Then we just forgot about it and had three days of fun."

Lehman said that, when parasailing, they keep you airborne for 15 to 20 minutes.

She also said you can go up there by yourself, but it's really more fun to go up in pairs.

"It was funny because the company that we went to for parasailing in Traverse City had these big smiley faces on their parachutes and we had big smiles on our faces too," Lehman said. "Some people were a little apprehensive, but we were mostly just excited. We've all been waiting for this for a year."

Lehman, who was a nurse at Charlevoix Area Hospital for 40 years, now summers in Charlevoix.

"It's great satisfaction. For me, it was just a joy to help people come back and get better. Or, to have them come back and tell you what a good job you did," she said. "It's the most beautiful place in the world. We used to vacation here all the time and finally we moved here. It's just the beauty and the people that keep me here."

Today, Lehman is enjoying her golden years. She keeps busy as a member of the Red Hat Society and keeps company with her friends.

Her daughter Beth said that now after two husbands, she enjoys eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for dinner if she wants.

As a mother, Lehman always taught her children to be honest to themselves and to other people. Most importantly, to be themselves. Her advice to young people: "I just think they should be true to themselves and grow up to be good citizens."

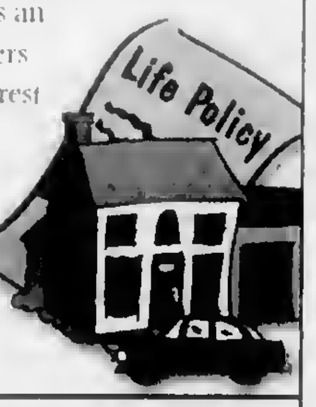
"We're going to have to start a bucket list," Lehman said of her adventures. "I went sailing on a windjammer once, but I can't think of anything that would top parasailing to add to the list."

Lehman said that she and her friends are hoping to go up in a hot air balloon in two years, but until then she said she will enjoy her memories of parasailing.

"It was certainly one of the highlights of my summer. I would absolutely do it again," she said.

Courtesy photo

Audrey Lehman with friends and family getting ready to parasail on Grand Travarse Bay. Lehman hopes her experience will be but one of many adventures to come.



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Roger Knutson

The balance of nature is an idea we are all familiar with.

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We should probably alter the language if we are to understand our relationship to the rest of the natural world.

Language changes slowly in response to changes in human understanding.

Words from the past persist and can sometimes be the cause of confusion.

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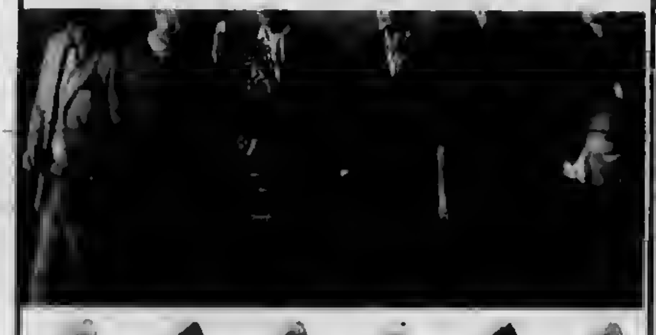

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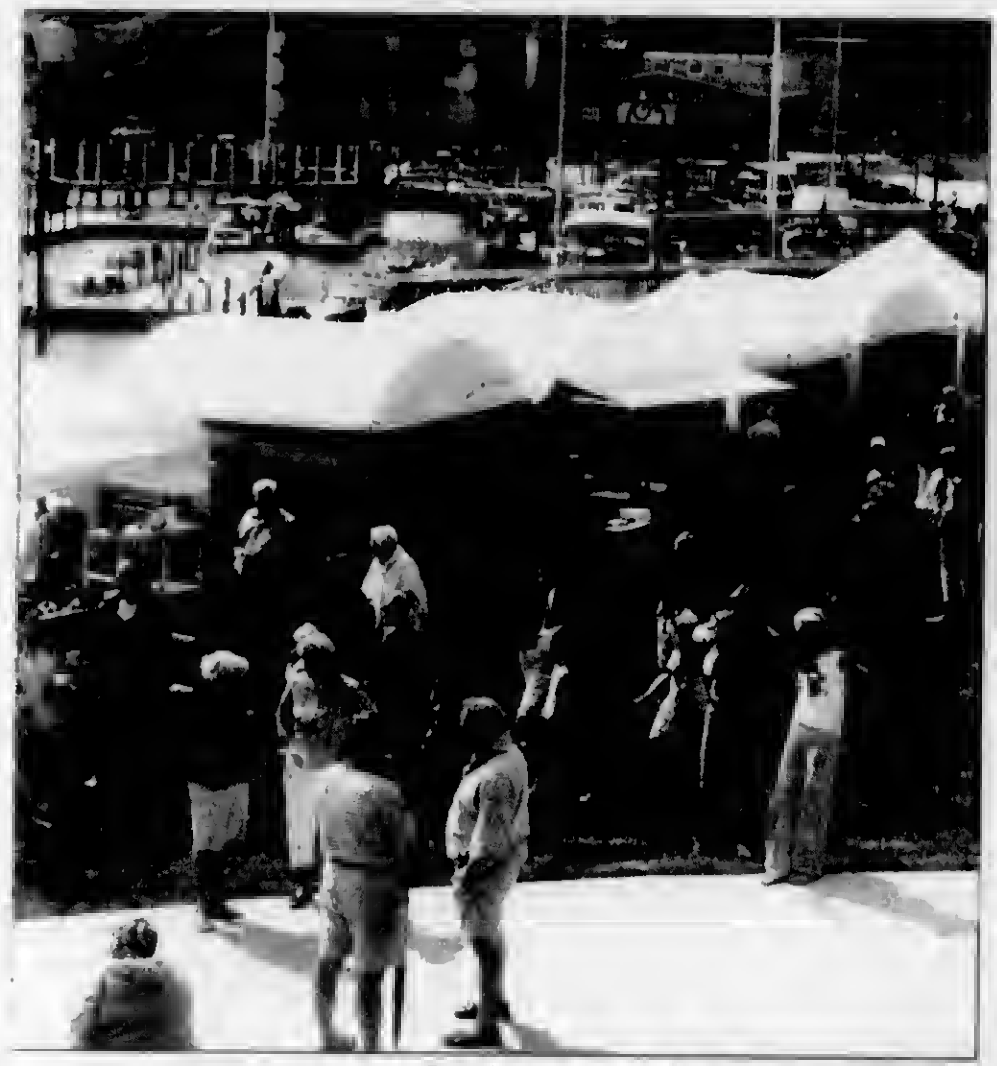

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East Park to art park

Dozens of artists working on all forms displayed their works during Charlevoix's 50th Annual Waterfront Art Fair. Artists from near and far offered everything from paintings and sculptures to photography.

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Illuminated

Kavan Geary (left) talks to a patron about his pieces which he calls "Illuminatad macrol florals." Ha creates these images using studio work with specialized lighting. All of the flowers in his pictures ara real flowers. He said tha last time he had participated in this featival was two or threa years ago, and he decided to coma back because ha and his wife really like tha area.

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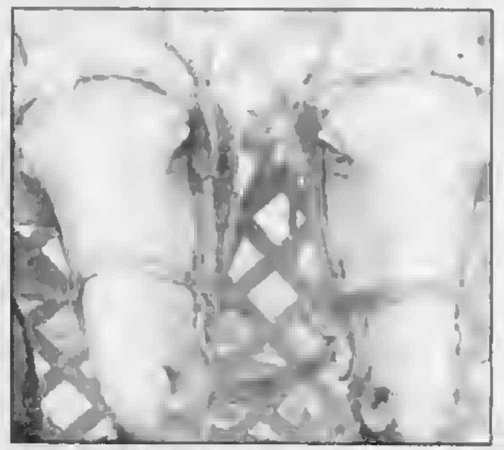
Bird's-eye view

A young boy admires the work of Michael Van Houzen of Holland. Van Houzen's wood carvings of birds are all hand-carved out of basswood. The leaves and plant work is made out of brass and welded on.



Not horsing around

Lori Hough's animal sculptures are all made out of paper macha. "All of my work is of animals, mostly," she said. "I'm just passionate about animals." Hough, who is from Fremont, Michigan, had steady foot traffic through her tent and display area throughout the 50th Waterfront Art Fair.

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OBITUARIES

Martha Morgan: 1928 - Aug. 7, 2008

Martha Morgan, 80, died suddenly on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Martha may be best remembered as the German daycare lady who cared for many Charlevoix children for over two decades, both in her home and at the First Congregational Church. Caring for children was a reoccurring theme in her life and one that brought her great joy. Born in Germany in 1928, her first job was as a children's nurse. She also raised two daughters and cared for her grandson until her death.

She was working in a commissary on a U.S. Air Force base in Germany when she met William Morgan, an American serviceman. They moved to the United States and were married in 1963.

Until her husband's retirement from the U.S. Air Force in 1976, Martha lived the life of a military wife, moving often. They settled in Charlevoix in 1972. Although she missed Germany and retained her German citizenship, she always considered Charlevoix her home.

After her husband's untimely death in 1983, she raised her daughters on her own and was proud of their accomplishments. She enjoyed spending the last five years with her grandson Evans Their favorite activities were bird watching and playing board games, which she would always let him win.

Martha valued all of her friends, many of whom she met through the Charlevoix Senior Center. It was there she came out of her shell socially and enjoyed activities and crafts. Through the Center she learned to play the piano for the first time in her 70s.

She had a special love for flower gardening. Despite the progressive deterioration of her knees limiting her mobility, she continued to maintain gardens every summer.

Martha was a happy person who found joy in the simple things. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Martha is survived by her daughter Trish Morgan-Beane (Dave), daughter Melinda Morgan (Gordon Compton), grandson Evan Beane, niece Jutta Stapf, niece Brigitte Bohrman, and great-niece Meike Stapf.

A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Donations may be made to the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Gerald "Jerry" LaFreniere: Sept. 22, 1940 - Aug. 7, 2008

LaFreniere

Gerald "Jerry" LaFreniere, 67, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008 at his home on Beaver Island.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1940 in Gaylord, the son of Vernon H. and Musette (Belfy) LaFreniere.

On Aug. 30, 2003 on Beaver Island, he married Marie Connaghan.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Amvets Post #46 and Holy Cross Catholic Church, both on Beaver Island.

Jerry worked for over thirty years for the Beaver Island Boat Company.

He had lived his whole life on Beaver Island.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Marie LaFreniere of Beaver Island; six children, Michelle (Michael) Sowa of Beaver Island, Gerald Jerry" (Tammy) LaFreniere of Beaver Island, Deborah (John) Robert of Beaver Island, Becky (Tim) Gerace of Howell, Rory (Virginia) Connaghan of Beaver Island, and Keith Szczepanski of Eaton Rapids; thirteen grandchildren; and one brother, Leon LaFreniere of Ludington,

He was preceded in death by a wife, Sandy LaFreniere and one brother, Paul LaFreniere.

A mass was held on Monday, Aug. 11 at noon at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island.

Visitation was held on Sunday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at his home on Beaver Island, with a Rosary Service at 8 p.m. Memorials may be given to the LaFreniere Family and a Garage Party will be held at Unfinished Farms on Beaver Island on Aug. 29.

Robert S. Gibson: Feb. 21, 1945 - Aug. 4, 2008

Robert S. Gibson, 63, of Norwood died Monday, Aug. 4, 2008 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A memory sharing service was held Friday, Aug. 8, 2008 at 3 p.m. at his home, 815 Lakeshore Drive, Norwood.

Please bring pictures and stories to share. Robert was born on Feb. 21, 1945 in Traverse City the son of Lester and Helen (Prause) Gibson. He graduated from Leland High School in 1963 and received a B.A. and Masters in Psychology from Western Michigan University. He served two years in the United States Army including a tour in Vietnam from April 1969 to April 1970. Robert had worked as a licensed psychologist at the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital and Traverse City Psychiatric Hospital. He retired in 2002. He married Barbara Hartter on March 29, 2002 in Paw Paw after a 10-year committed relationship. They made their home in Norwood. Robert had enjoyed running. He was proud that he had run in both the New York Marathon and the Chicago Marathon. Robert is survived by his wife, Barbara Gibson of Norwood; two children, Laura (Joe) Pleva of Grosse Point and Patrick Donnelly of Kalamazoo; three grandchildren, Clare, Cecilia and Colleen Pleva, all of Grosse Point; two sisters, Sharon (Barton) Osborn of Honor, Nan (Marty) Lickteig of Honor; one brother, Jack (Deb) Smith of Marine City; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials may be given to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or the Fetzer Institute, 9292 West KL Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix, MI.

Melvin Durbin: Died Aug. 3, 2008

Melvin Durbin, 76, died Aug. 3, 2008.

Beloved husband of Renee Durbin.

Dear father of Cam (Dr. Buddy) Weisman, Tracey (Dr. Lance Anderson) Durbin, Perri (Michael) Cauley, Leilani Leigh Durbin, Cory (Bryan) Esterline and Skip Durbin.

Proud grandfather of Casey Morrison, Grady Morrison, Drew Morrison, Eden Schwartz, Jared Boe, Jaclyn Cauley, Danielle Cauley, Jackson Esterline, Caitlyn Esterline, Ty Esterline. Loving brother of the late Irving Dubrinsky and the late Gerald Dubrinsky.

Cherished brother-in-law of Howard (Dayle) Mevis, Alan Mevis and Maureen O'Donnell. Devoted son of the late Rose and the late Philip Dubrinsky and the dear mother-in-law of Edythe (the late Marvin) Mevis.

Service was at Ira Kaufman Chapel. Interment was at Clover Hill Park Cemetery.

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The list could go on, but you get the idea.

The world seems to be careening out of control, and as much as we might care for the polar bear and the rain forest we are increasingly focused on how to just keep our family fed, the mortgage paid, and enough gas in the car to get to our not-so-secure job.

The times are ripe for an epidemic of worry. When our security and lifestyle is threatened by forces we can't even influence, much less control, it is a natural human response to fret.

Natural and common as it is, worry isn't productive.

Nothing ever changes because of worrying because there is no real action associated with worrying that could impact the outcome of the issue at hand.

It is much like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Worry is a form of mental distress caused by concern for some possible or anticipated event.

It is often thought of as an emotion or even a personality trait, since we all know someone for whom worrying is their favorite sport.

Actually, worrying is not an emotion at all. Worry is a form of mental obsession that is unhealthy and unproductive.

Left unchecked, worry leads us to replay possible disastrous outcomes over and over again in our minds until we embrace a distorted reality.

Most worry is over far-fetched events that have little likelihood of actually occurring.

Worry is so pointless because it focuses all our energy and emotion on what might happen.

Worry is seldom for the real issues that beset us in the here and now; those real issues usually receive real action.

In fact, concern for a legitimate problem motivates us to take meaningful action, which is why we visit a doctor about a pain or see a mechanic about a noise under the hood.

Worry, though, rarely leads to constructive action.

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All of this can contribute to an unhealthy level of stress that in turn can lead to anxiety issues and even panic disorders.

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Worry is a symptom of fear, and for the follower of Jesus fear is the opposite of faith.

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BC Pizza – Keith McBee began working at BC Pizza in Boyne City in 1990. In 1997, he opened BC Pizza in St. Ignace, and in 1999 purchased the Charlevoix location. BC Pizza has a full menu and a pizza & salad buffet. They provide delivery service within 5 miles of Charlevoix 7 day a week. BC Pizza is located on M-66 in the Captain's Corner Plaza and can be reached by calling 547-9999. Pictured left to right: Larry Jr., Alison, Larry Sr., and Keith.

Downtown Sidewalk Sales

Charlevoix merchants will offer substantial reductions on an exciting selection of seasonal inventory during their annual END OF SUMMER SIDEWALK SALES taking place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 14th, 15th, and 16th. Don't miss the best bargains of the year on a variety of quality merchandise. Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9am to 5pm and inside after 5pm. This is one event that you won't want to miss!

Chamber Golf Outing!

Join us for the 10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing on August 26th at the Belvedere Golf Club, a four-person scramble event with a shot-gun start at 1pm. All are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a light lunch onsite and a dinner buffet and award ceremony immediately following at the Belvedere Club Casino. Prizes for longest drive, closest to pin and hole in one. Gifts for all who participate. There will also be a contest for the 2008 Chamber Putting Championship with a chance to win a substantial cash prize! Space is limited, so register your team today!

Time is running out! Purchase your lucky ticket for a chance to win a 2008 Pontiac Solstice Convertible during the Chamber Car Raffle! The lucky ticket will be drawn on September 11 at the Belvedere Club Casino. Admission is free to ticket holders, and there will be great food and entertainment. Tickets are $100 each or three for $200. Call the Chamber and reserve your lucky numbers today!

Interested in Starting a Business?

Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to attend "How to Start a New Business" orientation session on Tuesday, August 19th from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. Discover how to take an idea and run with it during this two hour program featuring Wendy Wieland, NLEA/SBTDC Business Consultant. To register, contact Lauren at 547-2101 or email info@charlevoix.org.

Downtown Farmers Market

Enjoy a variety of locally grown vegetables, meats, fruits, flowers, maple syrup, honey, and more during Charlevoix's Downtown Farmers Market held in East Park every Thursday from 9am to 1pm. Local farmers are proud to offer an ever changing variety of fresh produce, baked goods and other garden related items each market day.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 14-16	Charlevoix Downtown Sidewalk Sales	547-2101
Aug 22	Odawa Casino Resort welcomes John Secada	877-442-6464
Aug 22 -23	Michigan BASS Chapter Federation Bass Tournament	248-819-3192
Aug 26	10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing	547-2101
Aug 30-31	Castle Farms Royal Craft Show	237-0884
Sep 06	Odawa Casino Resort welcomes Billy Ray Cyrus	877-442-6464
Sep 06	C.A.R.E. Fair	547-5530

September 5th is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on September 18th at the Chamber of Commerce.

Help needy students by stuffing the bus

Supplies for needy students

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 23, anyone wishing to donate school supplies, or money for supplies, for needy students may do so at school buses parked at Wal-Mart and K-Mart in Petoskey and K-Mart in Charlevoix.

To support this effort, simply buy extra art supplies, binders, colored pencils, washable colored markers, notebook paper, pencils, pens, scissors, crayons and any other school supplies of the like.

Various stores including the aforementioned will also sport drop boxes for school supplies during the week leading to Aug. 23.

Distribution of supplies will be coordinated with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

Volunteers are needed to staff buses and sort supplies. Call Julie Voci at (231) 487-1006 or at e-mail her at charemuw@sbcglobal.net.

Mail monetary donations to Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey, Mich. 49770: RE: Stuff the Bus, or use one of the donation boxes available at the buses.

Meet author James L. Hopp at Round Lake Bookstore

Rogers City author James L. Hopp will be signing his new book "Mayday! Tragedy at Sea" from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 30 at Round Lake Bookstore.

On Nov. 18, 1958, the Carl D. Bradley, a 639-foot limestone carrier sank in Lake Michigan during a violent storm; 33 men perished. Only two survived.

Fewer than seven years later, the S/S Cedarville sank in the Straits of Mackinac after being struck by another ship.

Ten sailors lost their lives, most of them from Rogers City, Michigan.

"Mayday! Contains more than 80 photographs, illustrations and maps.

It discusses the loss of the Bradley, the rescue attempts by the U.S. Coast Guard in Charlevoix and the devastating impact the sinking had on Rogers City. It also details the collision of the S/S Cedarville with the Norwegian M/V Topdalsfjord in the Strait of Mackinac on May 7, 1965.

James L. Hopp is a retired teacher from Rogers City. His neighbor, Keith Schuler, was lost in the Bradley tragedy. His uncle, Leonard Gabrysiak, was the helmsman n the Cedarville when it was struck by another ship in the Straits of Mackinac. Books available at Round Lake Bookstore.

For further information, please call Dianne Clifford DuPont at (231) 547-2699 or email at RIbooks@charterinternet.com.

Meet the author: Richard Kellogg

English explorer Alexander Henry came to the Upper Peninsula in the 1770's to find gold and silver but he found only copper which he considered worthless.

He gave up and that's where the story really begins.

Berkley native, Richard Kellogg, 79, starts a yarn at that point, weaving in a fantastic voyage, buried treasure, hidden silver mines and a case of backstabbing in America's early days that he thinks changed the course of history.

The twists and turns may seem unbelievable: from saving his business with help from a geologist friend with a secret past to lowering himself into a sparkling cavern of pure silver dug deep into the Upper Peninsula.

But Kellogg swears it's all truth, not fiction.

He recounts his tales in the book "A Silver Wall."

Meet Richard Kellogg at a book signing between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at Round Lake Bookstore, downtown Charlevoix.

Retired school personnel luncheon

The noon luncheon will be held on Aug. 20 at Greensky Hill Church's Susan Hall on old U.S. 31 north of Charlevoix.

Enjoy an $8 salad luncheon, greet old associates, meet new friends, and receive an up-date on legislative and health issues.

Lansing is scrutinizing health benefits.

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For further information, call Suzanne Frisk at (231) 347-4679.

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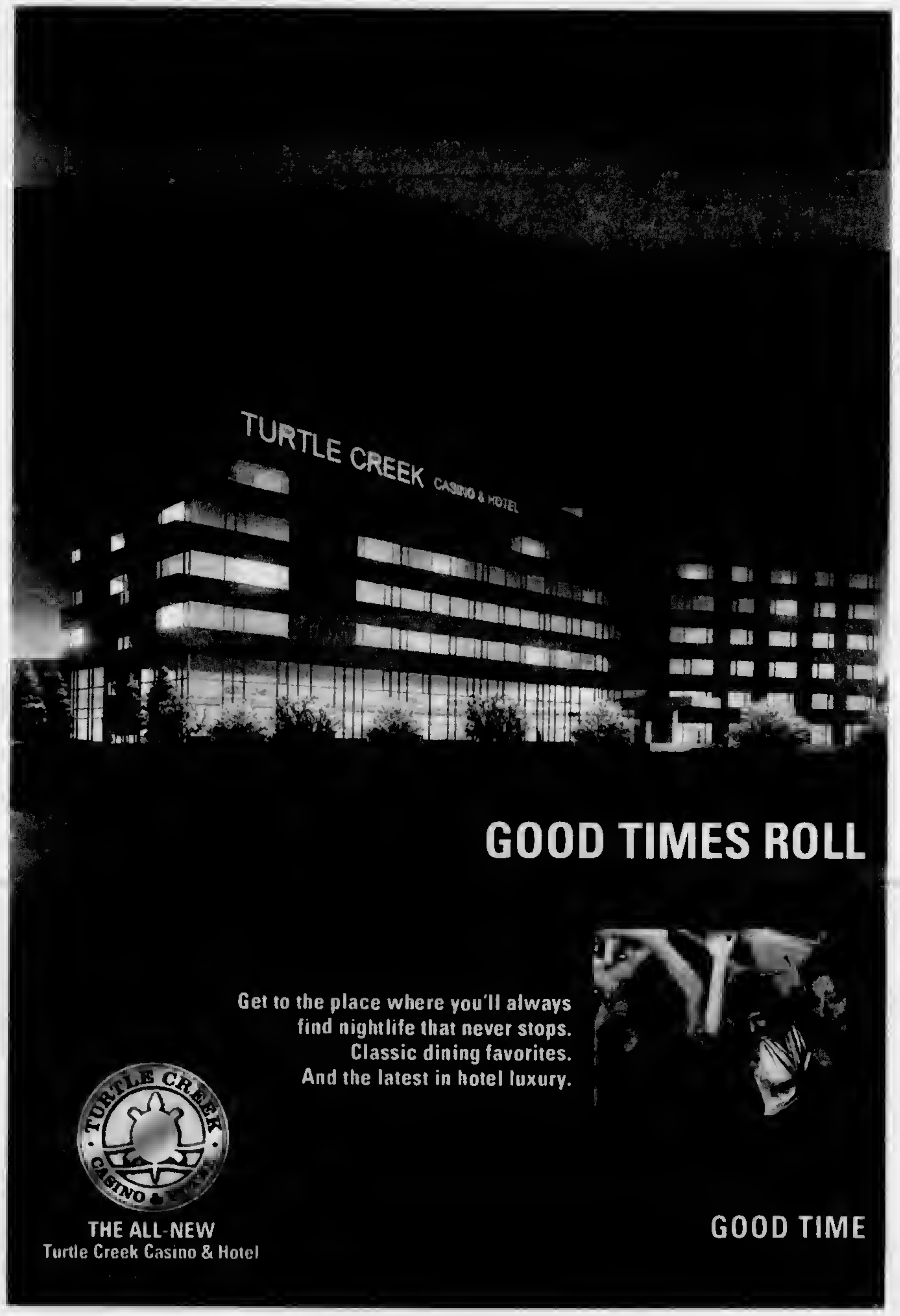
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• CHAIR-ITY AUCTION

Hiland Cottage Hospice House, Challenge Mountain, Northern Community Mediation and BASES are all recipients of the proceeds from the Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. They were presented $5,000 checks by Joyce Herbert and Joan Robinson, co-chairs of the event.

• GRAND TRAVERSE

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians donated to the Charlevoix Public Schools Title VII Program an amount of $33,000 towards the Educational support services to Native American students within the school's academic Program.

• BANK SECURELY

The Federal Deposit Insurance Commission (FDIC) wants consumers to feel secure in the knowledge that deposits in their local bank are insured. Banks are required to purchase this insurance. While Michigan banks are facing the same economic struggles faced by the state's businesses and consumers, customers should understand that their deposits are safe.

This comes in response of a run on at least one out-of-state bank in recent weeks.

"Your money is safe in a Michigan bank," said Dennis Koons, president and CEO of the Michigan Bankers Association. "Our banks continue to provide financing for home mortgages and local businesses. They remain a safe and secure depository and provide a much needed source of credit for the community."

Deposits in commercial banks and thrift institutions are insured by the FDIC for up to $100,000 per depositor per insured bank and up to $250,000 per depositor per insured bank for retirement accounts.

Throughout the FDIC's 75-year existence, there have been no losses of insured deposits when a bank closed its doors. Bank customers do not need to purchase this insurance – it is paid for by the banks, is automatic and is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

Customers with deposits in banks should feel secure that their insured deposits are protected. If consumers have any questions they should ask their banker directly.

While a sustained economic decline can impact any business, banks are highly capitalized and prepared for economic fluctuations. Overall, banks are well-positioned to handle economic downturns, and if necessary, take steps to put losses behind them.

Banking is among the most heavily regulated businesses in the nation. State and federal bank regulators take extra efforts to ensure that banks are safe and sound and to protect depositors. Depositors should feel confident that their money is safe.

The Michigan Bankers Association (MBA) is the voice of the Michigan banking industry. Comprised of Michigan financial institutions with more than 2,400 branches located throughout the state, the MBA promotes strong communities and economic activity in Michigan by advancing a positive business environment.

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Boating Accident

On July 31, a 12-year-old was involved in a boating accident on Lake Charlevoix. The family had finished tubing when the tube flew out into the water. The child stepped on the rope to stop the tube and the rope wrapped around his foot and amputated several toes.

All beverage bottles could soon come with deposit

Representatives of nearly 2,000 park and recreation professionals recently announced they are teaming up with Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) to extend Michigan's Bottle Deposit Law to include non-carbonated beverage containers.

With this endorsement, the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) joins MUCC, the driving force behind creation of the "Bottle Bill" 30 years ago.

"Michigan's law works, but it's incomplete and only applies to carbonated beverages," said Dennis Schornack, Executive Director of MRPA. "Sadly, Michigan parks are now littered with empty water, tea and sport drink containers. It's time to get the bubbles out of the Bottle Bill to keep Michigan parks beautiful."

In the 70s MUCC and the citizens of Michigan adopted a law that would fix the state's litter problem and it worked.

Since the 1970s, consumer preference for bottled beverages has dramatically shifted to non-carbonated drinks like tea, water, and sports drinks.

In 2010, non-carbonated drink sales are expected to soar above pop sales in Michigan. Each year, Michigan citizens recycle 97 percent of the 5.5 billion carbonated beverage containers, while 80 percent of non-carbonated beverage containers end up as litter and trash destined for landfills.

Local park officials stressed that keeping parks clean costs money and up to half of the trash removed by park employees is non-carbonated beverage containers.

Michigan residents are encouraged to contact their state representative and state senator to advocate support for the measure.

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Athletic director promoted to assistant principal

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Following the retirement of assistant principal Roger Gowell, a couple of staff members within Charlevoix High School will be taking on a new role.

Doug Drenth will be the new assistant principal and Anne Gorney will take Drenth's place as the new athletic director.

"I'm hoping to pick right up where Doug (Drenth) left off," Gorney said of her predecessor, now the high school's assistant principal. "I took the job on the condition that Doug would be my mentor and he kindly agreed."

Gorney, previously a math teacher at the high school, said she hopes to run the office efficiently and that academics come first.

With that, however, she said she'd like to get the kids more involved in sports.

"There's been a declining involvement in girls sports especially, but really, all across the board," said Gorney. "With the season switch, there's been an encouragement for kids to only do one sport at a time. Some of the students have done very well in the past with handling more than one sport at a time, but it's really encouraged to do one and focus more time on studying."

Gorney said she looks forward to working with the kids in a different way this year. She also said she hopes to increase attendance at all of the sporting events as well.

"I've been working athletics since I started here," she said. "This is my fourteenth year here and I've done everything else. I might as well top it off."

Roger Gowell, who has been in education for 34 years, was the previous assistant principal. Though he served only one year as assistant principal, he worked part-time as an administrator and teaching classes.

"I knew he (Doug Drenth) was interested in the position, and I was happy to see he was interested," said Gowell. "I believe he'll do a good job."

"My wife had been retired for two years and my kids are all in the job market so this just gives us more flexibility to visit the kids," he said.

"Roger had the same kind of personality as Doug and I'm going to miss him from a professional and a personal standpoint," said Chet Janik, Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent. "We're going to miss him, but I'm glad he's moving on to new things in his life."

Janik said that Drenth is good for the position because he's proven as a successful teacher, coach and administrator. "He's respected by parents, colleagues and students and I'm happy he took the position. I think he and Suzanne will be a good team," he said.

Janik said that he has no major concerns for the upcoming school year academically. His only concerns lie with getting state financing.

"Anne and Doug work together very well, so it's going to be a very smooth transition," Janik said. "The big thing is getting the kids ready for the new school year."

Annual Red Fox Regatta turns 40

The 40th Annual Red Fox Regatta boat race is scheduled for Aug. 30 and 31.

Register and buy tickets online at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Pre-Race Events

- Weekend events start at 6 p.m. with the NuCore triangle in Lake Charlevoix with a party following at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Ave.

- Race

At 11 a.m. Charlevoix to Boyne City on Saturday, Boyne City to Charlevoix on Sunday.

At 10:30 a.m. Dave Cisco will be playing music on the water before start in Boyne City.

- Party

The Party in the Park is Saturday night in Boyne City and is open to racers and non-racers alike. Get your dinner/party tickets online.

Bring a T-shirt or hat to trade and don't miss Dave Cisco's performance during dinner. There will also be a rain-gutter regatta before dinner open on a first-come basis before dinner.

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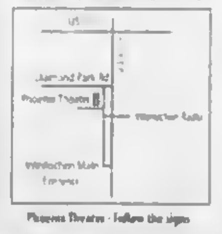

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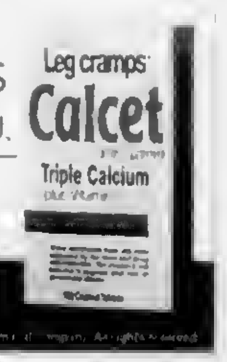

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MSU offering new land use program

Michigan State University Extension in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties recently received grants totaling $7,800 from the Charlevoix County and Petoskey-Harbor Springs community foundations to create innovative new training programs for local planning and zoning officials.

This project is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension in cooperation with the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Charlevoix and Emmet County Planning Departments and H.A.R.B.O.R., Inc.

The first part of the project includes a new set of audio CDs called "Planner's Moments." These CDs feature 15-minute commentaries recorded by area land use experts and are designed to be played at the beginning of local planning commission meetings. Supporting documentation and handouts will also be provided.

The first in the educational series will be available in September.

"While many planning officials recognize how important training is, many just don't have the time," says Dean Solomon, Charlevoix County Extension Director. "Planner's Moments" will let them learn important new information without having to attend yet another meeting."

The commentaries will focus on smart growth and best planning practices, as well as current trends and local issues in planning and zoning.

Planning officials and interested citizens will also be able to attend a spring 2009 workshop highlighting the Grand Traverse Bay "New Designs for Growth" program. This effort is one of the best in the state and is a key guiding force for commercial and residential development in that region.

The guidebook and approaches to helping local officials and developers could be very useful in this part of the region.

"We're very pleased that the foundations were able to support this project," says Solomon. "It will be a great chance to help leaders deal with land use challenges and better prepare our region for new economic development opportunities."

For more information about the "Planner's Moments" and "New Designs for Growth" program, contact the MSU Extension office in Charlevoix County (231) 582-6232 or Emmet County (231) 348-1770.

Tiny dancer

Lukila Witthoeft of Charlevoix recently received a full dance scholarship to Dance North Summer Dance Intensive. She is pictured with Ann Cooley (right) a 14-year veteran of the Radio City Rockettes. She is a renowned New York City dancer/choreographer, as well as the Dance North Artistic Director. The dance intensive for Witthoeft's age group occurred at the end of July and culminated in a performance at Mackinaw Crossings.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

NEW Service @ the Library

We are now offering a self check station across from the circulation desk. Try it out yourself, or ask at the Information Services desk for a one minute tutorial.

JATL: Jazz @ the Library

Wednesdays in July and August, 7:00 pm

Come learn about the great jazz masters and listen to their music in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden. BYOC (bring your own chair). In case of rain, JATL will be held in the Community Room.

August 13 - Guest soloist Dan Jacobs will lead the JATL trio through the history of Jazz trumpet. Starting with Louis Armstrong and working his way through Harry James, Ziggy Elman, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie and more, Jacobs will feature the signature pieces of the great players. Dan's credits include Mel Torme, Woody Herman, Gene Krupa, Frank Sinatra and many more.

August 20 - We move forward in the Jazz decades with guest Phil Larrson, former LA studio musician and regular performer in Northern Michigan. Phil will highlight the fusion of Jazz with Blues, Funk and West Coast influences, drawing on artists such as George Benson, Lee Ritenour and Larry Carlton. Phil studied guitar with some of the great West Coast artists before moving to the Traverse City area.

Story Time

Thursday, August 14, 10:30 am

Join other youngsters for stories, songs and crafts. Birth to age 5.

Computer Tidbit: WebZoo

Wednesday, August 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Come see some of the websites you would never find in a million years, but that could make your web time more fun! See the sites your kids and grandkids use.

Computer Tidbit: Mysteries of the Michigan Room

Wednesday, August 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Learn what treasures actually lay behind the locked cabinets in the library's Michigan Room. See special features of the room, view rare books and learn to use the new digital microfilm machine. Did you know that you can convert your old 35mm film/slides to a digital format with this new machine?

Charlevoix Men's Chorus

Friday, August 15th, 12:15 p.m.

The Charlevoix Men's Chorus, presently with 25 singers, has performed around the Little Traverse Bay area for many years. The program will include a medley of spirituals, songs about various aspects of love, settings of familiar folk songs, including "Viva l'amour," and solos by Vince Chew and Phil Crooks.

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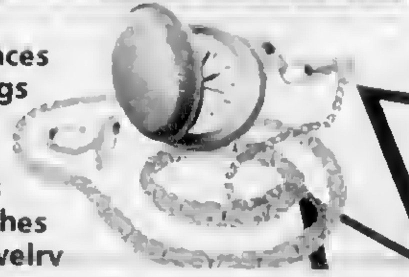

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Program aims to keep youth safe

Substance Abuse Free Environment (SAFE) in Northern Michigan is a partnership of area organizations that seeks to reduce substance abuse among young people.

Participants include probate and juvenile court representatives, law enforcement, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Community Offering Alternatives to Substance Abuse (COATS), Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA), Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES), Harbor Hall, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, and substance abuse professionals.

To learn more about SAFE in Northern Michigan or to become involved in a local substance abuse prevention organization, contact Lorraine Manary at (231) 347-6701.

It is an over-arching body created to encourage collaboration among the participating groups that partner with families, communities and schools in prevention efforts against drug and alcohol use among youth.

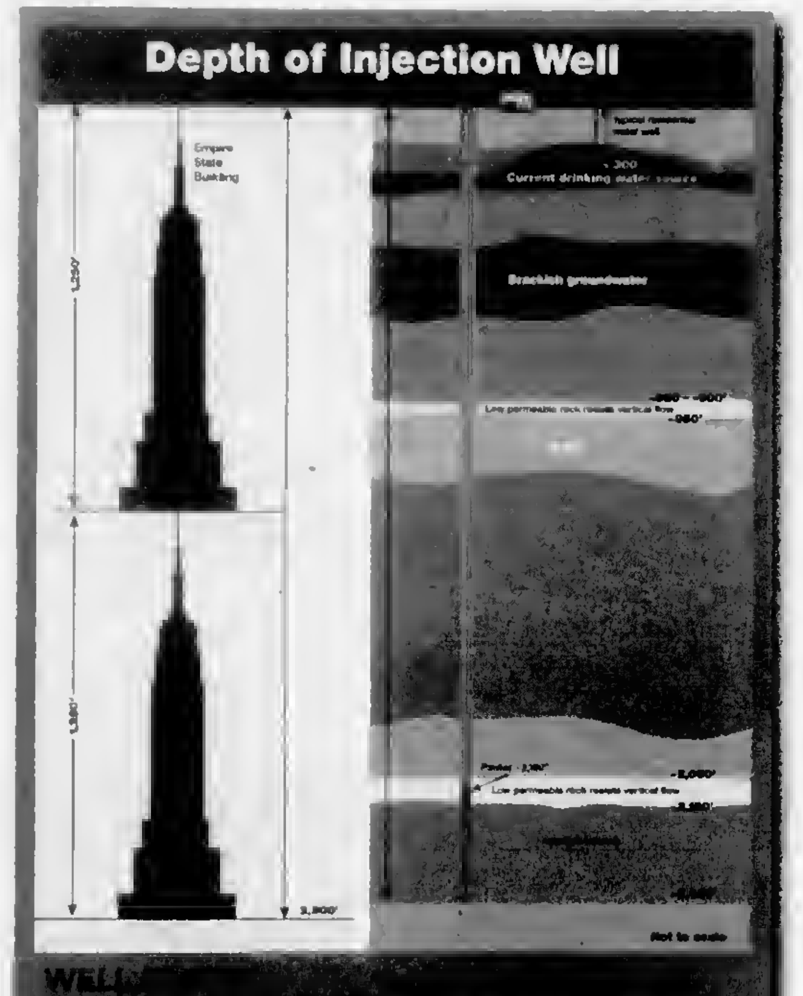
SAFE is funded by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and operates as a workgroup of the Charlevoix Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body.

"Currently we have participation from Petoskey, Pellston and Harbor Springs. We are continuing to seek participation from all Charlevoix and Emmet community groups to more broadly and effectively impact these issues in the coming year," said Tricia Graham, SAFE Co-chair.

SAFE in Northern Michigan is making progress towards its four main goals:

- Creating a Youth Student Advisory force
- Developing a sustainable media and community education plan
- Enhancing youth prevention and early intervention effectiveness
- Providing family education and support in prevention of tobacco, alcohol and drug use

SAFE continues to support and develop collaborative efforts with area professionals to provide alternative activities and educational opportunities that will build healthier youth. Work has begun on analyzing available data to help direct the groups' activities. A data-driven focus will help assure successful impact on an issue that continues to place area youth at risk.



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- The well will go down more than 2,100 feet – that's almost 1/2 mile below the surface.
- The disposal zone contains a brine unsuitable for drinking or irrigation use.
- The disposal zone does not connect to any fresh water aquifers or surface water. The well application did not identify any surface water, environmental sensitive areas, floodplains, wetlands, natural rivers, or threatened or endangered species within a 1/4 mile radius of the proposed location.
- There are two impermeable layers of rock between the disposal zone and the local aquifer.
- The drinking water aquifer in the area ends at about 300 feet.

By now, you've likely heard about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project. The site now known as Bay Harbor and its neighboring public parks was once home to a limestone quarry and cement plant that operated for almost 80 years.

Beginning in 1993, the Bay Harbor Company, of which CMS Land Company was a principal owner, started work to redevelop the brownfield site and help protect the bay from the effects of the cement dust left behind.

Today, final efforts in the clean-up project continue. Earlier this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved permits for CMS Land to install a deep injection well in Antrim County to dispose of the treated water from the project. Trucking the water to the well is not an ideal long-term solution and CMS Land intends to use the well for only as long as needed. CMS Land continues to work with the EPA and the MDEQ to identify a local disposal option for the water.

We know the well and the project overall have raised questions. Below are answers to the questions we hear most often.

Q: Will the well be safe?

A: Yes. After conducting an exhaustive review that lasted more than a year, both the EPA and DEQ concluded the proposed well can operate safely and that the well won't harm drinking water sources in the area or the Jordan River. In addition:

- The well will have numerous surface and below-ground safety features, and extensive monitoring and reporting requirements.
- The well will go down more than 2,100 feet below the surface. The area aquifer that supplies drinking and irrigation water ends at about 300 feet.
- The geologic zone that will receive the treated water is proven for such uses, and there are two impermeable layers of rock between that zone and the local aquifer.
- Additionally, the test drilling of the well must demonstrate that it can operate safely before the well can be put into operation.

Deep injection wells have been widely used in the United States for more than 50 years and have an excellent safety record. You can find out more about these wells by visiting **www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/wells_class1.html**

Q: Why was Antrim County selected as the site of this disposal well?

A. Antrim County was selected because of its proven geology. Scientific research and well records were used to identify a location where the geology has been proven to be suitable for such a well. More than 100 oil and gas wells and three other disposal wells already are operating within two miles of the CMS Land well site. That demonstrates the area's geology is suitable for such use. In fact, Antrim County is already home to nearly 50 active brine disposal wells and there also have been more than a dozen new injection well permits issued in Antrim County since early 2006. In contrast, there are no such wells in Emmet County.

Q: I've heard the water that will go into the well described as "toxic soup." How dangerous is the water?

A: The EPA classifies the water as nonhazardous waste because it does not have any characteristics of hazardous waste. The water collected at the project is treated on-site to reduce its pH level to about 10, which is similar to milk of magnesia. While the water does contain trace amounts of mercury, these amounts are more than 10 times less than what the government considers safe for drinking water (2,000 parts per trillion).

Q. If the treated water is nonhazardous, why can't it go into the Little Traverse Bay?

A. Although the treated water is nonhazardous, it doesn't meet the standards for discharge to the bay. That's primarily because trace amounts of mercury in the treated water average about 100 parts per trillion. The mercury standard for discharging water to the bay is 1.3 parts per trillion. By comparison, the standard for drinking water is 2,000 parts per trillion.

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Friday, August 15th

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10:00 a.m.
Scheduled Ride to Camp Quality to visit the children. Meet at the Harvest Bam Church, located next to Glens on M-66 by 10:00 a.m.

SAFETY PRESENTATIONS OFFERED:
If you are a new rider or never attended one of these classes...Please take advantage of this great opportunity! * "Bystander Assistance Training" - T.B.A. * "Slow Riding & Tight Turns Training" - Harvest Barn parking lot, located on M-66 next to Glens Market. NOTE: We are offering 2 classes this year. Size of class limited to 8 students per class and you MUST pre-register for this class. These are 3-hour classes: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

12:30 p.m.
Salad Buffet Luncheon at the Jordan Inn. $10.00 includes non-alcoholic beverage.

The presenter of the Alchemy Mind, Christine Lennard will be presenting fun and motivational techniques on how to get rid of stress, old worn out attitudes and other life hazards of the mind.

As a note of interest, Christine is also a lady biker and definitely understands the Passion for riding.
Visit her Web Site: www.alchemymind.com
If you are planning on attending the luncheon, please indicate your interest on the 3rd page of our Registration Form. We need a head count for food planning purposes.

1:00 p.m.
Local Guided Tours of the area for those who wish to ride and visit some out-of-the-way places. Sign up at the Registration area.

5:00 p.m. til 5:30 p.m.
Escort provided by East Jordan Police Department for clubs wishing a Grand Entrance to the Friday Night Rock & Roll Party (Prior Arrangements necessary)

5:30 p.m. til' 6:30 p.m.
ROCK AND ROLL SHOWTIME MAIN STREET WITH A WELL KNOWN ROCK N ROLL PERSONALITY Camp Quality's Theme this year is Rock & Roll.

6:30 p.m. til' 7:30 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
Grand Finale Parade of Bikes
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Saturday, August 16th

8:30 a.m.
Registration area open
SILENT AUCTION TABLE available all weekend; NEW ITEMS ONLY, Please.

9:45 a.m.
Group photo at Train Park and Blessing of the Bikes

10:15 a.m.
Guided tours will be available by signing up at the Harvest Bam Church, located next to Glens on M-66 for your favorite tour.

5:00 p.m.
BBQ by the Grillers

6:00 p.m.
Silent Auction Table, Fund Raiser Presentation to Camp Quality. Camp Quality Motorcycle Rocking Chair will be raffled off

Other Suggested Activities & Events

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* Sidewalk Sale Days In East Jordan

* Canoe the Jordan River (find info at Registration Area)

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Aug. 5 primary election results

• Charlevoix County Sheriff

Don Schneider won the Republican primary over Don Sproul by a vote of ,393 to Don Sproul's 1,231.

• Charlevoix County Board

Shirley Roloff, Bob Drehenstedt and Joel Evans, the only contested candidates, won over their rivals.

• Charlevoix County Clerk

Chief Deputy Charlevoix County Clerk Cherie Browe beat rival Jim Eisley with 2 percent of the vote.

• Norwood Township Supervisor

Republican Frank E. Hamilton beat Norwood Trustee Denny Way 144 to 140.

• Norwood Township Trustees

David Ridenour, 57 and Douglas Warner, 58, both Republicans each won a seat contested by Thomas Mielke, a Norwood planning commission member.

Ridenour gained 142 votes and Warner fetched 183 votes to beat out Mielke, who received 120 votes.

• Melrose, Boyne Valley library

Melrose and Boyne Valley townships renewed the four-year 0.3-mill levy to pay for operations of the Crooked Tree District Library with votes of 131-43 and 146-55 respectively. The millage is expected to raise $32,675 in Melrose Township and $47,066 in Boyne Valley Township in its first year and will cost the owner of a home valued at $200,000 about $30 per year in taxes.

• Chandler

Voters in Chandler Township approved the renewal of a four-year 1-mill levy for fire department operations and equipment with a vote of 34-10. The millage is expected to raise about $18,690 in its first year and will cost the owner of a home valued at $200,000 about $100 per year in taxes. Chandler Township contracts with neighboring Melrose Township for its fire protection.

• Eveline

Voters in Eveline Township renewed the 1-mill road maintenance and improvement millage for two years by a vote of 240-82. The millage is expected to raise about $251,052 when it is first levied in 2008 and will cost the owner of a home worth $200,000 about $100 in taxes per year.

• Boyne Valley fire, ambulance

Voters in Boyne Valley Township passed the four-year, 1-mill levy for the ambulance service operational millage with a vote of 168-35. The millage is expected to raise about $156,888 in its first year and cost the owner of a home valued at $200,000 about $100 per year in taxes.

The millage will help pay for ambulance service for Boyne Valley Township residents.

• St. James

St. James Township voters approved the 1-mill EMS millage to be levied over four years with a vote of 116-47. This new millage is expected to raise $45,018 in 2008. Cost to a homeowner whose house is valued at $100,000 would be $100 annually.

• Wilson

Voters in Wilson Township approved both the road construction millage with a vote of 203-58 and the fire/ambulance millage with a vote of 216-46.

The 1-mill road construction millage will be levied for five years and raise nearly $68,000 in the first year.

The five-year, 1-mill fire and ambulance millage is expected to raise as much money as the road construction millage.

• Peaine

The Peaine Township 4-mill operational millage failed with a vote of 91-72. It was expected to raise $278,280 in the first year.

Voters did approve both the transfer station millage with a vote of 105-61 and the fire protection millage with a vote of 117-47.

The transfer station millage levies 2 mills over five years to raise $139,140 in the first year.

The fire protection millage levies 1 mill over five years with expected revenue of $69,570 in the first year.

• Marion

Marion Township voters approved the 1.5-mill proposal expected to raise $120,088 in 2008 for road construction with a vote of 251-147.

This millage will last for three years.

• Charlevoix County recycling

Voters in Charlevoix County approved a four-year renewal request for a 0.15 mill levy to pay for the county's recycling program by a 3,599 to 1,221 margin.

The millage, which was first approved by voters in 2000, is expected to raise $308,869 this year. It will cost the owner of a home worth $200,000 about $15 in taxes for the year.

• Charlevoix County senior millage

Charlevoix County also voted to renew a four-year, 0.4 mill levy to fund senior citizens programs provided by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging by a 3,836 to 1,223 margin.

The levy will cost the owner of a home with a market value of $200,000 about $40 per year in taxes and is expected to raise about $823,650 in taxes in its first year.

• Charlevoix County operational millage

Charlevoix County voters also approved a four-year renewal of the county's 5.9 mill operational millage by a margin of 2,744 to 1,920.

The proposal will levy up to 4.7 mills for county operations, 1 mill at the township level, and 0.2 mills for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. The levy is expected to raise about $9.7 million in its first year. It will cost owner of a home with a market value of $200,000 about $590 per year.

• Charlevoix County transit millage

Charlevoix County voters also approved a four-year 0.25 mill public transit levy by a 3,349 to 1,621 margin.

The tax will cost the owner of a home with a market value of $200,000 about $25 per year in taxes and is expected to generate $514,781 in the first year.

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Eagle soars for cherry pie

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Favre, the other saga

...AND IN THIS CORNER

A J Hoffman

I'm not sure why I agreed to write about Brett Favre. I mean, Favre changes his mind so often, that by the time this column is published, something new may have occurred and everything I will have written about will be old news.

Newspaper writers, columnists and ESPN anchors seem so bored with Favre that they're referring to his story as "a saga." Or rather, "the saga." I guess that's exactly what it is though, isn't it?

Regardless, every time I hear or read someone referring to the Brett Favre saga, I immediately revert to Star Wars or the Bible. Should I really be thinking of it in that way? It's only sports, right? I don't know, I am intrigued by it though.

Let's set aside the things we might hate about sports. The egos, the multi-million dollar contracts, the soul-less stadiums named after banks or major corporations, etc. Overall, sports is something that inspires. Individual athletes, such as Brett Favre, are occasionally called legends - for a reason.

Favre is the only player in history to have won the AP MVP award three times, let alone consecutively. He won a Super Bowl. He's set records and put up numbers that no other quarterback in Green Bay may ever reach. He's played 17 seasons when the average career for a professional football player is around four or five years.

Favre even battled his own personal demons by fending off alcoholism and almost losing his family over it. The man has done it all with a smile on his face and the energy of a rookie scoring his very first touchdown.

As a Lions fan, upon watching the teary-eyed press conference of Favre's retirement, I felt the same way Knicks fans felt when Reggie Miller retired. Happy. I felt as if finally, the playing field is level, and now we might actually have a chance at making the playoffs this year.

The saga has nothing to do with money. He wasn't holding out. The Green Bay Packers actually offered Favre $20 million just to stay home. Of course, this offer came with stipulations, such as the team having the right to use him for promotional uses and advertising campaigns.

I think the real story which most of the media is missing is between Favre and the fans of Green Bay. The man misses the game so much that he's willing to turn down $20 million to come back and play. Really? Wow... I'm going to have to pay closer attention then, if he comes back to play.

Oh but wait, he is coming back to play! Just as I predicted, the story has changed once again. As I'm writing this column, the latest news is in: Brett Favre is back, but not with Green Bay. He's been traded to the New York Jets. I have no clue what this will look like. I can't even imagine what Brett Favre looks like in anything but a Packer jersey.

I've said a lot of good things about the man so far, and I hate to tear him down like everyone else has, but Favre probably would have been better off if he were traded to the Buccaneers.

You see, when a player goes to play for a New York team for the first time, especially a high-profile player such as Favre, he's placed under the biggest microscope in the world. Any little mistake he makes, any wrong quote, any less than eloquent interaction with a fan – it all gets caught on tape and examined. In a place like New York, all of these little things are a big deal.

Now, I don't see Favre doing something against the grain in New York, but God forbid, if he doesn't play like he's superhuman (or, battle like a Jedi, perhaps?) then his saga is over. THE saga is over.

Favre is known to be a pretty sensitive guy. He's also a very spur-of-the-moment type of guy (as we've seen over the course of the last four or five months). So, if things don't go his way, he'll walk. Again.

I watched three analysts on television make arguments as to how the Jet's season will end with this future hall-of-famer. One of them said they would go 12-4 another said 2-14, and the last one said they'd go 8-8.

My opinion is no better than any other analyst or sports commentator in the country, but my bet is if the Jets don't at least make the playoffs, Favre won't be back for a second season with the Jets

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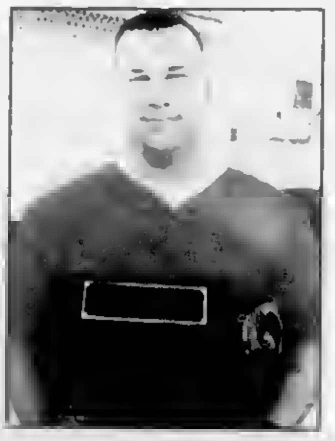
Softball champs

Boss Engineering Men's League champions. Front row, from left to right: Matt Teuscher, Jon Boss, Mark Boss, Josh Vargas. Back row, from left to right: Wayne Boss, Pat McKeown, Scott Boss, Adam Wood, Bryce Daley, Jared Hunt. Not pictured is Jeremiah Teuscher.



Good sport

Winner of the Larry McBride Sportsmanship Award is Mike Thompson of Carlson's Home Improvement.

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Venetian soccer results

Results of the Venetian soccer matches are as follows:

UNDER 8 BOYS

Sharks. Zach Hunt, Chase Fairbairn, Everett Lundgren, Nick Bonter

UNDER 8 GIRLS

Banana RAMa Abbey Schollen, Natalie Bonter, Emma Wagner, Madi Bezilla

UNDER 10 BOYS

Harbor Explosion: Sam Bailey, Gerardo Silva, Adrian Silva, Matt Fought

UNDER 10 GIRLS

Fantastic Four. Brooke Redes, Alivia Altman, Grace Kelhel, Cydnee Schulter

UNDER 12 GIRLS

Lightning II. Kelsey Hardy, Jacquelyn Harbin, Arica Alread, Abigail Haskill

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Kaisers: Phillip Brown, Robert Winn, Kirk Muller, Ethan Cartwright

UNDER 14 GIRLS

Rainbow Rapscallions: Carlie Rhiness, Heather Beasley, Katie McGoff, Gabby Garza

UNDER 14 BOYS

Red Devils: Trent McCullough, AJ Hoffman, Louie Lamheeli, Tanner Davis

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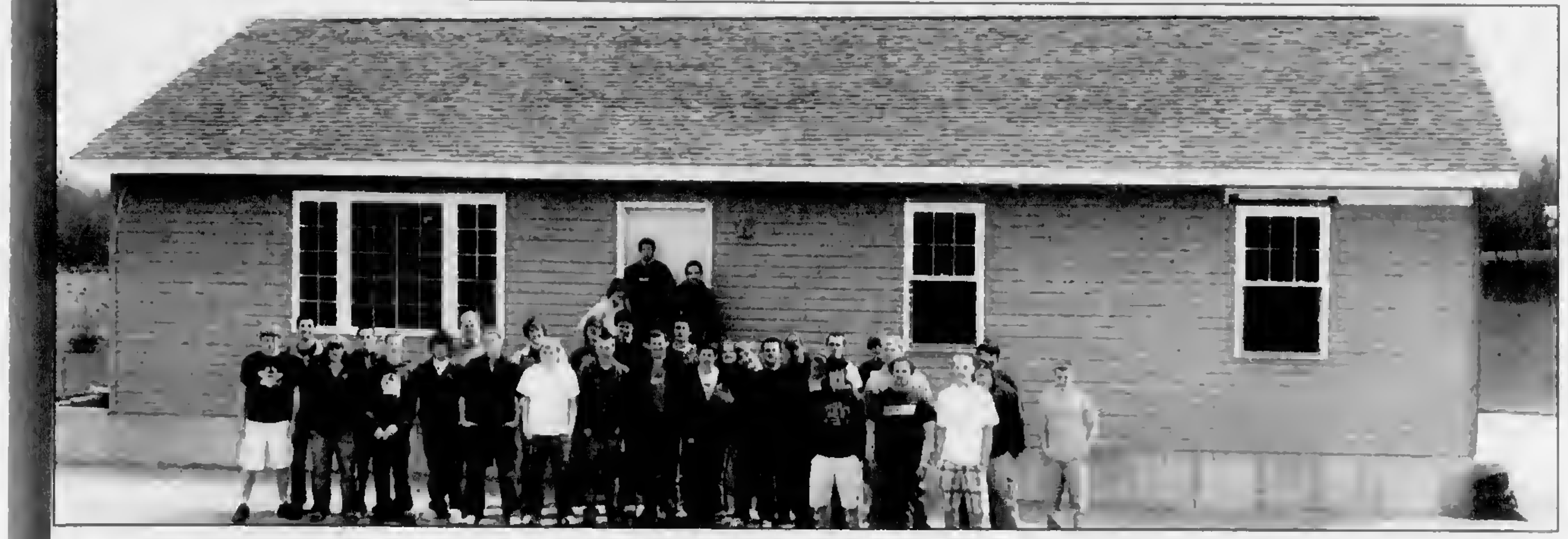

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Members of the Charlevoix High School building trades class pose in front of the building they constructed and then donated to the Moms & Tots center in Ellsworth.

CHS building trades donates building

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund recently announced approval of a Grant of $3,000 for the Moms & Tots Center located in Ellsworth.

The purpose of the grant is to help with the cost of building a new and permanent facility for the Moms & Tots Center.

The Moms & Tots Center is a ministry of Good Samaritan Family Services which also operates the Good Sam Pantry and Resale Shop in Ellsworth.

The Moms & Tots Center exists to minister to the needs of young women who think they might be pregnant, who are pregnant, and young mothers (mostly single) and their babies.

The Moms & Tots Center has had almost meteoric growth in the numbers of clients since its inception seven years ago.

The growth has been about 50 percent each year to the level today of 360 active clients. Fortunately, our income has kept pace and operationally we are in the black.

Unfortunately, the little cottage on loan to us by a local church has not grown. Some days the cottage resembles the Toonerville Trolley, nearly bursting at the seams.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund receives its funds from generous Great Lakes Energy customers who participate in the Round Up program.

Each month when they pay their bills the difference between their bill and the next dollar is given to the People Fund to improve the quality of life in our area.

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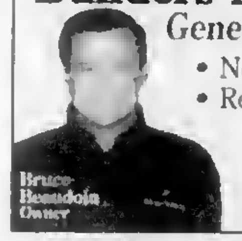

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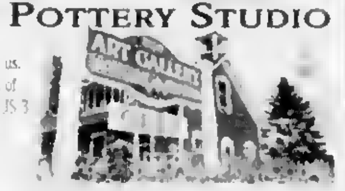

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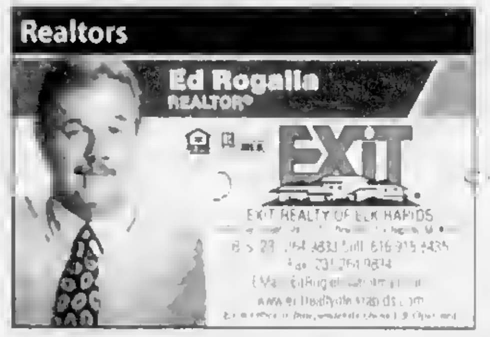
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Legal intern snags foul fisherman

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Good citizen

Ann Pfleucke received the Distinguished Citizen award from Charlevoix Kiwanis Club member Kim Brock. Pfleucka ran Charlevoix House, a group home for developmentally disabled adults providing support and skills for them to be able to move out on their own. Pfloucke retired last fall after running the home for over 26 years, where she and her husband John raised their two children.

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BookWorld now open

BookWorld recently opened at 407 Bridge St. This bookseller is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. BookWorld employs six and boasts the largest magazine selection in tha Midwest in addition to a selection of regional, bestsellers, children's end other books. Manager Pati Brannon said, "With the Upper Peninsula stores doing so well, going below the bridge was tha next logical step. This is such a wonderful erea to be in. We are looking forward to a great relationship with the community." The company also has shops in WI, MN, IL, IA and the UP of Michigan. Tha phono and FAX number is 547-2005 or visit their Web site at www.bookworld-stores.com.

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Menus for meals must be submitted 30 days in advance and pre-approved by a state dietician.

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Numbers of meals to be served on site may vary and are yet to be determined.

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 4, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Firemen's Training Room, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code to grant a gas franchise to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company
- Motion passed accepting the resignation of Ralph Doan from the Board of Review
- Motion passed awarding the bid for the Chicago Club Infrastructure Improvements to MDC Contracting, LLC for $628,318.85
- Heard a report from Airport Manager Matt Bailey on possible procedures to abate noise at the Airport. Generally agreed to have Airport Manager implement proposed procedures.
- Received an update on the Airport's 5-Year Airport Improvement Plan (AIP)
- Generally agreed to schedule proposed by staff
- Motion passed approving the ballot for the Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund be cast for the individuals on the ballot
- Resolution 2008-08-01 adopted, Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Michigan Small Harbors Coalition
- Ordinance 733 of 2008 enacted, an ordinance to amend chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code to grant a gas franchise to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company

Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Notice is further given that the trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to them.

Date: July 31, 2008

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Council seeks courtesy from pilots

NOISE

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tion has been to implement a noise abatement between certain hours of the night and early morning.

Carlson, who lives near the airport, said his neighbors have also been complaining about the noise.

"It's hard not to notice it," he said.

"I'm a realist. When I bought my house, the traffic wasn't as bad at the time," Carlson said. "I understand the industry and appreciate the business it brings in, but at the same time, they should be courteous and know that this is a residential area."

One of the issues mentioned during the council meeting was how long planes idle before takeoff.

"One thing I'm concerned about is the excessive idling," said Carol Oehs, City Clerk. "My home is right near the airport and sometimes the idling goes on for 20 to 30 minutes at a time."

The idling is a part of testing for safety, said airport manager Matt Bailey.

"The planes are the loudest when the engines are at full power when the jets are taking off," he said.

He presented a brochure from Harbor Springs Municipal Airport citing some of the procedures that they utilize in order to cut down on the noise.

The brochure is given to all flyers using their airport and lays out a series of guidelines that the pilots should abide by when traveling in and out of the airport.

The brochure specifically says, "this brochure is intended to help pilots operate to and from our airport safely and in consideration of our neighbors. The quiet departure and arrival procedures illustrated in this brochure will reduce disturbances to our neighbors and create a 'fly friendly' atmosphere at the airport."

Bailey compared the Charlevoix Airport's operations to that of Harbor Springs' Airport and said it cost them nearly $15,000 just to survey and do research.

Both the City Council and Bailey agreed a similar brochure or handout should be printed and given to pilots coming in and out of the airport.

"A friendly little thing like this can be printed up and pilots will abide by it. Usually, everybody abides by it," Bailey said. "About 90 to 95% of them will follow the rules and there's only a small minority of bad apples that don't follow the rules."

Bailey said asking pilots to use the appropriate runways for landing and takeoff will also help cut down on the noise so traffic can run smoother.

"I think asking them not to operate between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. should help," Bailey said. "I think observing the proper air traffic altitude will fix a lot of these concerns as well."

"The community of Charlevoix has always had a good relationship with the airport," Bailey said. "This noise abatement doesn't restrict pilots from flying in even during those hours. The airport must stay open to the public, because it's FAA regulated. This is only a recommendation. It's not a rule."

Bailey said the brochure the Charlevoix Airport hands out will be focusing on noise abatement procedures and patterns the pilots should be flying.

"Specifically, no turbojet or turbofan aircrafts between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m." he said. "Also, we'll ask that all turbo aircrafts depart towards the West, and not into the residential area."

"It's not uncommon to set noise restrictions. It's something bigger airports do at certain times of the day for specific reasons," Carlson said. "The Ronald Reagan International Airport in Washington D.C. has set noise abatement restrictions as a courtesy to their area as well."

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

Board could OK revamped road millage

MILLAGE

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it," said PIG chair Shirley Roloff. "I supported it because we aren't going to get anything done unless we take it upon ourselves to do it. We're not going to get any help from the state or the federal (governments)."

The PIG committee sent the ballot language to civil counsel John Jarema for his perusal before the matter will come before the full board of county commissioners at 9:30 a.m. today, Aug. 13, the results of which were not available before press time.

"That's the only way we are ever going to get our roads done," Roloff said of the measure which is expected to fund repair of 30 percent of county roads.

The 1-mill levy is expected to raise nearly $2,059,124 in the first of its 15 year life cycle, from 2009 to 2023.

If passed, the Charlevoix County Road Commission plans to improve or reconstruct 61.34 miles of the following roads and increments respectively:

- Wedge and two-inch overlay (wherein poor sections of road are replaced, overlapping solid pavement)

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Springvale - 5.45
Six Mile Lake - 3.38
Kings Highway (Beaver Island) - 4.04
Deer Lake - 3.47
Korthase - 2.65
River - 2.2
Marion Center - 7.12
Norwood - 1.76
Peninsula - 1.5
Ferry - 1.97
Slashing - 2.59
Chandler Hill - 1.3

- Total reconstruction

Ellsworth Road - 3.79

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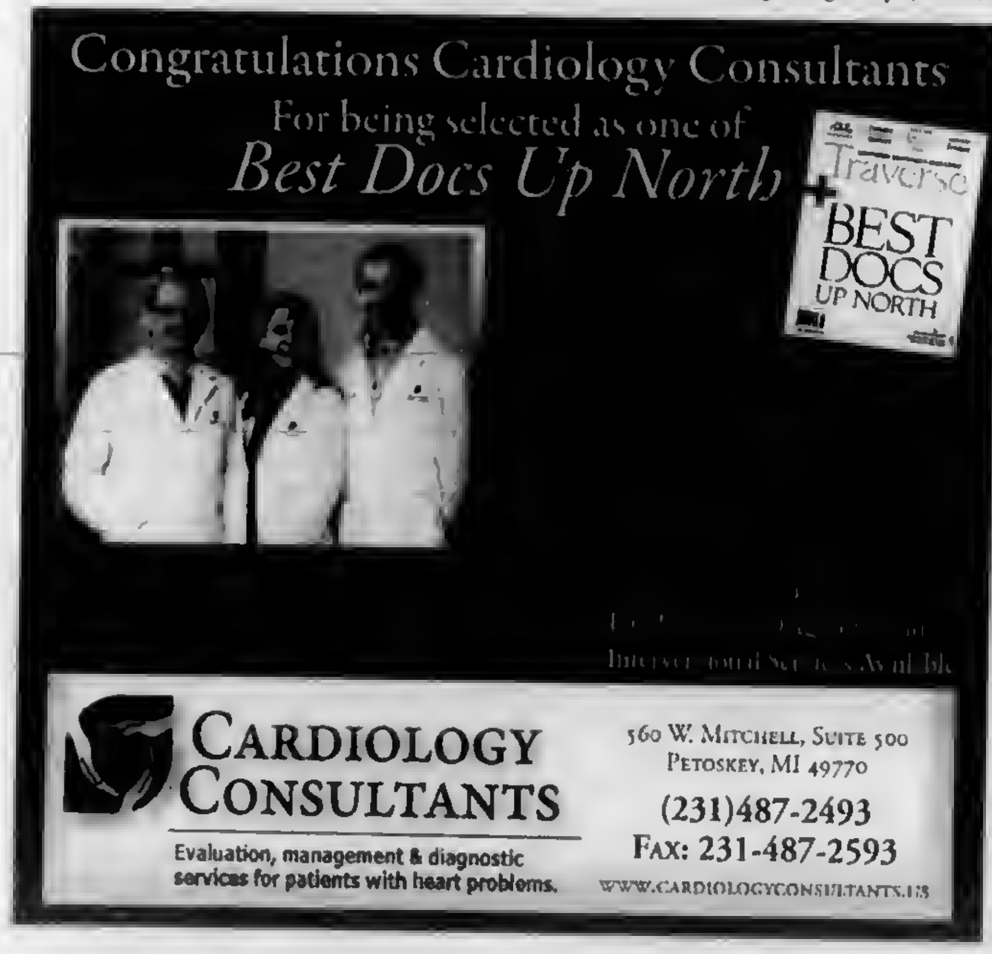
Boyne City-Charlevoix from Pincherry to Western Ave. - 8.14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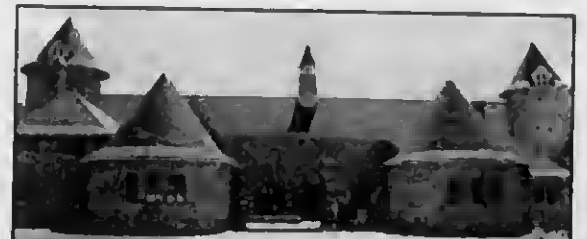

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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m on Wednesdays for all writers.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays.

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BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

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The following events and workshops are scheduled for the Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) located at 109 Clinton St. Call 547-2333 for more information on any of the following or visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

AUG. 13

Songwriter's Boot camp with Kevin Devine from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CCA. Adults and children 13 and older and children 9 and older if accompanied by a participating parent. Cost is $50

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AUG. 14

Building peace

At 7 p.m., Aug. 14 at Charlevoix City Hall, there will be a program on building peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflict-ridden countries. The program is presented by Jason Gluck and Vivienne O'Connor rule of law advisors at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Program sponsored by Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom.

Water education

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Lake Charlevoix Association will host "Discover Lake Charlevoix, Land and Water Education Program" at Veterans Park in Boyne City.

Republican Convention

At 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Charlevoix County Commissioner's room there is a meeting of the duly elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates to the county convention.

Independent film night

Films: Song of the Lakes: Live at Interlochen, by Rich Brauer and Journey to Joy by Rebecca Glotfelty, at 7 p.m. at the library. Glotfelty will introduce the films and participate in question and answer period following.

Blood drive

From 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., there will be a

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Ordinance No. 733 of 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY REVISING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 11 GRANTING TO MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, POWER, AND AUTHORITY TO LAY, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES ON, ALONG, ACROSS AND UNDER THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO DO A LOCAL GAS BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Revision of Chapter 1: GAS FRANCHISE of Title 11.

Chapter 1: GAS FRANCHISE of Title 11 of the Code of the City of Charlevoix is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows:

11.1.1. Grant of Gas Franchise and Consent to Laying of Pipes, Etc.
Subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned in this ordinance, consent is hereby given to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan (the "Company"), and to its successors and assigns, to lay, maintain, operate, and use gas pipes, mains, conductors, service pipes, and other necessary equipment in the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in the City of Charlevoix , Charlevoix County, Michigan, and a non-exclusive franchise is hereby granted to the Company, its successors and assigns, to transact local business in the City of Charlevoix for the purposes of conveying gas into and through and supplying and selling gas in the City of Charlevoix and all other matters incidental thereto.

11.1.2. Installation and Extension of System.
If the provisions and conditions herein contained are accepted by the Company, as in Section 6 hereof provided, then the Company shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; and provided further that such initial installation and any extensions shall be subject to the Main Extension provisions, the Area Expansion Program provisions (if and where applicable), and other applicable provisions now or from time to time hereafter contained in the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission or successor agency having similar jurisdiction.

11.1.3. Use of Streets and Other Public Places.

11.1.3.1 The Company, its successors and assigns, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the passage of any of the highways, streets, alleys, or other public places within the City of Charlevoix and shall within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavation, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall use due care in exercising the privileges herein contained and shall be liable to said City of Charlevoix for all damages and costs which may be recovered against the City of Charlevoix arising from the default, carelessness, or negligence of the Company or its officers, agents, and servants.

11.1.3.2. No road, street, alley, or highway shall be opened for the laying of trunk lines or lateral mains except upon application to the City Manager of the City of Charlevoix or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises, stating the nature of the proposed work and the route. Upon receipt of such application, the City of Charlevoix may in a timely manner after review, issue a permit to the Company to do the work proposed. Approval of the permit shall not be unreasonably withheld

11.1.4. Standards and Conditions of Service; Rules, Regulations and Rates.
The Company is now under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission to the extent provided by statute; and the rates to be charged for gas, and the standards and conditions of service and operation hereunder, shall be the same as set forth in the Company's schedule of rules, regulations, and rates as applicable in the several cities, villages, and townships in which the Company is now rendering gas service, or as shall hereafter be validly prescribed for the City of Charlevoix under the orders, rules, and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises

11.1.5. Successors and Assigns.
The words "Michigan Consolidated Gas Company" and "the Company", wherever used herein, are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

11.1.6. Effective Date: Terms of Franchise Ordinance; Acceptance by Company.
This ordinance shall take effect 30 days following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within 10 days after the date of its adoption, and shall continue in effect for a period of 5 years thereafter, subject to revocation at the will of the City of Charlevoix at any time during said 5 year period; provided, however, that when this ordinance shall become effective the City Clerk shall deliver to the Company a certified copy of the ordinance accompanied by written evidence of publication and recording thereof as required by law, and the Company shall, 60 days after receipt of the above documents, file with the City Clerk its written acceptance of the conditions and provisions thereof.

11.1.7. Effective and Interpretation of Ordinance.
All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this ordinance, are hereby rescinded. In the case of conflict between this ordinance and any such ordinances or resolutions, this ordinance shall control. The catch line headings which precede each Section of this ordinance are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this ordinance

SECTION 2. Severability.

No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held in valid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part of portion of this ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ENACTED this 4th day of August, 2008.

Ordinance No. 733-2008 was adopted on the 4th day of August, 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Greg Stevens
Seconded by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain

Yeas. Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina, Picha
Nays: None
Absent: None

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) ss
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Red Cross blood drive at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

AUG. 15

Skate event

The Sun Down Session for anyone interested in skating or biking, from beginner to expert. Registration at 2:30 p.m. with event starting at 3:30 p.m. The top three of each division: bikes, roller blades and skateboards will be awarded products from local and national sponsors. Registration and park fee totals $15. Call Laura Stehe at (231) 675-4505 for more information.

LCA

The Lake Charlevoix Association will host their annual meeting at 10 a.m. at the train depot near Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Men's Chorus

12:15 p.m., Aug. 15 at the library, the Charlevoix Men's Chorus will include a medley of spirituals, songs about various aspects of love, settings of familiar folk songs and solos by Vince Chew and Phil Crooks.

AUG. 16

Exposure Project

The Exposure Project will be shown Aug. 16 at Charlevoix Cinema III. Call for show times. This documentary is a snowboard film of the 2007-2008 season of seven riders as they toured the country looking for local talent at each location they visited. The movie includes several local riders as well as nationally known snowboarders. Tickets are $7 each. E-mail John at gofilmlocal.com for more information. Following the movie, there will be a fundraiser barbecue with live music at Ferry Beach. The music and food are free, but donations are welcome.

Democrat picnic

The Charlevoix County Democrats will host their annual picnic from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 16 at Veterans Park pavilion in Boyne City. One of the highlights of the annual picnic is the live and silent auction featuring such items as a fly fishing adventure, a mushrooming weekend, a weekend in a cottage by Lake Michigan and much more. The Dale Parson Ensemble will provide music during the picnic. Campaign information and materials from bumper stickers to yard signs will be available. Admission is $5 per person or $10 per family. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to pass. The picnic will end with a short convention to elect delegates to the Michigan Democratic Party Convention which occurs on Sept. 6.

Relay for life

Opening ceremonies begin at 10 a.m., Aug. 16 and end with closing ceremonies beginning at 9 a.m., Aug. 17, for the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held at Boyne Mountain and Boyne Falls. Call Diane Jorgensen at (231) 947-0860 or (231) 632-3371, or call Angela Dockett at (517) 664-1419 for more information.

Pediatric first aid

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Charlevoix Area Hospital, there will be a course offered on first aid basics, medical emergencies, injuries and environmental emergencies. Modules included are pediatric first aid, asthma care training for childcare providers, adult/child and infant CPR, adult/child AED, and blood borne pathogens. Cost is $55. Call 547-8570 or 547-4024 to register.

AUG. 17

Guy Louis

Guy Louis will be performing a family concert from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 17 in East Park.

AUG. 19

Business class

Thinking About Starting Your Own Business? A great place to begin is at the "How To Start a Business Class," Aug. 19 at the library. Register for this free event by calling (231) 582-6482 or e-mail sara@northernlakes.net.

CCA

Mythic Colored Pencils with Kim Richelle 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St.; ages 12 & up; $40 includes all fabulous materials.

Microsoft Word for beginners

Geared for the beginning computer user, this class will include how to use basic word processing features at Charlevoix Public Library.

Music

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Switchback.

Aug. 22

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

Aug. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Tuesdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

AUG. 20

Norwood history

The Norwood Area Historical Society is sponsoring Bret Bell from Samels Heritage Farm on Skegemog Lake to speak about life on a self-sufficient farm at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at the Norwood Schoolhouse.

CCA

Healing Arts: Painting the Chakras as Mandalas, with Heidi Dietrich; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St.; all ages welcome; $40 includes all materials.

AUG. 24

St. Mary pig roast

From noon to 3 p.m., Aug. 24 at St. Mary parish center, 1005 Bridge St. Dinner includes slow roasted pig by Greg Whitley, beans, salads, breads, desserts and beverages.

Baseball

Tryouts for the 12 and younger travel baseball team are at 6 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Charlevoix High School baseball field. The alternate rain location is the gym. The team will begin play in tournaments in summer 2009, with practices beginning November 2008. Players must be 12 or younger as of May 1, 2009 in to be eligible. Call coach Allen Telgenhof at 547-7388 or 675-2797 for more information.

AUG. 26

Golf

The 10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing begins at 1 p.m., registration at noon, Aug. 26 at the Belvedere Golf Club. Members and non-members alike are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a light lunch on site and a dinner buffet and award ceremony held immediately following at the Belvedere Club Casino. Call 547-2101 for more information.

AUG. 27

Family history workshop

With Rebecca Glotfelty on Recording Your Family History, who will share interviewing techniques, and Georganna Monk and Jack Laurent on Preserving Historical Documents and Photos noon to 2:15 p.m. at the library; ages 12 and older; $14, includes lunch.

AUG. 28

Adult/child CPR

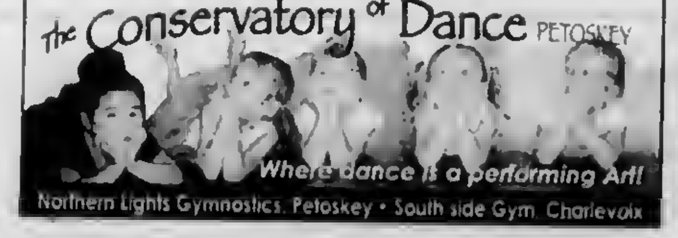
This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. Cost is $35. Call 547-8570 or 547-4024 to register.

AUG. 31

At 5 p.m., Aug. 31, at the Norwood Schoolhouse, the Norwood Area Historical Society will have an ice-cream social, silent and live auction and quilt drawing. Call 547-7545 for more information.

SEPT. 4

Charity golf



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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course. Participants will have the added benefit of knowing that proceeds from this year's event will help provide clean drinking water to families lacking access to this basic need. The Rotary Club of Charlevoix is a partner in the "Villa Tabacalera Children's Safe Water Project" which aims to purchase and install up to 240 biosand filters in individual households within rural villages located near Santiago, Dominican Republic. The water in these communities is of very poor quality, which causes numerous health problems. Through education and filter use the health of 350 families or 1,400 people will improve considerably. Entry fee is $40 per person. This four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's, and the traditional tournament trademark: prizes galore. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle. Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop.

OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

ONGOING

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the conference room near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information, call 547-8651.

CHURCH GROUPS

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

HOSPITAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of February, April, June, September, November and December in the meeting room of the hospital. The July meeting is a picnic at Lake Michigan Beach. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

Historical groups

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.

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Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Carol Apol of Norwood takes a break from struggling through the over five-feet-tall, densely populated invasive grass phragmites off the coast of Norwood. Apol and township officials are working to eliminate or at least control the prolific plant life.

Invasion in Norwood

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Newly elected Norwood Township Supervisor Frank Hamilton hasn't even taken office and is already dealing with a new threat to Norwood.

According to Hamilton, phragmites, an invasive species of grass, is threatening area wildlife and killing the view of Lake Michigan.

"There are a bunch of dangers with these things," said Hamilton. "There are really two different kinds of phragmites. There's a native species which contributes to its ecosystem and then there's this invasive species which has been transplanted from somewhere else."

Hamilton

Various patches of phragmites, pronounced frag•my•tees, all along the lakefront in Norwood will continue to grow if unchecked.

"They just crowd out all the other species in the area," he said. "It's a very prolific plant and all it does is grow."

He added, "It will grow 20 to 30 feet in every direction and will do so every year."

Hamilton also said the phragmites don't just harm other plants, but animals too.

"Ducks have a hard time navigating around the area and finding food," he said. "These plants are so big because their root system goes down so far. It's about 25 feet down below."

Hamilton added, "It just grows so rapidly and gets so big that it eventually becomes the sole survivor in the area."

Hamilton was informed of the phragmites issue by fellow resident Carol Apol.

"These phragmites are the most invasive species to hit the Great Lakes," Apol said. "They've choked out over 150 miles of Huron shore property."

Apol said that the plumes reach about 10 to 20 feet high

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Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Drawing straws

Charlevoix County Clerk officials place two slips of paper in a basket, one which read "elected" and one which read "not elected", Thursday, Aug. 14 to determine who will be St. James Township Clerk. See page 21 for the rest of the story.

Beware of 30-feet worms

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Mike Przybyliski, 55, found something he had never seen before when he went fishing.

He caught two fish last week, both contained worms longer than the fish.

"I think I see trouble down the road and this is only the start of it," said Przybyliski, who has never seen a tapeworm in a fish before.

Przybyliski took the fish to the local DNR office where the parasite was identified as a tapeworm.

Tapeworms are flat, parasitic worms which infect cold-blooded and warm-blooded animals from fish, all the way up the food chain to humans.

Tapeworms can grow to 30 feet and produce more than a million eggs a day. Symptoms of tapeworm infestation include stomach pain, diarrhea, flatulence, vomiting, nausea, weight loss and malnutrition

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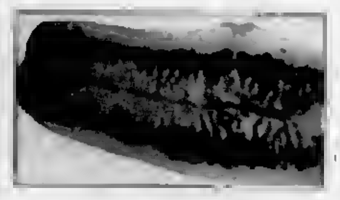

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This section of a tapeworm is one of dozens which each may produce a million eggs per day.

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Courier columnist Roger Knutson lands a small mouth bass from the same pier, Pine River Channel, where tapeworm laden fish were recently caught.

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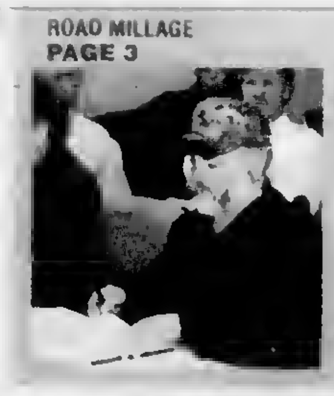

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Russell Allen Simpson, 29, Charlevoix. Controlled substance - possession of marijuana, second or subsequent offense notice. Serve 60 days in jail with credit for two days; Pay $620 in fines and costs.

Kirk William Hoeppner, 43, Walloon Lake. Count one: Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, third offense; Count two: controlled substance - possession of marijuana; count three: driving with a suspended, revoked, denied license, second or subsequent offense notice, habitual offender - second offense notice. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day in jail. Pay $1220 in fines and costs.

Justin William Vrondran, 26, Charlevoix. Controlled substance - possession of marijuana. Serve 60 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $680 in fines and costs.

Bedella May Brennan, 68, East Jordan. Two counts of forgery; two counts of insufficient funds for checks written, three within 10 days; Serve 270 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $1399 in fines and costs.

Ronald Lyle Pattenaude, 22, East Jordan. Controlled substance - delivering/manufacturing narcotic or cocaine of less than 50 grams. Count 2 Controlled substance - delivering/manufacturing narcotic or cocaine of less than 50 grams. Count 3 Controlled substance - maintaining a drug house. Serve 180 days in jail with 16 days of credit. Pay $1005 in fines and costs.

Donald James Mattoon, 46, Boyne City. Domestic violence - aggravated second degree. Serve 360 days in jail with two days of credit. Pay $5923 in fines and costs.

Ryan Lynn Ager, 21, Charlevoix. Check - no account. Count 2 Check - no account. Serve 93 days in jail with 16 days of credit. Pay $853.88 in fines and costs.

Ryan Lynne Ager, 21, Charlevoix. Animals - abandoning/cruelty to 4 to 10 animals. Serve 330 days in jail with 59 days of credit. Pay $1418.50 in fines and costs.

Cody Michael Anderson, 18, Boyne City. Attempted home invasion - third degree. Probation violation. Serve 45 days in jail with two days of credit.

Cody Michael Anderson, 18, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. Probation violation. Serve 45 days in jail with two days of credit.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

My I.T. Guy, 06685 M-66 North, #123, Charlevoix, by Scott Kerschner

North Woods Energy, 8129 Ferry Road., East Jordan, by Brian Dycus

Watson Remodeling, 1691 Zink, Boyne City, by Adam N. Watson and David M. Watson

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Samuel Frederick Minor, 45, and Terri Lynn Backus, 40, both of Boyne City

Benjamin Ross Van Guilder, 26, of Charlevoix and Laura Beth Brunswick, 25, of Mundelein, Ill.

Brian Lee Dycus, 33, and Angela Frances Hudzinski, 29, both of East Jordan

Jonathan Clifton Mosley, 21, and Kayla Mae McBee, 20, both of Boyne City

David Bellmer, 44, and Sandra Ann Lamy, 54, both of Boyne City

Robert Edward Markillie Jr., 23, and Chelsey Lynn Koteskey, 19, both of Boyne City

Brian Michael Hine, 25, and Amy Jo Stevens, 24, both of Mableton, Ga.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Brenda Lynn Leftwich vs. James Edward Leftwich

Angela Kaye Sarasin vs. Michael Clayton Sarasin

Robert Sweet vs. Leann Sweet

Lori Urban vs. Thomas Urban

BIRTHS

Casey James Vrondran weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces was born Aug. 12 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christian and Caylee Vrondran of Charlevoix. His siblings are Chasyn and Camryn. His grandparents are Winfield and Catherine Scott of Charlevoix and Jerry and Julie Vrondran of East Jordan.

Jack Walter Sullivan weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce was born Aug. 11 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Dr. and Mrs. Michael (Carol) Sullivan of Charlevoix. His sibling is Ellie. His grandparents are Mr. And Mrs. Eppa Rixey IV and Dr. and Mrs. David Sullivan all of Cincinnati, Ohio. His great grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Jack Gotschalk and Mrs. Mary Lee Kuechly all of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Dade Sullivan of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Andrea Renea Brilley weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces was born Aug. 8 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ellen Graham and Kevin Brilley of East Jordan. Her sibling is Hailey.

Miles Presten Raymond weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces was born on Aug. 8 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Krista Kenny and Chet Raymond of East Jordan. His grandparents are Jon and Laura Kenny, Douglas Raymond all of East Jordan and Jackie Nachazel of Ellsworth. His great grandparents are Bill and Betty Denth of Mancelona.

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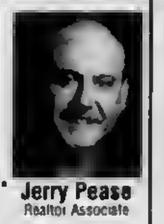

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County-wide road millage once again on ballot

VOTERS TO DECIDE ROAD MILLAGE FATE

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
COURIER EDITOR

A $30 million road millage proposal is now on the November ballot.

Charlevoix County Commissioners unanimously agreed Wednesday, Aug. 13, to let Charlevoix taxpayers decide whether the county should implement the one-mill levy.

"I haven't weighed out all of my options yet, but to me the choice is this: if we support this and tax ourselves, we're essentially letting the state off the hook," said board chairman Chris Christensen (District 2). "Having said that, there is no plan; it's this or nothing else, but I'm afraid if we pay for our roads now, we'll be paying for our roads forever."

Commissioners have been urged to act in recent weeks by the Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County, a grassroots effort aimed at improving Charlevoix's deteriorating road system, because of the nearing Aug. 26 deadline to have measures included on the November ballot.

Despite the unanimous vote, some commissioners were reluctant to support the move.

District 5 commissioner Bob Drebenstedt teetered on the verge of voting no after hearing the concerns of Eveline Township Supervisor John Vondran.

"This is monumental in the future of the county. Regardless of how any commissioner feels about the millage, we have a right to let the people choose," Christensen said. "What better way than the November presidential ballot? Hopefully there will be a resounding answer. If the answer is "no" then we will have to figure out another way because the millage isn't going to cover it. If the answer is "yes" we'll start road construction as soon as possible."

Vondran voiced concerns that some of the 61.34 miles of road slated to be repaired or reconstructed by the road commission was being paid for by township millages.

"You guys are advertising you're going to finish Ferry Road, but we're bidding out for Ferry Road, so we're paying for Ferry Road," Vondran said. "I don't think you can lie to our people. I think we need to tell people the true facts right up front."

He added, "Don't be playing games with them and then come to find out we don't have the money to finish these roads."

Vondran and his fellow Eveline Township leaders are planning a campaign which includes 2,200 brochures urging the taxpayers to vote "no" on this fall's millage proposal.

Charlevoix Road Commission manager Pat Harmon would rather see Eveline Township support the millage and use the money they would save to fix other roads under their purview.

While the list has yet to be prioritized, roads to be repaired or reconstructed include 1.76 miles of Norwood, nearly 14 miles of Boyne City-Charlevoix, 7.12 miles of Marion Center, and 4.04 miles of Kings Highway on Beaver Island.

"We have no priority list at this point, but we've talked about forming a committee to do that that includes members of the road commission, county board of commissioners, someone from the citizens group," he said.

The amount of asphalt which could be reconstructed/repaired each year will depend, Harmon said, on the rising cost of fuel, asphalt and other factors.

"It depends, but total reconstruction costs about $350,000 a mile," he said. "If it's wedge and overlay, just guessing, but it's probably about $150,000 to $175,000 (per mile)."

When asked about the rumor of this millage eventually becoming a bond, Harmon said people first need to focus on getting the measure passed.

"If we get into a situation where construction costs are skyrocketing, then at some point there might be a cost/benefit analysis," he said. "And, if it warrants doing the work up front and bonding it and paying over time to save the taxpayers money, then that needs to be looked at."

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

If passed by voters this November, the Charlevoix County Road Millage could raise at least $30 million over 15 years. Proceeds from this 1-mill levy would go to repair or reconstruct just over 61 miles of roads throughout the county.

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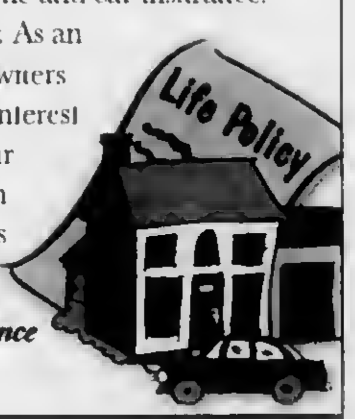

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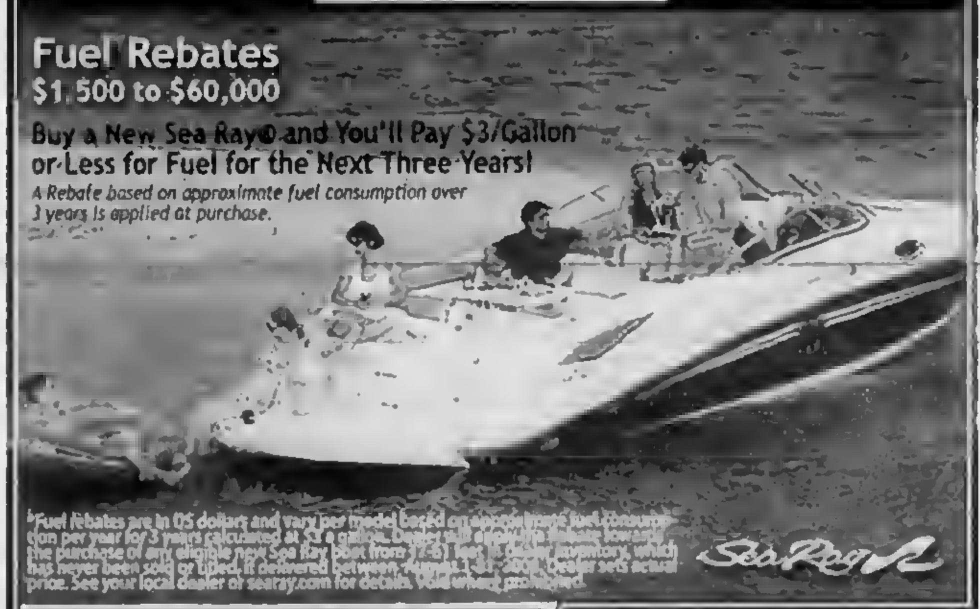

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Preparing for golden years

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

It's good to be home.

Yes, I'm certain that's what I heard him say as I pulled into the parking lot marked with the Handicap Only sign.

Seventeen months have flown buy since the day I moved dad into his assisted living apartment.

It seems like only yesterday when I received the call that got my attention quicker than a blue light special.

Dad was spry and stubborn at 91 and living pretty much on his own.

One chilly Sunday afternoon life changed for him and for me. His carefully polished church shoes slipped on the kitchen tile and dad took a swan dive into the kitchen counter.

He was returned back to his home after leaving the emergency room only to return two days later still complaining about his neck and now the additional difficulty with speaking.

Reviewing the x-rays a second time with fresher eyes to carefully peruse what lie in front of them, a doctor noted a small neck fracture and paralyzed vocal cords.

Add this to diabetes, macular degeneration and losing much of his balance; that just about wraps it up health wise.

I wasn't sure what I was going to do next, but I knew I needed to move him closer to me and still help him remain independent on his terms.

There is such a delicate balance making certain that your parent is cared for but still giving them the chance to feel they can do some things on their own.

Assisted living provides supervision or assistance with activities of daily living.

There usually is a coordinator of outside services for health care needs.

This type of complex and similar settings in supervised homes emerged in the 1990s as an alternative for people who cannot live independently but do not need 24-hour nursing care.

It promotes independence with dignity: No worry about fixing dinner, doing dishes or laundry.

What I didn't realize was something called "relocation stress syndrome." This may occur from making this type of move.

If you do move your parent into a new surrounding because of your concern for their welfare, please take note that leaving belongings, friends and familiar faces behind puts stress on your parent.

Depression and anxiety may follow on the heels of this move, so it's wise to have a physician available to discuss these issues if they should arise.

In thinking about my own future and what's in store for my children, I have tried to remain thoughtful and calm about the decisions they make as young adults.

I respect them and I'm hopeful they will follow my lead and make wise decisions regarding my care in the years to come.

Just in case I become a bitter old woman, I gave them permission to take me sky diving and maybe forget to pack the parachute.

In my time spent checking out various scenarios for elderly parents I have learned about "aging in place."

It doesn't require having a parent move but having them live comfortably in their own home.

Certified aging in place specialists discuss what changes need to be made to make this successful.

Remodeling parts of a home may be needed and this can become expensive.

It is helpful to remember to keep a bedroom available on the main floor, as stairs become an issue as we age.

If you are thinking about changing things up in the bathroom while looking at the newest issue of Pottery Barn, look at a health aid magazine as well and add decorative handicap railings.

While you're at it, make the bathroom door wider while you can still remember to do so.

Wheelchairs and walkers need room to maneuver.

We weren't thinking about these things when we did our last remodel and now we'll have to make changes for our future needs. As for dad, he's a happy camper living down the street at Sunnybank Assisted Living.

After a long stroll in his wheel chair or a drive down to his beloved beach spot, its nice to hear him say when we return "There's no place like home."

Gayle Gennett's column appears bimonthly in Charlevoix Courier. Gennett can be reached by e-mail at charlevoixcourier.com

WEEKLY POLL

Will tapeworm infestations deter you from eating your aquatic catch?

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63% of 59 who voted do not support the Charlevoix County Road Millage proposal on this November's ballot.

Divorce not the answer

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Stephen Guthrie

There has been a steady stream of two groups of clients calling Christian Counseling Services this summer: The first group is made up of people beset by worry and wrestling with anxiety; The second group is made up of married couples ready to call it quits.

It is as though something is in the water in Charlevoix that has led to an outbreak of the misguided notion among head-butting husbands and wives that divorce is the only answer.

The impact of divorce on the husband and wife is significant in itself. But, when there are kids involved the damage is compounded. Last year, 30,953 Michigan kids woke up one morning to find their family fractured. Closer to home, in 2007, Charlevoix County recorded 215 marriages but 109 divorces, and most of those dissolutions involved children.

Those cold statistics don't begin to tell the full story of the effect of divorce on children. I worked the last two years at Charlevoix Elementary School mentoring and counseling children who were struggling in different ways, and my caseload was made up almost entirely of kids from broken homes.

These were kids whose homes were split in two by parents who gave up, not just on one another but on the family that had been the source of their children's stability and security.

Those kids came to school reflecting the underlying fear of every child of divorce: who's going to take care of me? And they came to school each day dragging the big bag of guilt known to every child of divorce: was the divorce, and the ruination of my family home, my fault?

There are some myths husbands and wives drag out when they are considering breaking up the family, myths about the impact of divorce on their children. I've had parents insist that children of divorce do just as well in school as children from stable homes, and that many of their kid's friends are from divorced families and those kids seemed to be adjusting just fine. Those views seem to help them rationalize the damage they are about to do, but they just aren't true.

Kids experiencing divorce come to school anxious and stressed, and they act out in class and on the playground. These kids are more likely to experiment with drugs and sex, and more likely to end up in the criminal justice system. Do they adjust? Sure, just not very quickly and not without a lot of pain. Divorce may look like the easy way out of a marriage under stress, but if you are married with children there are seven good reasons not to divorce.

1. God hates divorce. The Bible says it just like that in Malachi 2:16. When man and woman are joined in matrimony the new union that is created has standing with God, and His directive is that what God has joined together man shall not separate. (Mark 10:19)

2. Divorce permanently damages your kids. The emotional scars will shape their outlook, behaviors and choices for their entire lives. And if you're the one who moves out of the home, in the mind of your child you will always be the one who abandoned them, never to be fully trusted.

3. Divorce leaves you damaged in body, soul, and spirit. Your nerves and emotions will be stressed to their limit and that stress will overflow into your physical well-being. Your relationship with God will suffer as you insist on having what you want while ignoring what He wants.

4. Divorce damages your reputation. In a town that thrives on gossip, you will forever be defined by this event. Whether victim or villain, you will always be maligned, particularly if the divorce grew out of an affair.

5. If you are a Christian, you damage your credibility as a person of faith trying to live a godly life. Your witness for Christ will be forever suspect.

6. Divorce doesn't actually solve anything, it only complicates the logistics of your day. Because of the children, the person you divorce will still be very much in your life, just not in your bed.

7. For nearly everyone except the very wealthy, divorce is financially devastating. You will forfeit all the wealth and assets you've accumulated in the years you've been working together and you will be years rebuilding. Moreover, if you are among the millions of couples who require the pay checks of two working adults to barely operate one household, how will you stretch that income to operate two?

All things considered, divorce is not the easy way out. Don't be so quick to throw away your wealth, reputation, health and children just to get away from the spouse you once loved and could love again. I promise you'll spend a lot less on a counselor to save your marriage than you will on lawyer fees to end it; And your kids will thank you for it.

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LETTERS to the editor

ROAD RAGE

Editor:

I don't understand the Charlevoix road department.

The busiest tourist month of the year, August, and they decide it's time to do road work that closes down traffic lanes.

Is it so dire that the work couldn't wait until September?

Dr. Marshall Cossman
Charlevoix

FAIR, THEE WELL

Editor:

Dear art fair committee members, congratulations on another fair of which to be proud.

I want to thank you for putting on such a great reception for the artists at the Weathervane this year as well as the books showing the history of the fairs since the first one.

The day turned out to be excellent in spite of the little rain shower that passed through.

It is my hope that the artists all had a successful day of sales as well as the local businesses.

My congratulations also includes the person who compiled the booklets.

I know that it was a monumental job. They have been added to my archives outlining quite a trip through the many fairs that have made our choosing Charlevoix back in 1965 as our place to live.

I am thankful for the response to my efforts to work in clay as a successful and rewarding career.

Bonnie Staffel
Charlevoix

JUST PLANE DUMB

Editor:

So, are we once again going to allow a vocal minority to cause the city council to take an action that makes us look dumb and dumber.

I am addressing the proposed pamphlet to be handed out to pilots concerning noise abatement.

I was born, in 1945, and raised here and I cannot remember a time when there was not an airport at the present location.

Do some of these people expect us to believe that they bought or rented property without noticing that there was an active airport in their backyard?

Yes, I do have a pilot's license, but I haven't flown an aircraft in over 20 years.

Also, I did serve 10 years on the board of directors for the Traverse City airport.

I can tell you that our airport is a major asset to Charlevoix's economy.

How many other communities our size have such a high quality airport?

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As for the idle time of aircraft, it is necessary for all types of aircraft to go through the required preflight warm-up and testing; it's a matter of safety.

Do you want to fly on a plane with a pilot who doesn't follow these safety rules?

And, are they loud when they take off? Of course they are. Again, do you want to fly with a pilot who doesn't use full power for a take-off?

Also, the direction of landing and take-off is determined by the direction of the wind, for safety reasons, not by the pilot.

Remember, too, that we have two charter services for Beaver Island.

Naturally they have many more flights in the summer months when your windows are probably open and you can hear them.

Do we want people to remember a pamphlet which may cause them to think they are not welcome here?

Maybe they will simply choose to go to some other community; that would be just great for our economy.

Airports and aircraft result in some noise, that's all there is to it.

And, airports and aircraft are very important to the local economy.

So, relax and enjoy the summer, it's short enough as it is without complaining about the airport and chasing visitors away.

Joseph D. Smith
Charlevoix

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

Editor:

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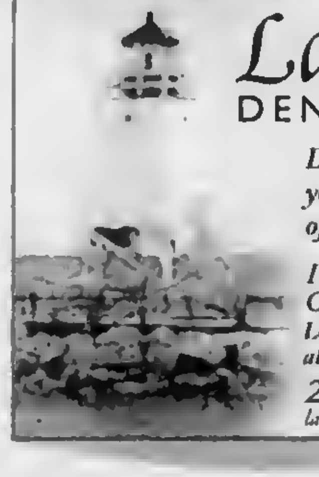

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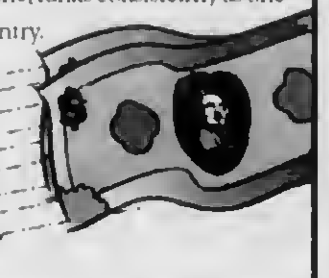

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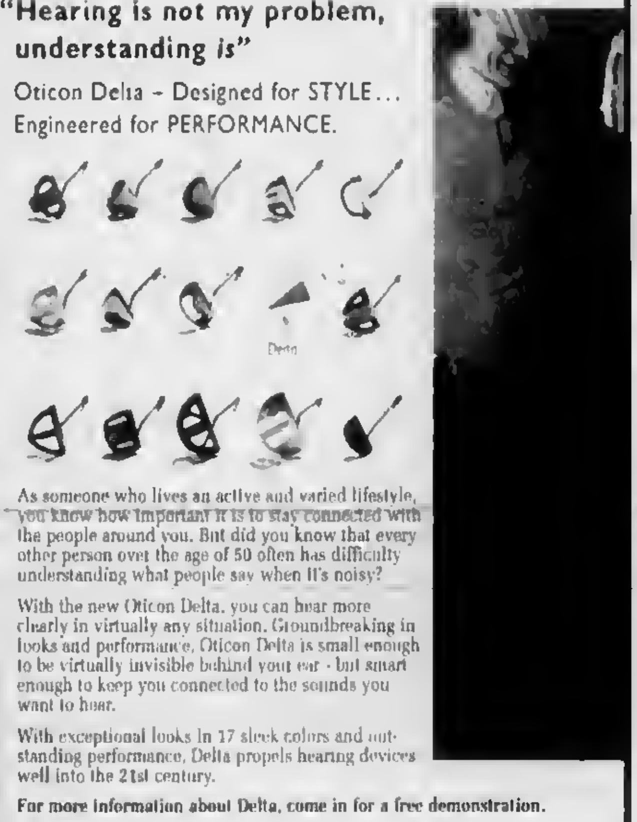

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Works of Earl Young

The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Master Builder in Stone program, part one, will be presented by the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, who are co-sponsoring the event. This illustrated program on the life and works of Earl Young will be narrated by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles at 7 p.m., Aug. 21, in the library's community room at 220 Clinton St. The program will focus on Young's early years and the construction of his first 20 houses. Part two of the program is scheduled for 7 p.m., Aug. 28, in the same location. Part two will focus on Young's three commercial buildings, his last three houses, design philosophy and methods and legacy. Call 547-0373 for more information on this free event. Donations to the society's programs and events fund are appreciated, and light refreshments will be served. Pictured is Young's "Half House" located at 302 Park Ave. and built in 1947.

Road work continues

Michigan Department of Transportation continues roadwork on U.S. 31 south of Charlevoix to Norwood Road and from Barnard Road to Lewis Street. More than 11 miles will be preserved through crack-seal efforts and should be finished by Friday, Aug. 22. No work will be permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays or on holiday weekends. Traffic will be maintained through the use of intermittent daytime lane closures and lane shifts. Motorists are urged to drive with caution.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2008, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890

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This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act

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Six generations of Shapton men

Taken earlier this July, four generations of Shapton men are seen with a family photo of two more Shapton men: William (front) and Louis (Standing. Seated on the couch are (from left) Ron, Jason, Wada and Ralph Shapton.

File photo

Bridge walk

Participants will gather at the Townhouse Bar at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1 for the 20th annual Charlevoix bridge walk. Proceeds from this community event and fund-raiser will benefit the American Legion Leslie Shapton Post's Veterans Park monument project. Small through extra-large shirts cost $15, triple extra-large shirts are $18. Participants will walk to the north side of the bridge before the 1 p.m. opening and walk south when it closes. Walkers may then go to the Townhouse for a hot dog, $3 for those without a bridge walk shirt, before ending the walk in East Park. Call 547-5190 for more information or to buy a T-shirt.

What's happening at the Library this week?

NEW Service @ the Library
We are now offering a self check station across from the circulation desk. Try it out yourself, or ask at the Information Services desk for a one minute tutorial.

JATL: Jazz @ the Library
Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
Come learn about the great jazz masters and listen to their music in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden, BYOC (bring your own chair). In case of rain, JATL will be held in the Community Room.
August 20 – We move forward in the Jazz decades with guest Phil Larzon, former LA studio musician and regular performer in Northern Michigan. Phil will highlight the fusion of Jazz with Blues, Funk and West Coast influences, showcasing artists such as George Benson, Lee Ritenour and Larry Carlton. Phil studied guitar with some of the great West Coast artists before moving to the Traverse City area.
August 27 – To close out the season, we bring back Mike Hunter, Jazz instructor at NWMC in Traverse City. Mike is a consummate trombone artist who will feature some of the great artists from the era: Tommy Dorsey, Buddy Morrow, Glenn Miller, JJ Johnson and more. Help us finish the season with the JATL trio and Mike Hunter!

Ask the Tech Guy
Thursday, August 21, 10:00 - noon
Roger Gowell, CPL Technology Assistant is offering open sessions to help answer your computer issues. Come with software or hardware questions. If you have a laptop, bring it to the session.

Computer Tidbit: Mysteries of the Michigan Room
Wednesday, August 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am
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County board eager for completed master plan

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Eager to see the 1973 Charlevoix County Land Use Plan updated, county commissioners admonished the county planner during their Aug. 13 meeting.

While Michigan law does not require a county create these long-term visions of industrial, agricultural, recreational, residential, transportation and open space growth and preservation which form a master plan, state guidelines direct planning commissions to review their respective plans every five years once implemented and maintain consistency among city, village and township zoning.

"This has been a mounting concern," Charlevoix County Commissioner (District 2) and board chair Chris Christensen told Sullivan.

"I don't know what to tell the people who are asking me where these things are. I'm at a loss here, sir."

A 27-year county employee, Sullivan has worked on the land use portion of the master plan for nearly eight years.

"Priorities of various boards change over time, and that can impact our activities. We have adopted a number of other plans; recreation plans; we have developed at least four or five waste management plans; a lake management plan for Lake Charlevoix," he said during an interview following the meeting. "It's not that no plans have been developed in past years, but the planning commission has, for a number of years, put high priority on helping townships develop their plans and zoning ordinances."

Sullivan

Michigan State University Extension Director for Charlevoix County Dean Solomon said, though there are no direct penalties for failing to produce a plan, nearly all Michigan counties have a master plan.

"It is required under state law for counties to review both changes to zoning ordinances that townships have and master plans townships develop," he said.

"You have to have some basis for making recommendations to the townships and cities and villages, and the master plan provides that basis."

Solomon added, "Increasingly, both state and federal agencies require updated master plans for counties to be eligible for some grant programs."

Christensen believes the grant approval process for the recently approved Whiting Park project would have been less time consuming and less expensive if the master plan was complete because grants are approved on a points system, and having an approved master plan generally earns a municipality more points than those without.

The county is also currently ineligible for various monies awarded to purchase development rights in open space preservation programs.

"I understand they have some frustration. They want it done now and we're working to do that," said Sullivan, who presented commissioners with a tentative schedule for the plan's adoption.

The public could see the draft plan by mid-October; A public hearing on the plan is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2009, and the county board could adopt the plan as early as Feb. 24, 2009.

When not advising township, city and village officials or working to bring the county's second non-motorized trail to fruition, Sullivan said he seeks state and federal grants.

"We provide a lot of technical assistance to townships in the county," he said. "It eats up some time."

Sullivan said the process has taken this long in part because the planning department has sought input from as many citizens as is possible.

"We've been making changes," he said. "We don't want to have 25,000 people come out of the woodwork and say, 'This thing is terrible.'"

Sullivan added, "We're trying to work out those issues before we get to that point."

To have your input considered for the plon, e-moil your thoughts to plonning@chorlevoixcounty.org or coll Sullivon ot 547-7234.

The plonning deportment is locoted ot 301 Stote St.

Visit www.chorlevoix-county.org to view the county's moster plan vision statement, lond use mop and policy stotement.

Chx City planning round-up

The following actions were taken by the Charlevoix Planning Commission during their Aug. 11 meeting.

Item: Introducing Planning Consultant Jonathan Scheel

In brief: City Planner Mike Spencer was going to introduce Scheel to the commission this evening but he was not in attendence. Scheel was on another job in Idaho

Board action: None

Item: Update on tall ship project

In brief: The people involved with the project in association with the City of Charlevoix have decided

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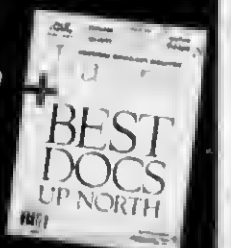

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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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do not assume that we don't need vaccines anymore

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Possible links between vaccines and illness are taken seriously. For example, the Institute of Medicine has studied in-depth possible links between autism and the measles mumps rubella vaccine and autism and thimerosol, a vaccine preservative no longer used.

An independent, non profit, non governmental group composed of leading physicians and scientists, the Institute of Medicine concluded after an exhaustive review that there is no causal relationship between measles mumps rubella vaccine and autism. In a separate study, the institute concluded that there is no causal relationship between autism and the thimerosol once found in vaccines.

Now some parents are concerned that the number of vaccines given to children at one time is too many. Newer vaccines contain only a small part of the virus needed for immunity, so children actually receive fewer viral particles even though may get more shots

I often hear concerns from parents after they read something on the Internet. Unfortunately no one monitors the Internet for accuracy

Many web sites are devoted to spreading fear about vaccines, but none of them are run by credible sources like the Immunization Action Coalition, www.vaccineinformation.org, U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, www.cdc.gov, or the American Academy of Pediatrics, www.aap.org.

Parents want and deserve only the best for their children, and so they will naturally have questions or concerns about vaccines or other medicines for them. I urge all parents to discuss their concerns openly with trustworthy individuals, such as their child's doctor or nurse or any of the staff at their local Health Department.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Medical Director Dr. Joshua R. Meyerson
Charlevoix

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

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Synopsis – August 13, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the July 23, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Motion approved Resolution #08-064, County-Wide Road Millage

Motion approved Resolution #08-065, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #08-066, 2007/08 Child Care Budget Amendment and authorized the Chairman to sign the amended budget.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m

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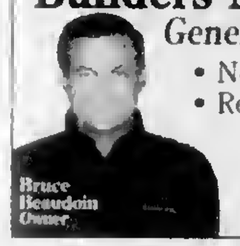

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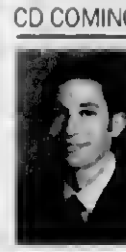

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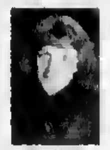

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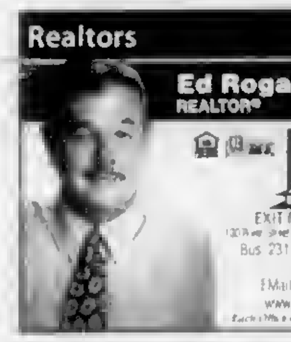

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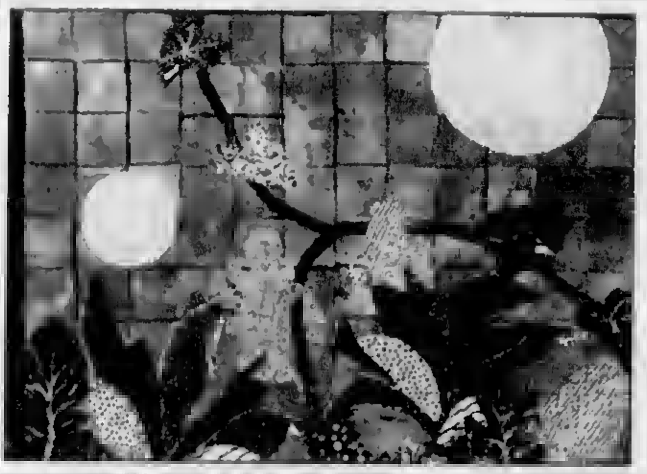

Out of this world

The 10th annual exhibit of the Michigan Quilt Artist Invitational features an array of imaginative and inventive quilts that interpret this year's theme, Out of this World. Local artists in the show are Peg Keeney from Harbor Springs, Desiree Vaughn from Suttons Bay and Kathie Briggs of Charlevoix. Out of this World will be on display at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 west Clinton St. until Labor Day. Call the library for further information at 237-7340.

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Simply Devine

Musician, singer and children's entertainer, Kevin Devine played a show sponsored by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts in East Park on Aug. 13. Several children are seen (above) dancing and singing on stage with Devine.

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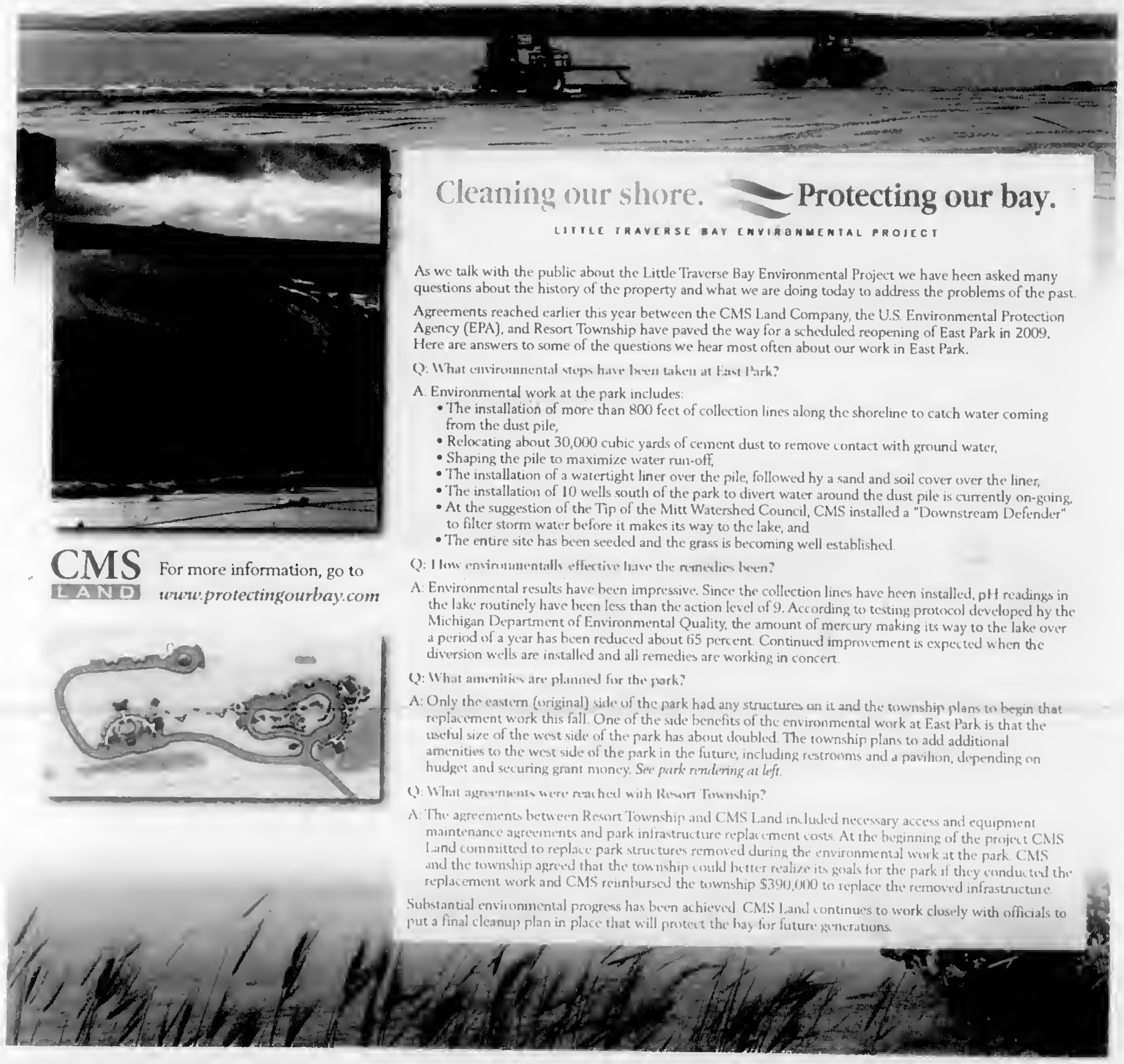

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As we talk with the public about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project we have been asked many questions about the history of the property and what we are doing today to address the problems of the past.

Agreements reached earlier this year between the CMS Land Company, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Resort Township have paved the way for a scheduled reopening of East Park in 2009. Here are answers to some of the questions we hear most often about our work in East Park.

Q: What environmental steps have been taken at East Park?

A: Environmental work at the park includes:
- The installation of more than 800 feet of collection lines along the shoreline to catch water coming from the dust pile,
- Relocating about 30,000 cubic yards of cement dust to remove contact with ground water,
- Shaping the pile to maximize water run-off,
- The installation of a watertight liner over the pile, followed by a sand and soil cover over the liner,
- The installation of 10 wells south of the park to divert water around the dust pile is currently on-going,
- At the suggestion of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, CMS installed a "Downstream Defender" to filter storm water before it makes its way to the lake, and
- The entire site has been seeded and the grass is becoming well established.

Q: How environmentally effective have the remedies been?

A: Environmental results have been impressive. Since the collection lines have been installed, pH readings in the lake routinely have been less than the action level of 9. According to testing protocol developed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the amount of mercury making its way to the lake over a period of a year has been reduced about 65 percent. Continued improvement is expected when the diversion wells are installed and all remedies are working in concert.

Q: What amenities are planned for the park?

A: Only the eastern (original) side of the park had any structures on it and the township plans to begin that replacement work this fall. One of the side benefits of the environmental work at East Park is that the useful size of the west side of the park has about doubled. The township plans to add additional amenities to the west side of the park in the future, including restrooms and a pavilion, depending on budget and securing grant money. *See park rendering at left.*

Q: What agreements were reached with Resort Township?

A: The agreements between Resort Township and CMS Land included necessary access and equipment maintenance agreements and park infrastructure replacement costs. At the beginning of the project CMS Land committed to replace park structures removed during the environmental work at the park. CMS and the township agreed that the township could better realize its goals for the park if they conducted the replacement work and CMS reimbursed the township $390,000 to replace the removed infrastructure.

Substantial environmental progress has been achieved. CMS Land continues to work closely with officials to put a final cleanup plan in place that will protect the bay for future generations.

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Storm water, bus garage, zoning, top city planning commissoin agenda

PLANNING

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to start construction on the project around Memorial Day of next year. The original plan was to start construction this year but with all of the work that went into getting the nonprofit started, they decided to delay the work.

Board action: None

Item: Discuss zoning revisions

In brief: Mike Spencer and the commission went into breif discussion about the kinds of signs that would be appropriate to display. This discussion pertained primarily to businesses. Hotel vacancy signs, sandwich board signs, fencing codes, and signs displayed behind windows were all discussed.

Board action: None.

Item: Discuss new bus garage plans

In brief: They discussed and concluded that the building for the new school bus garage is safe and appropriate and is located in a good location.

Board action: None.

Item: Discuss draft storm water control ordinance

In brief: In the past, the city has had to pay money out to boat owners in Round Lake because the drainage system was so bad. Spencer's solution was to educate people a little better about their grass clippings which they put out at the side of the road. Also, try to go after grant money in order to have a comprehensive study done to learn how to fix the problem in the long-run.

Board action: None.

Sidewalk sales

Crystal Riopelle (red hair) and Jenna Raber, workers at the Halfway to the Top on Bridge Street, do a little prep work for the sidewalk sales on Thursday morning. Halfway to the Top sells men's and women's clothes as well as soap, trinkets and other Charlevoix souvenirs. Shoppers from all over northern Michigan crowd the sidewalks during Thursday, Aug. 14 sidewalk sales.

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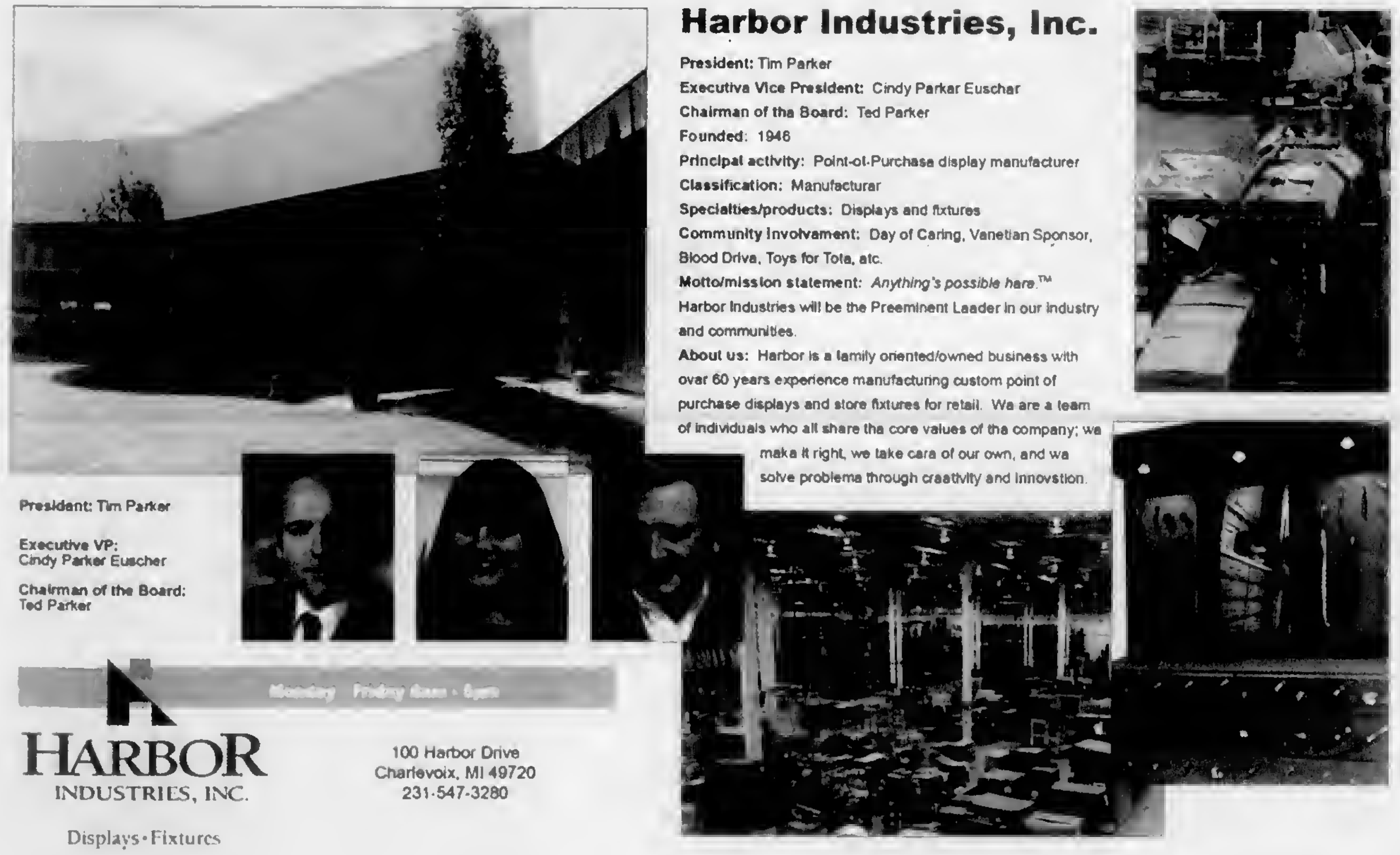

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Abandon dock!

Moving at a high rate of spaed is a dog named Jake who was captured on camera by Dr. Gary Foster of Charlevoix as tha animal jumped off Debby Buchanan's dock at tha C & O Club. Jake was apparently chasing a ball and didn't seem to mind the prospect of getting wet.

Photo be Gary Foaler

Photo by Gary Foster

Charlotte's wet web

Dr. Gary Foster also captured this dew covered spider web while at the C & O Club earlier this June.

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Heading home

Joseph D. Smith of Charlevoix took this picture of the Beaver Islander as it left Pine Rivar Channel on its way to beaver Island.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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Swing away

Steve Braun, golf professional at the Belvedere in Charlevoix, takes a practice swing during his 100 holes in one day fundraiser on Monday,, Aug. 18. Braun has been completing the 100 holes yearly since 1997 as a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association. Money raised helps support the program, which draws upwards of 150 kids annually, and provides golf camp scholarships for selected players to Ferris State University and the Boyne Golf Academy. Call junior golf association executive director Dean Davenport, 547-6433 or the Belvedere pro shop, 547-2611 to help support this cause. Braun played the equivalent of five-and-one-half rounds of golf in 12 hours.

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Rotarian with a heart

Donald Arthur, heart transplant recipient and veteran marathon runner spoke to Charlevoix Rotarians earlier this summer on the need for more organ donations. Arthur is a Rotarian from the Bronx, New York and a founding member of Transplant Speakers International who received his heart transplant at age 52. Fifteen months later he ran/walked his first marathon and has competed in 28 more since.

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"We were trying to be more financially responsible and the one bus run does save us on expenses," said Chet Janik, Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent. "I think it's a plus for our students and parents."

He added that most school systems in the state only have a one-layer bus route.

Janik estimated the schools will save nearly $15,000 to $20,000 annually.

The old system of separate bus runs for older and younger students placed an unnecessary burden of increased fuel consumption, wear and tear on buses and increased pay for drivers, all factors which schools in Michigan's steadily declining economy cannot afford to maintain.

However, elementary students will still be separated from middle and high school students.

All buses are expected to arrive at the middle school by 7:40 a.m. After that, kindergarten through fourth-grade, high school and St. Mary students will be transported from the middle school to their appropriate buildings.

Afternoon bus routes are set to drop off high and middle school students, who live within city limits, to their respective stops on the way to the elementary school.

The new school bell times are as follows. For the elementary school, 8:08 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., for the middle school, 7:50 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and for the high school, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School Transportation Supervisor Gordie Russell said that new routes are being mapped out but will be slightly revised once school starts after new families settle into the district.

"There are always several unknowns due to families moving into and out of the district," said Russell. "But we are also implementing a new bus schedule so we're asking students and parents to be patient with us as we work (it) out."

Middle and high school students who live outside the city limits will ride to the elementary school where K-4 students will be picked up, and then bused to their correct stops.

Students living outside the city limits should start watching for their bus at 6:50 a.m. Students living within the city limits should watch for their bus starting at approximately 7:10 a.m.

The drop-off areas, which will be mapped out early in the school year, will be posted in both the middle and high school.

Janik said that their goal is to purchase five new school buses within the next seven years. At the last school board meeting, the board already purchased two of them.

"The old buses we have are outdated. They need a lot of maintenance," said Janik. "The bond is what helped us get these buses."

There is also a new state-of-the-art bus garage being built on the same lot where the old garage used to stand at 1021 May St.

Janik said the new garage is expected to be completed by mid-fall.

Temporarily, the bus garage is located at 05968 U.S. 31 South.

SCHOOL BUS
STOP

Charlevoix Public Schools officials have decided to alter the school's traditional two tier busing routes in favor of the cost saving one layer plan. School start and end times have been altered by several minutes each, in some cases, to allow time for bus drivers to pick up and drop off students at their prescribed locations.

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Bids must be submitted no later than September 15th at 5pm to Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, 207 Antrim St., Cherlavoix, 49720 you may call 231-237-0103, 866-428-5185. Cherlavoix County reserves tha right to accapt or reject eny and/or all bids.

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In the matter of A.A. Villegas a/k/a Allonso Villegas Trust Dated Novamber 16, 1989. DOB: 05/02/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Allonso Villegas, who lived et 103 W. Dixon Avenua, Charlavoix, Michigan died on June 19, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever berred unless presentad to Patricia Marquis end Eric Villegas, C/O T. Curtiss, Breun Kendrick Finkbainer P.L.C., 4301 Fashion Square Blvd., Saginaw, MI 48603 named trustaos within four (4) months efter the date of publicetion of this Notica.

Deted: August 8, 2008.

Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.
Timothy L. Curtiss (P30647)
4301 Fashion Squere Blvd.
Saginaw, MI 48603
(989)498-2100

Patricie Marquis
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(L-08/20)

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As of the dete of this notice, thare is claimad to ba dua for principal and intarest on said Mortgage the sum of Forty Four Thousand Thrae Hundrod Twenty Nine Dollers end Sixty Conts ($44,329.60), seid intorest accruing et the rata of 9.5% per ennum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt securad by said Mortgage or eny part thereof.

Notice is hereby givan that by virtue of tha powar of sale conteined in said Mortgage end the statute in such case mada and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest, as provided in said Mortgage, end all legal costs, charges, and axpanses, including tha attomey fee allowed by lew, and all taxes and insuranco premiums paid by tha undersignad bafore sale, said Mortgege will be foreclosed by sale of tha mortgaged premises al public venua at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to tha highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on September 19, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in tha fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan , County of Charlevoix , State of Michigan, and are described es follows:

Commancing 660 feat West of tha Southaast comer of the Southaast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Renge 7 West; thance North 40 rods for tha POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West 142 faat; thanca South to tha centar of creek; thence Southaastarly following centar of creak bed to a point due South of tha point of beginning; thence North to tho point of beginning; being a pert of tha Southaast 1/4 of tha Southwest 1/4 of Saction 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 Wast.

ALSO

That part of tho Southeast 1/4 of tha Southwost 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, describad as: Commencing at a 3/4 inch iron bar et the South 1/4 comar of said Section 24; thence North 8905'03" West on the South line of said Section 24, a distanca of 659.86 laet (recorded as 660 feat) to e 1/2 inch iron rod; thence Nonh 01°44'19" East 647.15 leet (racorded as North 660 leel); thence North 89°11'47" West142.00 feat to tha true POINT OF BEGINNING of tha land herain dascribad; thence South 01°44'19" West 62.81 feet to the centar of tha craek; thence North 39°34'48" Wost on said creek centarline 16.75 feet; thenca North 62°36'30" Wast on said creak canterlina 47.17 feet to tha centorlina of a 66.00 foot wide roadway and utility easamant as shown on the survey by Ranger; thence Northeastarly on seid roadway centerline 31.71 feet around a 171.35 foot radius curve to tha left whose chord bears North 24°48'57" East 31.67 feat to tha South line of Wilson Street; thenca South 89°11'47" East on said Wilson Street South lina 41.17 feel to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Dated: August 18, 2008

Mortgegea: Charlevoix State Bank, e Michigan Banking Corporetion.

Prepared by end for more information, please cell:
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Tapeworms a natural part of ecology

WORMS

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Przybyliski pulled the fish out of the Pine River Channel, then pulled the three-feet-long tapeworm out of a small-mouth bass. The second fish he caught also had a tapeworm in it. Przybyliski's fishing partner, John Perron, gutted one of the fish he caught and said he found thousands of baby tape worms inside of it.

"There's a bunch of different kinds of parasites," said Dave Clapp of the Michigan DNR and Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station. "And, some are routine in the Great Lakes."

He added, "Some of these things are just common in certain species; That's just a part of their ecology."

According the Michigan DNR Web site, as long as there are fish, there will be fish parasites like tapeworms.

"If you know you are going to keep your catch, gut it immediately and put the gutted fish on ice in your cooler," stated Dr. Patrick Muzzall of Michigan State University in a guide to parasites. "Don't throw the guts overboard as this is illegal. It will also allow the tapeworms to release their eggs back into the water."

He further stated, "Put the guts in a plastic bag in your cooler and dispose of them properly when you get home."

Przybyliski said he still plans to continue fishing in Charlevoix.

"It's in the hands of the DNR right now," he said. "I don't want to scare anyone away from fishing. We just thought it was something people should be aware of."

Clapp said taking a few simple precautions will keep you safe from tapeworms.

"The fish will be fine as long as you cook it or fillet it properly," Clapp said. "It's just like any other parasite or bacteria, if it's prepared correctly, it won't hurt you when you eat it."

For more information on fish parasites from the Michigan DNR and Fisheries Division, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

Greedy grass choking coast

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Norwood resident Carol Apol grasps a hearty stalk of phragmites invasive grass which is taking over the coast of Lake Michigan in Norwood.

INVASIVE

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and are located all along the sand at Fisherman's Island. "These runners are along the beach," she said. "You can't even access the area."

Pam Grassmick, the Phragmites Project Coordinator on Beaver Island, said the project must be done to improve the wildlife, habitat and quality of life of the Great Lakes.

"One of the reasons we were able to engage the townships is because they (phragmites) erode the tax value on people's property because it costs them so much to clean up," Grassmick said. "It becomes so dense that nothing can live in it. Even humans have a hard time pushing it aside."

Grassmick said Saginaw Township let the problem get so out of hand they have now had to spend millions of dollars in order to control the infestation.

"Shoreline property owners need to be educated about it and engage their township about the subject," she said.

Hamilton said autumn is the best time to fight phragmites.

"The best thing to do is spray herbicide to kill them," he said. "And, the best time to do it is in September because that's when they suck all of their nutrients in and store them for the whole year."

Unfortunately, Hamilton added, a permit is needed to spray herbicide on the plants and that permit process has expired as of Aug. 15.

However, Hamilton said his people are working to be ready for next fall.

"We're going to facilitate the governmental agents to take care of the problem," Hamilton said. "We want to take a pro-active stand with this with Banks Township and get a widespread solution."

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O'Brien wins St. James tie-breaker

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Pam O'Brien won the proverbial coin toss to decide who is St. James Township Clerk, prompting her opponent Jean Palmer to ask about a recount.

The two were forced, by Michigan law, to cast lots on Aug. 14 after they tied 86 to 86 in the Aug. 5 primary election.

"We had a basket with two pieces of paper. One said elected and the other said not elected," said Cherie Browe, Chief Deputy Charlevoix County Clerk. "O'Brien was not present, so a member of the canvassing board drew on her behalf."

While Palmer has not officially filed for the recount, the 10-year veteran of St. James Township government did ask Deputy Chief County Clerk Cherie Browe how to get one before leaving the clerk's office last Thursday.

"She (Palmer) has the alternative of filing for a recount," said Browe. "Within six days, she must submit a request in writing. Then, it will cost her $10 for the recount and the canvassing board will come in and hand-count the ballots when they set a date and a time and both parties will be notified."

Browe said she thinks the process is as fair as it can be and that it should be left up to the legislators to decide how tie-breakers should be handled.

As of press time, Palmer had not officially filed for a recount yet, according to the county clerk's office.

O'Brien is now the legal candidate for the clerkship barring a recount in Palmer's favor.

Neither O'Brien or Palmer could be reached by press time.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2008 Summer Tax bills have been mailed and were due and payable on July 1, 2008. The last day to pay these taxes without penalty is September 2, 2008. After Tuesday, September 2nd, interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per calendar month. 2008 Taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1, 2009 when they will be delinquent and turned over to the County Treasurer.

Richard M. Brandi
City Treasurer

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis July 23, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the July 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #08-060, Regional Response Coordination Plan.

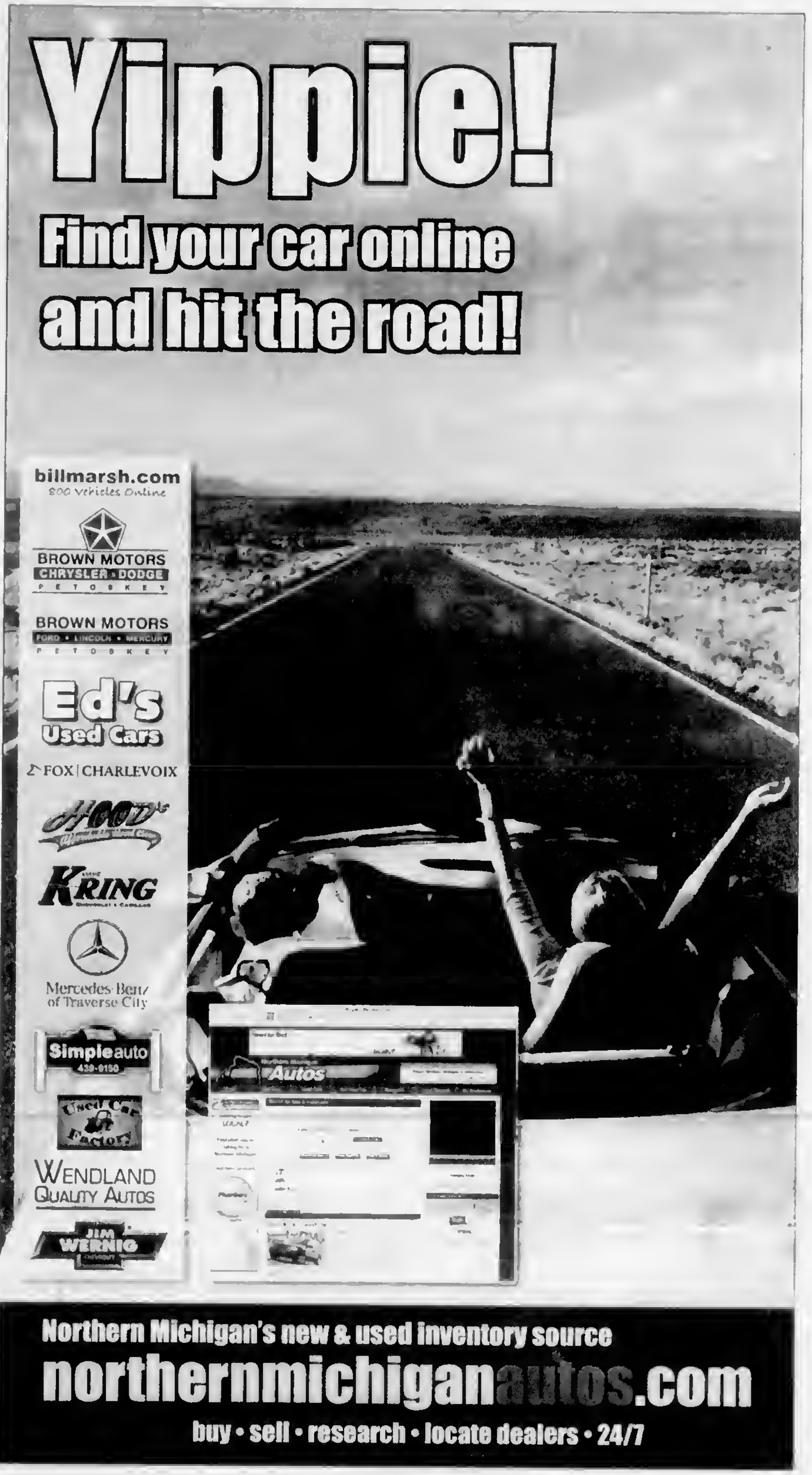
Motion approved Resolution #08-061, Maximus Proposal for Technical Services, and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #08-062, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #08-063, Melrose Township Contract, and authorized the Sheriff to accept said contract. Chairman Christensen voting no.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park open from noon until 9 p.m. everyday.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays.

Saturday Night Alive

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Tuesdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

AUG 20

Norwood history

The Norwood Area Historical Society is sponsoring Bret Bell from Samels Heritage Farm on Skegemog Lake to speak about life on a self-sufficient farm at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at the Norwood Schoolhouse.

CCA

Healing Arts: Painting the Chakras as Mandalas, with Heidi Dietrich; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St.; all ages welcome; $40 includes all materials.

Retired school personnel

The noon luncheon will be held on Aug. 20 at Greensky Hill Church's Susan Hall on old U.S. 31 north of Charlevoix.

Enjoy an $8 salad luncheon, greet old associates, meet new friends, and receive an up-date on legislative and health issues.

Lansing is scrutinizing health benefits.

Be informed.

For further information, call Suzanne Frisk at (231) 347-4679.

MUSIC

Aug. 22

-At 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Laura Bates & Brandon Foote with opening act by Jetty Rae

AUG. 24

St. Mary pig roast

From noon to 3 p.m., Aug. 24 at St. Mary parish center, 1005 Bridge St. Dinner includes slow roasted pig by Greg Whitley, beans, salads, breads, desserts and beverages.

Baseball

Tryouts for the 12 and younger travel baseball team are at 6 p.m., Aug. 24 at the Charlevoix High School baseball field. The alternate rain location is the gym. The team will begin play in tournaments in summer 2009, with practices beginning November 2008. Players must be 12 or younger as of May 1, 2009 in to be eligible. Call coach Allen Telgenhof at 547-7388 or 675-2797 for more information.

AUG. 25

Story of Thumb Lake/Lake Louise

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 25 the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will meet at the Lake Louise Christian Community Camp & Retreat in Boyne Falls for a program based on "Spring-Fed Waters: the Story of a Lake in Northern Michigan"

AUG. 26

Golf

The 10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing begins at 1 p.m., registration at noon, Aug. 26 at the Belvedere Golf Club. Members and non-members alike are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a light lunch on site and a dinner buffet and award ceremony held immediately following at the Belvedere Club Casino. Call 547-2101 for more information.

AUG. 27

Family history workshop

With Rebecca Glotfelty on Recording Your Family History, who will share interviewing techniques, and Georganna Monk and Jack Laurent on Preserving Historical Documents and Photos noon to 2:15 p.m. at the library; ages 12 and older; $14, includes lunch.

Computer Tidbit: Mysteries of the Michigan Room

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Aug. 27, learn what treasures actually lay behind the locked cabinets in the library's Michigan Room. See special features of the room, view rare books and learn to use the new digital microfilm machine. Did you know that you can convert your old 35mm film/slides to a digital format with this new machine?

Jazz at the library

At 7 p.m. come and learn about great jazz masters while listening to their music in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden. Bring your own chair.

AUG. 28

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the (DEB) 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix - Seth Bernard & Daisy May.

Adult/child CPR

This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. Cost is $35. Call 547-8570 or 547-4024 to register.

AUG. 31

Ice-cream social

At 5 p.m., Aug. 31, at the Norwood Schoolhouse, the Norwood Area Historical Society will have an ice-cream social, silent and live auction and quilt drawing. Call 547-7545 for more information.

AUG. 30, 31

Red Fox Regatta

The 40th Annual Red Fox Regatta boat race is scheduled for Aug. 30 and 31.

Register and buy tickets online at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Pre-Race Events

- Weekend events start at 6 p.m. with the NuCore triangle in Lake Charlevoix with a party following at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Ave.
- Race

At 11 a.m. - Charlevoix to Boyne City on Saturday, Boyne City to Charlevoix on Sunday

At 10:30 a.m. - Dave Cisco will be playing music on the water before start in Boyne City

- Party

The Party in the Park is Saturday night in Boyne City and is open to racers and non-racers alike. Get your dinner/party tickets online

Bring a T-shirt or hat to trade and don't miss Dave Cisco's performance during dinner. There will also be a rain-gutter regatta before dinner open on a first-come basis before dinner.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

SEPT. 1

Charlevoix bridge walk

Participants will gather at the Townhouse Bar at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1 for the 20th annual Charlevoix bridge walk. Proceeds from this community event and fundraiser will benefit the American Legion Leslie Shapton Post's Veterans Park monument project. Small thorugh extra-large shirts cost $15, triple extra-large shirts are $18. Participants will walk to the north side of the bridge before the 1 p.m. opening and walk south when it closes. Walkers may then go to the Townhouse for a hot dog, $3 for those without a bridge walk shirt, before ending the walk in East Park. Call 547-5190 for more information or to buy a t-shirt.

SEPT. 4

Charity golf

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course. Participants will have the added benefit of knowing that proceeds from this year's event will help provide clean drinking water to families lacking access to this basic need. The Rotary Club of Charlevoix is a partner in the "Villa Tabacalera Children's Safe Water Project" which aims to purchase and install up to 240 biosand filters in individual households within rural villages located near Santiago, Dominican Republic. The water in these communities is of very poor quality, which causes numerous health problems. Through education and filter use the health of 350 families or 1,400 people will improve considerably. Entry fee is $40 per person. This is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's, and the traditional tournament trademark: prizes galore. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle. Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop.

SEPT. 21

BI senior picnic

The 4th Annual Beaver Island Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The picnic will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3 for seniors 60 years and older, and $6.00 for persons under 60 years of age. Tickets are "first come, first served" and may be purchased by calling Jean Palmer at 231-448-2915.

The menu is barbeque chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit and cookie with assorted beverages.

Good food, fun, music and lots of chances for door prizes. Come join us for the celebration of our seniors. Any questions, call the Commission on Aging. 231-237-0103.

OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

Charlevoix Schools checking items off its strategic plan

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

When Chet Janik first took over as Charlevoix Public Schools new superintendent, he stressed how important it was for them to have a long-term strategic plan.

One year later, Janik has worked with school staff, administration and parents to bring his vision to fruition.

"We're using this as a blueprint for the next three to five years," said Janik, who has already been able to cross completed goals off the list.

Completed long-term goals include approval to purchase new buses, construction of both a new administration building and bus garage facility.

In conjunction with the replacement of a couple of old buses and the new bus garage, the public schools have also determined new starting and ending times for all of the buildings in the district.

Technology improvements set forth in the plan include implementation of a district-wide phone system, installation of interactive white boards and the schools are currently working to replace their outdated computers.

"We can come up with all sorts of feel good things, but we need a game plan to achieve our goals," Janik said in an interview during the early stages of the plan.

Recent improvements in standardized testing scores meets the long-term plan's criteria of improving student achievement.

The plan not only outlines teacher, community and parental involvement but it also lists specific goals Janik and the school system plan to achieve.

The plan lists several indicators of success: Student, community and parental involvement; Graduation/drop-out rates; Standard student test results; Academic/curriculum offerings; And student and school safety.

"I'm a parent and a resident and I'm just interested in seeing the school system grow and improve," said Glenn Wachler, a strategic plan committee member. "We love the teachers and academics is a big part of my family."

Wachler supports Janik's strategic plan and said he is proud of the community for passing the bond and getting the new buses.

"I think it's a good idea not to try to make leaps and bounds, but to take small steps each year," said Wachler. "There's no reason Charlevoix Public Schools can't be one of the premier systems in the state for academic standards."

Wachler said students deserve the things outlined in the strategic plan.

"I'd like to see us at the top of the state as far as school systems go," Wachler said. "The quickest way to raise enrollment is by becoming one of those top schools in the state."

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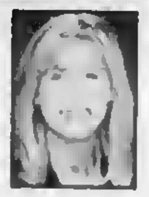

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Who stole St. Marys' 70 pound stone?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft of a 170-pound monument from St. Marys Cement in Charlevoix Township.

The 70-pound Petoskey stone and 100-pound maple tree trunk base are believed to have been stolen the night of Aug. 16 from the factory's main lobby off of 16000 Bells Bay Road.

"All we want is to have the object back," said St. Marys Cement Operations Manager Dirk Cox. "If

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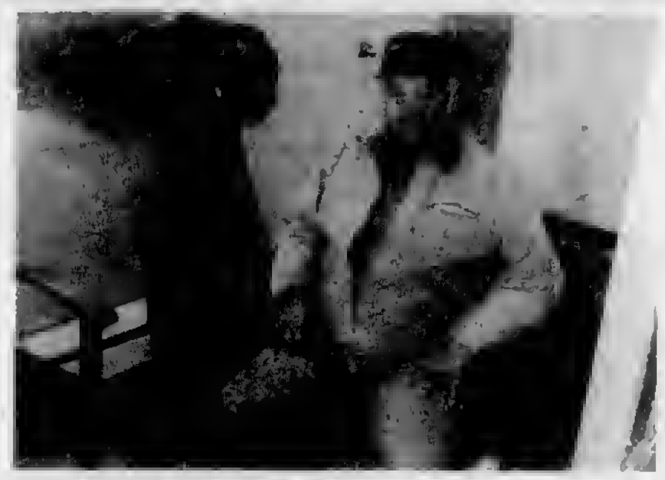

Former St. Marys Cement employee Alan Towsley is seen posing in St. Marys' lobby (above) in this undated photo next to the 170-pound monument he built and dedicated to St. Marys Cement and her employees. Anyone with information on the monument's whereabouts is urged to call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 547-4461.

Local merit scores improving

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The scores are finally in for the Michigan Merit Exam for Charlevoix area schools.

Not everyone is completely satisfied with the results though. Northwest Academy school leader John Bailey said he liked their social studies score but felt that his students could do a little better in the other areas.

"I would say we have to improve in all areas," said Bailey. "We passed our Adequate Yearly Progress test, though, so I'm happy about that."

Bailey

Out of the 14 students that were tested, Northwest got an 86 percent passing rate on social studies. To pass a section of the test, a student must receive either a level 1, advanced or level 2, proficient score.

In mathematics, Northwest tested 14 percent proficient or above; in science, 50 percent were proficient or above; and in writing, 21 percent were proficient or above.

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Did stolen cash pay for embezzler's defense?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Did 35-year-old Kevin Dale Lockman knowingly use at least $30,000 of wife Karla Sue's ill-gotten gains to pay her defense attorney in 2005?

Boyne City law enforcement officials believe so, but Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney Charles Koop must prove it.

"The allegation is that he knowingly or should have known the money he used was stolen or embezzled funds," said Koop, who was appointed to the case after a 2006 petition to appoint a special prosecutor was filed by Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema.

"I sent it over to Koop ... because, at the time, he (Kevin) was a DNR officer in my county," Jarema said. "I wanted to avoid any appearance of impropriety and I wanted him to get a fair shake."

Karla Lockman

Koop would not say why it has taken more than two years to charge Kevin Lockman with a crime.

"I can't address those issues at this point," he said. "Anything other than that (current charges) I'm barred by professional ethics to discuss, be-

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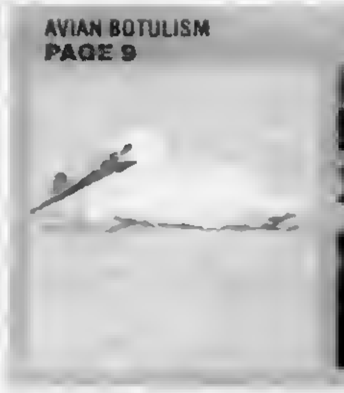

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Sheila Marie Burke, 44, Charlevoix. Prescription forms - manufacture/deliver. Count 2 Prescription forms - manufacture/deliver. Count 3 Controlled substance - possession (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams (second offense). Serve 365 days in jail with one day of credit. Pay $940 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Phil Simpson Builder, 5134 Willis Road, Charlevoix, by Phil Simpson

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Chester Albert Mahan, 86, of Boyne Falls and Marcia Ruth Larid, 70, of Asheville, N.C.

Matthew Thomas Arnott, 25, and Ann Marie Holliday, 23, both of East Jordan

Adam Nicholas Watson, 26, and Kristin Renea Glasgow, 28, both of Boyne City

Gregory Paul Kris, 33, and Katherine Margaret Boyer, 28, both of London, England

Eric Alan Lovingfoss, 28, and Erin Ashley Umnus, 29, both of Lockport, Ill.

Matthew Allen McClellan, 28, and Kristy Ann Shindorf, 26, both of Charlevoix

David Firth Demree II, 43, and Cindy Lou Gruening, 46, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Brenda Dawn Balough vs. David Thomas Balough, Sr.

Paul F. Scheelk vs. Rebecca Scheelk

Dawn Zimmer vs. Kale L. Zimmer

Daniel James Brooks vs. Rachel Soo Alofs

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Howard Ray Branham, 45, Belleville. Operating with suspended/revoked/denied license, second subsequent offense. Serve 15 days in jail; Pay $800 in fines and costs.

Judy Lynn Lang, 52, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day and 30 days in abeyance with five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail. Pay $780 in fines and costs.

Jessie James Wisdom, 25, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with 19 days of credit and 41 days of electronic monitoring and 33 days in abeyance. Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Robert Charles Adams, 43, Charlevoix. Driving without a license. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for one day and nine to be served on electronic monitoring; Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Gloria Romero Hernandez, 57, Williamsburg. Driving without identification. Credit for one day in jail with 334 days in abeyance with 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; Pay $1480 in fines and costs.

Georiana Stutzman Minton, 51, Charlevoix. Larceny over $200 but under $1,000. Credit for one day in jail with 344 days in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service and pay $950 in fines and costs.

Butch Lawrence Greenacre, 30, Charlevoix. Assault and battery. Credit for 16 days in jail with 77 days on an electronic monitoring device; Pay $700 in fines and costs.

Kevin Wayne Boley, 35, Alanson. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and 10 days of community service work; Pay $1030 in fines and costs.

Courtney Renee Stabb, 24, Boyne City. No OPS on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs.

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Note: this monument consists of 1 large 70lb Polished Petoskey Stone and Maple tree trunk base which weighs 100lb with a combined total of 170lbs. The base has an inscribed gold plaque in the trunk. This project took 1 year for Retiree Alan Towslay to complete and was a gift from Mr. Towslay to the plant and its employees upon his retirement.

Anyone having information regarding the theft of this monument is asked to call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office at: 231-547-4461

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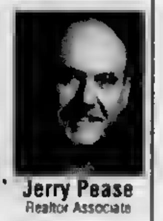

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Michigan Merit scores released

Northwest did not test in the reading and English/language arts portions of the test.

"We've taken steps towards improving," Bailey said. "Learnable Linguistics (**see related story on page 16**) is just one of the programs we're participating in to improve those scores."

The statewide scores were as follows:

In reading, 62 percent were proficient or above; in writing 41 percent were proficient or above; in English/language arts 52 percent were proficient or above; in mathematics 46 percent were proficient or above; in science 57 percent were proficient or above; and in social studies, 80 percent were proficient or above.

Janik

The scores for Charlevoix High School were significantly better, but they also had more students taking the exam.

Out of 102 students:

In math, 64 percent were proficient or above; in reading 75 percent were proficient or above; in science 78 percent were proficient or above; in social studies 90 percent were proficient or above; in writing 53 percent were proficient or above; and in English/language arts, 69 percent tested proficient or above.

"It's a good testament to our students and staff that our scores are at least 15 percent above the average all across the board," said Chet Janik, Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent.

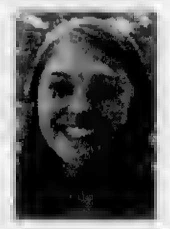
A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

New teachers for new school year

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

• St. Mary School:

Recent graduate Anna Olson will be teaching pre-kindergarten at St. Mary School



Olson

She is 24 years-old and has a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Central Michigan University.

One of her goals for her first year of teaching is to have a fun hands-on learning environment.

"I love working with kids. I think it's going to be exciting to start the foundation of their learning," she said.

Adam Wood is 26 years old and said that he looks forward to building a relationship with the kids and helping them get to the level they want to be at when they enter the next grade.

Wood

"Ever since I was at a young age, I loved being around kids," he said "It's a year-round thing for me," Wood said of his time as a Mt. McSauba counselor.

Wood will be teaching the second grade. He got his degree in physical education and elementary education from Grand Valley State University.

• Charlevoix Public Schools:

Gaffney

Aaron Gaffney will be a part-time science teacher at Charlevoix High School.

The 36-year-old's wife, Carrie, works at Charlevoix Middle School. The couple has three children.

Gaffney, has a Bachelor's of Science in mathematics from Michigan Tech and he has been teaching for the last 12 years in Central Lake.

He will be teaching 10th-grade biology and 11th-grade advanced biology.

Sidlauskas

"I'm hoping we do a lot of hands-on stuff," he said. "I'm really excited about the advanced class because they do a lot of outside activities."

Kristen Sidlauskas, 33, is married with three daughters.

Sidlauskas got into teaching to make the world a better, more idealistic place.

She has four years of experience from teaching in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Wager

"I hope to make a positive impact at Charlevoix High School," she said. Sidlauskas got her degree in English education from Ferris State University.

Danielle Wager, 23, is entering her first teaching job at Charlevoix High School.

She has a husband named Kreg, and she said she has wanted to be a teacher ever since she was in high school.

She will be teaching world studies, performing arts and an AP comparative politics course. She graduated from

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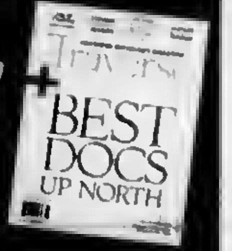

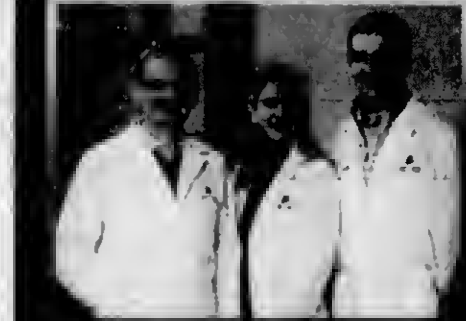

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EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Our family has arrived at the season when much of our food comes from the vegetable garden and the lake.

Salmon, lake trout, the occasional bass, along with summer squash, tomatoes and potatoes, several kinds of peppers, Swiss chard, beets and enough garlic to keep vampires away make up much of our diet by August.

Overall, this has already been a fine and productive garden year.

The total potato crop was outstanding, with no potato beetles, scab or blight in evidence.

We have produced blue, red, yellow and brown potatoes enough to last all winter from four pounds of varied color seed potatoes.

It is not difficult to understand, both how the population of Europe grew dramatically after potatoes were introduced around 1600, and why all those starving Irish left when the potato crop failed.

I still have not discovered just how to make the Cardoon leaves more edible, but their fist-sized electric blue thistle-like flowers are attractive enough to justify the space they occupy.

We have more kinds of flowers this year than ever before, including some small blue asters, and something called eyeball plants, with clusters of any brown and yellow flowers that look disturbingly like jaundiced eyeballs.

A couple of packets of varied flowers (one packet for sunny places and one for shade) give us at least a dozen kinds of blooms we have not had before.

And, if some of them go to seed, the chances that there will be offspring in next year's garden space are improved. Sturdy volunteers, both from those tings I have planted and the common weeds are always welcome.

I have not planted dill and cilantro for at least five years, but each season the plants replace themselves vigorously.

An Amaranth, abundant Goosefoot and both a spring and fall crop of Winter Mustard are there every year without much help from me.

The Shoo-fly plants, also called Apple of Peru in honor of their original home, are another of the self-seeding kind, that I allow to grow because they seem to have some insect repellant character.

Anything to keep those troublesome insects away from the plants I really want to eat.

What is sometimes called Sweet Annie, but is really Wormwood, the flavoring of Absinthe, also keeps many insects at bay, and seeds itself.

Parsnips are new this year, and we have some hope that they will sweeten during the winter and be ready for harvest next March or April, before even the earliest spring growth.

My goal is to have a varied garden that seeds itself, weeds itself and repels insects It may be a few years before that is realized, but progress is being made.

Roger Knutson's column appears bi-monthly in Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

Should the state allow home schooling?

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76% of 34 voters said a tapeworm infestation will make them think twice about eating the fish they catch.

Towel settles for lesser of two scams

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

A recent off-the-record conversation with a Charlevoix County Commissioner about the frightening rate at which the county is sued got me to thinking about all the things I could do with a few hundred thousand bucks after I sue my employers blind. Granted, we don't have any air quality issues, but the lack of cappuccino maker and pinball machine in the office is contributing to my severe mental distress.

And then there are the little old ladies who come in to tell me how much they hate me; I'm not kidding, they seem to be the only ones with the stones to tell me how they feel to my face.

The grown men always do it via phone, e-mail and even once a guy sent a letter to my home; a veiled threat? Perhaps.

The next step was to find an ambulance chaser with low enough self-esteem to handle my case. Contrary to popular belief, lawyers aren't as sleazy as I had earlier been led to believe.

Aw, who was I kidding? No judge would find in my favor And, have you been to jury duty lately? I'd sooner face Saddam's kangaroo court than the carnival of humanity not clever enough to get out of jury duty.

Civic obligation or no, the last time I went down there it looked like a casting call for Deliverance II; And that's not a crack at rednecks because I am from hillbilly stock and possess no fewer than five hick traits: tattoos, pickup, David Alan Coe albums, scars from a farming incident and an innate distrust for people with all their teeth.

What was I to do? I needed a fat settlement, and quick.

I considered writing my congressman, but he's running for reelection and if I had the money to bribe, er, contribute to his campaign, I wouldn't be in this situation.

Then, while watching the episode of the A-Team when Murdock decides he needs to be more like Face, it hit me: Perhaps I should run for office.

I know what you're thinking, "Gohs should work 'perhaps' into his vocabulary more often; it makes him sound scholarly.'"

Perhaps I will.

That's it, I'll run for office, and not just as a goof to spite my old boss; for some reason she used to get real peeved when I would tell people I was thinking of running for governor.

For the good of the nation you'd think there must be a dozen requirements which would preclude someone like me from running, but no. So long as that felony animal husbandry conviction from Tijuana remains buried, I may run for offices from township supervisor to state representative.

Frightening, huh?

We wouldn't dare put the position of taxi driver, surgeon, teacher, lawyer or soldier up for a vote, but we seem OK to do it with positions which wield infinitely more power

The man who can take this country to war on a whim, not saying that would ever happen, need not pass the basic skills test one would require of cigarette smoking monkey.

Now, that is not to say W. would have stuck the triangular block in the round hole, but I can certainly see a fist fight breaking out in the testing room when the man in the white coat insists that "Funkytown" is not a geographical location and "misunderestimate" is not a word.

How could this be? How could my grade school teachers have lied to me so? How could I look at my kids and honestly tell them 51 percent of the voters can tell the rest of the population what to do? And for no other reason than there were more of them.

Six of 10 people in a room could decide they should drink gasoline with dinner; that doesn't make it right.

More importantly, how could I focus on faking a slip-and-fall or stuffing dead rats into the heating ducts at work with the knowledge that our democracy is little more than a popularity contest for some of the most important job titles in existence?

By the time you read this, my bosses will likely have discovered my scheme and put the kibosh to operation "Settle out of Court."

Maybe it's all for the best. After all, I cannot have the dead skunk of frivolous litigation hanging 'round my neck when I run for governor next cycle.

Perhaps you'll consider giving me your vote.

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LETTERS to the editor

DUBIOUS OF VACCINES

Editor:

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Medical Director, Dr. Joshua R. Meyerson, assured us about the safety and efficacy of vaccines in his piece, vaccinations are a health care achievement. (Letter to the editor "Take your medicine" Aug. 20 edition of Courier)

It should be pointed out, however, merely saying vaccines prevent disease, doesn't mean that they don't also have damaging side effects.

Meyerson dismissed any link between vaccines and autism, but since 1983, the number of vaccines children get has more than tripled.

At the same time, autism went from affecting one in 10,000 to the latest official rate of one in every 150 children.

This figure is outdated The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced it in February, 2007, but it was based on studies done back in 2000 and 2002.

It can hardly be considered a true picture of the autism disaster.

In Minnesota, the recognized rate is one in every 81 kids. Others put the United States average rate at one in every 67 children.

Almost 9,000 people came to Washington with Jenny McCarthy on June 4 to ask Congress to green our vaccines.

They cited the frightening exposure to toxins like mercury, aluminum, MSG, ether, formaldehyde and anti-freeze commonly found in vaccines.

Meyerson told us that official studies show no link between vaccines and autism, but a close look reveals that these are merely population studies done by looking at numbers of people.

They're notorious for being flawed and the results manipulated.

This kind of science was used extensively by the tobacco industry in the 1940s and '50s as proof that smoking didn't cause lung cancer.

Furthermore, there was never a study on the effects of so many vaccines on the developing immune system of a baby.

It's also important to note that the CDC has hundreds of individuals who have conflict of interest waivers because they have financial ties to the vaccine makers.

Meyerson cited the study by the Institute of Medicine in 2004 which concluded there was no link between vaccines and autism, but in truth, the institute did this report under the direction of the CDC.

Meyerson incorrectly claimed that the mercury-based preservative thimerosal is "no longer used in vaccines."

While mercury has been reduced to trace amounts in many children's vaccines, it's still in horrendous levels in others, as reported by Steve Wilson at ABC-7 WXYZ-TV Detroit.

Wilson told the public, "The truth is there's still as much as ever in 11 vaccines including most flu vaccines injected into pregnant women and kids, and some of them younger than 9 get two doses in a season. And also high levels of mercury from Thimerosal in tetanus shots and the boosters routinely injected into 11 year olds and also in some meningitis and diphtheria-tetanus formulas, too."

Anne McElroy Dachel
Chippewa Falls, Wis.

CONSIDER NEXT MEMORIAL DAY

Editor:

The true meaning of Memorial Day is all but forgotten.

Memorial Day is not Flag Day, July 4, Armed Forces Day or Veterans Day.

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Kickin' bass

Austin Wiederman, 9 (left) and Mike Allen work together to resuscitata a few of tha bass that had been caught at tha Bass tournament on Friday, Aug. 22.

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Works of Earl Young

"The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Master Builder in Stone, Part 2" will be presented at 7 p.m., Aug. 28 at the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room at 220 Clinton St. The event is free, but donations are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.

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Displays @ the Library
The library has three wonderful displays this month. The Michigan Quilters Invitational, "Out of this World" is on display in the community meeting room foyer until Labor Day. In the display case in the main corridor there are two smaller displays. The Coast Guard display is placed in celebration of the Coast Guard's August birthday, by retired captain, John McLean. The other display is of donated WWII memorabilia from the interviewees in the Library's Veterans History Project.

JATL: Jazz @ the Library
Wednesday, August 27 @ 7:00 pm
Last Concert of the summer!
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Thursday, August 28, 7:00 pm
Come hear David Miles from the Historical Society discuss the Earl Young homes along with showing slides of his work. The Friends of the Library, as co-sponsors, will provide light refreshments.

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Harbor picnic

Victoria Chambers shows off her balloon hat during Harbor Industries' annual company picnic on Aug. 16 at Ferry Beach. Twister Joe made balloon creations for the kids and the Lions Club catered the luncheon.

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federal employee unions persuaded Congress to make federal holidays into three-day weekends and it was a stupid decision that has decreased the value of the concept of patriotism.

Not many Americans are really patriotic anymore and, for some, it's saluting whichever cheap politician happens to be in occupying the White House or rooting for whatever the current war happens to be.

It doesn't seem to matter if the war is just or unjust or if the politician is honest or a devious liar.

We are all going to die, but it has always seemed that worst death is the unnecessary death.

It should be the goal of American politicians to never send young men and women to an unnecessary war and that means you don't go to war against a country that is not a threat to the United States.

No American takes an oath to defend a foreign country or overthrow a foreign tyrant.

We take an oath to defend our Constitution and our country and nothing else

American patriotism has become so diluted that, when politicians publicly proclaim undying support for a foreign country, we don't even give it a second thought or remind them that they are Americans in America running for an American office to represent and serve the American people.

If they love a foreign country more than their own, then they are free to emigrate, but they should not be free to sacrifice the lives of young Americans on behalf of any foreign country.

Memorial Day should be a solemn and sad day as we remember all the young men and women who were denied the joys of a normal life span

War is vicious and cruel, but whether the war is just or unjust, necessary or unnecessary, those who die in it die honorably in service of their country. Never blame the soldier for the politician's war, and never allow anyone else to do so in your presence.

Jerry Evans
East Jordan

OLYMPIC-SIZED FAILURE

Editor:

The flame has been doused, and I'm not sure whether I'm angry with China or proud of United States' responses to the 29th Olympiad in Beijing.

We forgave the opening ceremony director for digitally enhancing the fireworks.

Hey, you guys, you invented fireworks centuries ago.

Why the need for the 21st century enhancements?

OK, we probably would have done it or something equally nationalistic to prove we were still ahead in that game.

We kinda understood your concentrating on Gold Medals or nothing, because we hadn't thought of it, always considering the total number of medals as the most important.

For our national ego, we still must cling to that concept for now and will probably change focus for London in 2012.

But your attitude, China, toward little kids is something I couldn't handle.

First, you had a cuter little girl lip sync the national anthem because the little girl singer wasn't adorable enough.

OK. We swallowed hard.

Then you tried lying about the ages of those little baby girls in gymnastics. That did it. How many more years will they be 16?

How long were those children the children of the state, not of their families?

Or were they children beyond the one child per family allowable number, so somehow they belonged to Beijing?

The Beijing driven regulations probably don't work exactly like that, but golly, you also had a totally controlled citizenry.

Not a single request for a protest in the established protest areas was governmentally found worthy.

Furthermore, citizens individually, willingly or not, gave up their roads and streets, their cars, and their jobs in polluting industry for two weeks.

Most of the United States thanks you, China, for the incredible technical spectacles of the opening and closing ceremonies and the brilliant presentations of the skills of international athletes.

Yeah, proud of you or not, angry or not, I thank you Doused or not, the Olympic flame burns on.

Patricia Fox

CHARLEVOIX SCHOOLS MERIT HIGH SCORES

Editor:

I was so impressed by the report of Charlevoix Public Schools student test scores that I heard at the monthly Board of Education meeting on Aug. 11, that I wanted to write a letter to help inform the community of this important point of pride.

As reported by superintendent, Chet Janik, and clarified by high school principal, Suzanne Klinger, 60 to 90 percent of Charlevoix Public School students scored 10 to 15 percent higher than the state average in all of the academic areas tested.

These are exceptional data.

Parents, the community, and the faculty and staff of all three Charlevoix Public Schools need to be praised for their hard work and commitment to academic excellence.

As in years past, the first goal of the Charlevoix Board of Education for the 2008 – 2009 school-year is to maintain academic excellence. The Strategic Plan, which was compiled by a group of community members this past winter, and adopted by the Board at Monday's meeting, also includes the goal of maintaining academic excellence.

As we struggle with the difficult challenges of the declining school budget, the community can be assured that the Board of Education will do all we can to maintain the staff necessary to keep programs in place that help students achieve academic excellence.

Judith Ivan
Charlevoix Public Schools
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Avian botulism monitors, cleaners now sought

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

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This loon on the beach near Cross Village is but one of many birds found dead from avian, or type E, botulism each year. Citizens are asked to watch their local beaches for signs of this disease so deadly to birds, cats and dogs.

Beach rangers needed to protect wild birds and even your pets from type E botulism.

Beach walkers and shoreline property owners are encouraged to educate themselves on how to help assess the extent of bird die-offs and learn proper disposal practices for dead birds.

"(Avian botulism) is not a risk to humans," said Andy Knott, of the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. "This is type E botulism. The type humans would get is type A and we would get that from canned foods or other things."

Botulism is a neuromuscular illness caused by a toxin that is produced by the bacterium Clostridium botulinum.

Migratory birds such as common loons, endangered piping plovers, mergansers, long-tailed ducks, grebes, scaup, cormorants and gulls are the bird species most commonly affected by type E botulism.

"It's safe to swim, just don't let your dogs eat dead fish or birds on the beach," said Knott. "We've only had one case in the last five years or so of a dead dog from this botulism."

Citizens who spot a dead bird on the beach are asked to dispose of it.

Proper disposal includes wearing disposable gloves, taping the bird's sharp bill to prevent it from tearing the trash bag you place the bird in and then immediately placing the bag in a dumpster or outgoing garbage vessel. You may also bury the bird so long as it is at least two feet deep and far from shore.

Knott said that they're just now beginning to see some confirmed deaths in Ludington, as well as a non-confirmed one in Manistee. A case is likely to include several dead birds in a specific area. If there are a dozen or more dead birds, it tends to point towards a botulism outbreak.

Botulism spores (the resting stage of the bacteria) are naturally occurring in soils and aquatic sediments of many lakes and in the gills and digestive tracts of fish living in those lakes. The spores can remain in an ecosystem for a very long time, sometimes years, and are very resistant to temperature changes.

The spores themselves are harmless until the correct environmental factors prompt them to germinate and begin growing.

"It can be spread up the food chain, if the conditions are right," Knott said. "If there's a lot of oxygen in the dying algae, then it gets to the zebra mussels, then the Gobi's, then the birds eat the Gobi's and then they wash upon the shore and possibly get to your dog."

Knott said that another means of transferring botulism, which is alarming, is through flies and/or maggots feeding on a dead bird and then infecting another bird that's still alive. "This is very disconcerting, especially for the endangered or more scarce species of birds," he said.

The severity of type E botulism depends on the conditions, according to Knott. "It (the bacteria) can be inert in the soil for years. Eventually, it just builds up in the food web," Knott said. "It depends on the animals effected. A couple of maggots could kill a plover."

He added that it's scary to think that a couple of maggots could kill an endangered species such as the piping plover.

Knott said that there are two different life cycles of botulism every year. The first cycle is in August and the second is in late October and early November. "It has a lot to do with water temperature. The warmer the water, the easier it is for the bacteria to spread," he said. "There seems to be a temperature link because there are fewer deaths when the water has been cooler."

In response to concerns about outbreaks and to inform the public better, the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay is heading the Grand Traverse Bay Botulism Network. The purpose of the network is to monitor beaches in northern Michigan and respond to avian botulism outbreaks.

The botulism network includes the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan Sea Grant, Inland Seas Education Association, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan Loon Preservation Association, Common Coast Research & Conservation, White Pine Associates and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

"The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is actively supporting what we're doing we support what they do," he said. "The MDNR is a key player in all of this because they're the only ones that can do the lab work."

Knott said that the MDNR will test two birds of each species in a certain county and then they won't process anymore of that species.

If those two birds are determined to have died of botulism, then that area is infected.

For more information from the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay, visit: http://www.gtbay.org/ or e-mail: botulism@gtbay.org.

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TEACHERS

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Grand Valley State University with a degree in social studies and a minor in psychology.

"I have a lot of goals being this is my first year," she said. "One of the things I'd like to do is try to build up the performing arts program."

Kemp

Courtney Kemp, 25, will be the special education teacher at the Elementary and Middle school.

Kemp majored in special education with a minor in history at Central Michigan University.

She and her husband Dan have a two-year-old daughter and are expecting another daughter in November.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know everybody and getting settled into the new house," she said.

Kemp said she's known that she's always wanted to be a teacher, ever since she was a little girl.

• Northwest Academy:

Matt Peters taught in Ellsworth for 12 years and then taught for six more years in McBain.

Peters will teach seventh through 12th-grade math.

"Math isn't always the easiest subject to learn, but I'm going to try to make it fun," said Peters.

Peters is also certified in computer education and has coached.

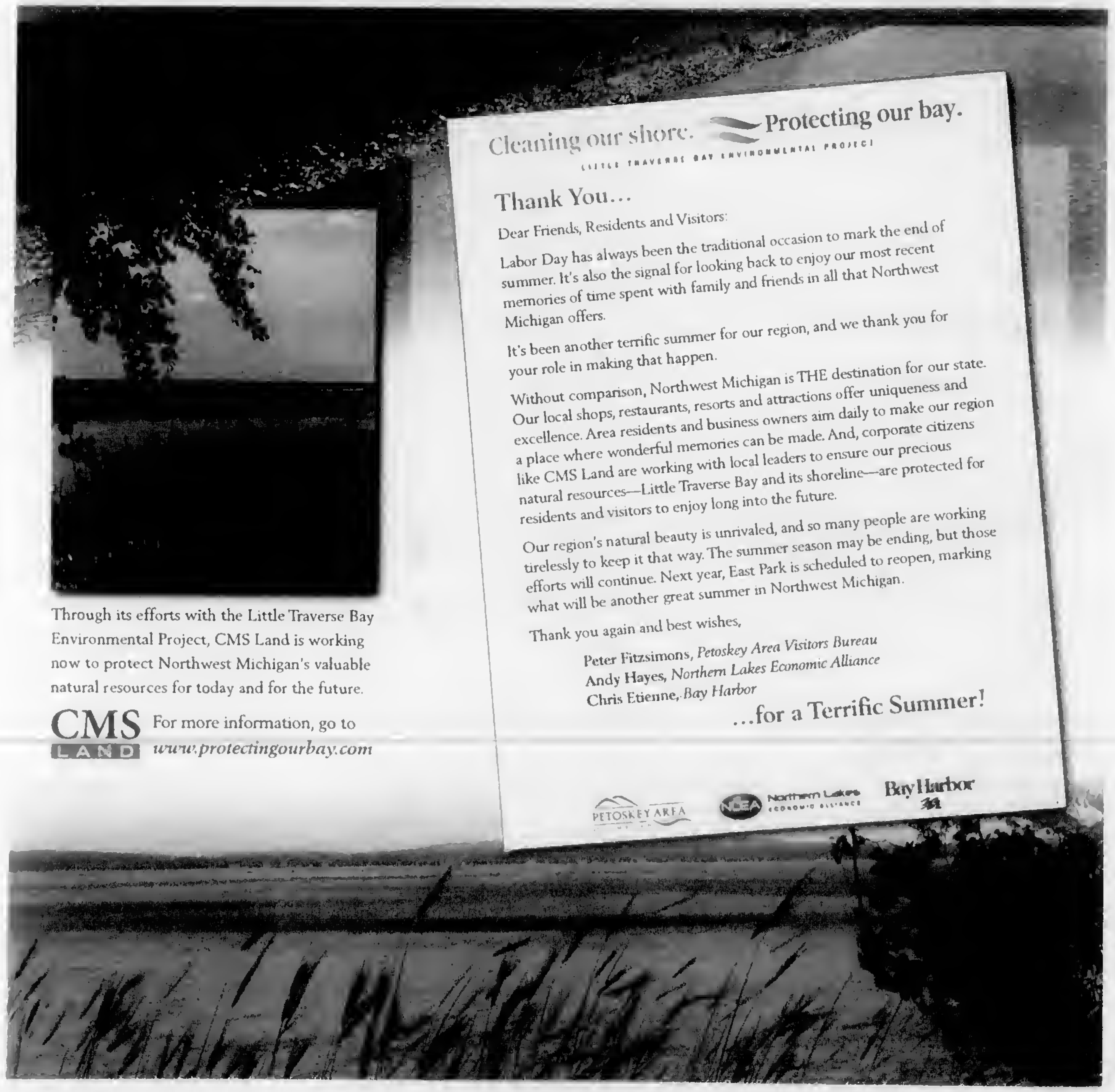
A life-long resident of Ellsworth, Alex Busman has been hired as a social studies and elementary physical education teacher.

Just out of college, he was first a long-term substitute teacher at Ellsworth.

He got his high school certification from Spring Harbor University.

"I just love being around kids and influencing lives," he said.

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.



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Edger

Charlevoix's Edger chosen for Albion's track team

Albion College head cross country coach Hayden Smith has announced the list of 18 runners who will compete for the women's team this fall.

The Britons' roster includes Lindi Edger, the daughter of Todd Edger and Mary Edger of Charlevoix and a graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Edger is a sophomore at Albion.

Albion finished second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association last fall, and the Britons are hoping to maintain their position in the league this fall. Albion begins the season Aug. 30 by running in the Vanderbilt Invitational in Holland.

The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association jamboree, which counts for a third in determining the league standings, is slated for Sept. 26 in Notre Dame, Ind.

The intercollegiate championships are scheduled for Nov. 1 in Three Rivers.

For more information about the Albion College women's cross country team, please contact sports information director Bobby Lee at blee@albion.edu or (517) 629-0434.

Visit www.albion.edu/sports anytime for the latest Briton sports information.

Foster makes Albion soccer team

Former Rayder Emily Foster has been chosen to help Albion's 2008 soccer team go all the way. Emily is daughter of William Foster of Charlevoix and Hannelore Foster. Emily, a first-year student at Albion, is listed as a defender on the Briton's team.

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The 25th annual CROP Walk is scheduled for 9 a.m., Sept. 27.

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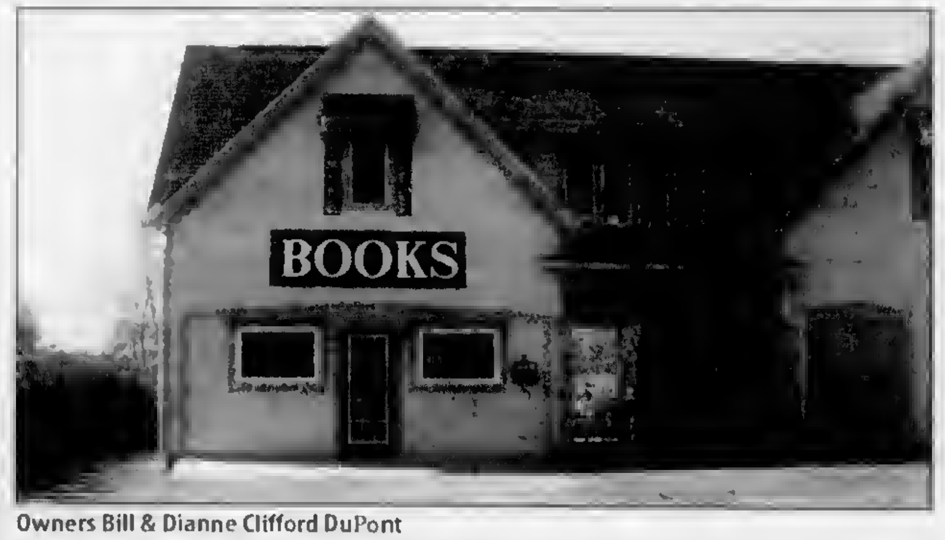

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She then worked at Steppenwolf Theatre Company of Chicago as an apprentice stage manager for over a year before joining Patrick in Augusta, Ga. where he completed his Master's degree.

Patrick graduated in 2008 with a MS in medical illustration from the Medical College of Georgia

He also holds a BFA in scientific illustration and a BS in biological psychology from the University of Michigan, both awarded in 2005.

The couple met on a study-abroad trip to Florence, Italy the summer of 2004.

Patrick proposed this past June while the couple traveled Europe.

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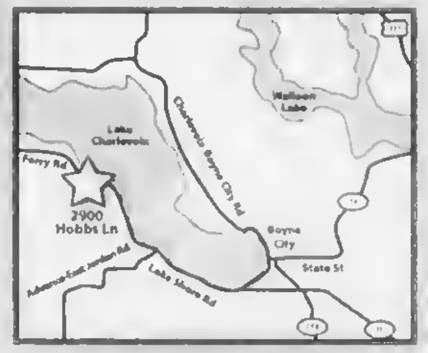

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NWA staff training to deal with dyslexia

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

A new teaching project is taking place at Northwest Academy to help students with dyslexia

The program, Learnable Linguistics, is being spearheaded by two specialized instructors of dyslexic individuals.

"Susan and I are going to spend a year with the staff and students of Northwest Academy to complete the teacher training and teaching practicum," said Jane Andrews, Founding Director of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute: Harhor Springs Center. "Every student in the school will benefit from this program, especially those students who struggle to learn as expected."

Andrews and her partner Susan Vanderlinde said that participants in the program will learn about the structure of the English language

They will learn and practice a structured, phonetic and multi-sensory approach to teaching reading, spelling and other language skills hased on the Orton-Gillingham approach and philosophy.

The objectives in the project are to first train the teaching faculty at Northwest Academy the Learnahle Linguistics program.

Secondly, they will screen students at the heginning of the year for the purpose of setting a baseline against which to measure improvement.

They will then re-screen students at the end of the year and compare each score to evaluate the gain/loss of skills during the year.

The two final steps include using the Learnable Linguistics materials consistently and having the teachers keep a journal throughout the year of what they teach and how the skills they learned from Andrews and Vanderlinde helped or hindered their classroom activities.

Andrews said that every teacher she has trained for the project over the past 20 years asked her the same question: "Why didn't I learn this in college?"

"Susan and I began writing the Learnahle Linguistics seven years ago," said Andrews. "Over the years, we have heen unable to find appropriate educational materials to supplement our teaching. Seven years ago, a parent of one of our students strongly urged us to write appropriate curriculum that is needed for those who learn differently."

"We hegan to write in January 2001 and the curriculum is now complete," Andrews said. "We have organized the curriculum into 10 units which is over 5,000 pages of original stories, riddles, word lists, sentences, activities and work sheets for every language concept taught."

The most unique thing ahout Learnable Linguistics, the duo said, is the educational materials which are enhanced by visual art. These materials are supplied to every teacher in the program.

"No other school staff in northern Michigan will have the curriculum to use over the next year that NWA will have," said Vanderlinde. "It is a win-win situation for teachers, students and parents. This kind of training will affect hundreds of students who will enter NWA for years to come."

Jana Andrews and Susan Vanderlinde (left) will be training teachers at Northwest Academy in a specialized program for dyslexic students and those with other reading difficulties through Learnable Linguistics.

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Richard M. Brandi
City Treasurer

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- Pool auction

Over $60,000 was raised at the 19th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Pool auction held Aug. 10 at the Charlevoix County Club. Pool Board President Patty Sitzema said it was almost $20,000 more than last year. Sitzema attributed the increase to the Ford Focus donated hy Michael and Rhea Dow. A log cabin playhouse donated by Alyssia and Savannah Joseph and Charlevoix commemorative plates also brought on competitive hidding. Adding to the total were donations and over $4,000 to Gifts of Love for swimming lessons.

- LandChoices

A Milford based national non-profit conservation group, announced that an anonymous donor, a couple from Lake Charlevoix, have awarded a $5,000 challenge grant to inspire new contributors to get involved in land conservation and LandChoices' Supersize My Backyard campaign.

LandChoices has already raised $2,660 towards the challenge grant. LandChoices must reach the $5,000 goal hy August 31 to successfully meet the challenge and receive the $5,000. Funds will he used towards the group's land conservation work.

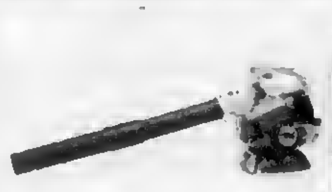
To learn more ahout LandChoices and how to hecome a member visit www.landchoices.org or call 248-685-0483.

- The recipients of the 2008 eddi Awards, in eight categories, are: Visual artist Cynthia Rutherford of Harbor Springs; Performing artist Roy Harvey of Petoskey; Arts and Cultural Organization Great Lakes Chamher Orchestra of northern Michigan; Arts in Education Mary Beth McGraw of Charlevoix; Arts and Cultural Leadership Jane and Dick Lent of Harhor Springs; Individual Patron, John Fershee of Harbor Springs; Benefactor, Association for Harbor Arts of Harhor Springs; and Lifetime Achievement, Mary Ann Chew of Charlevoix.

The eddi Awards are named on memory of eddi Offield, a much loved and admired patron of arts and culture in northern Michigan.

Each recipient will be presented with a sculpture created by northern Michigan artist, Paul Varga.

The celebration is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12 at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Reservations are $40 per person and may he made by calling Crooked Tree at 231-347-4337, online at www.crookedtree.org or in person at the Arts Center.



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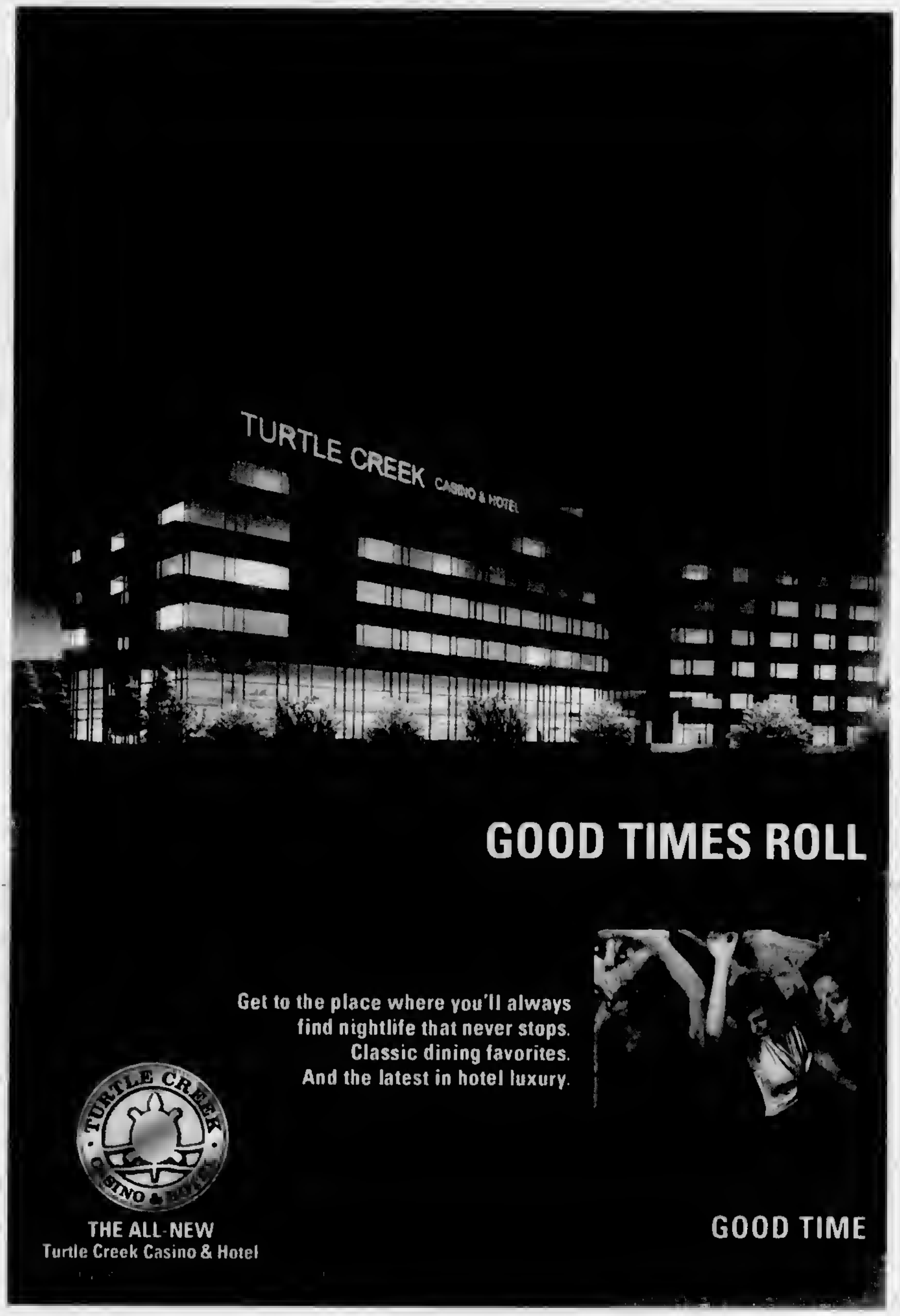

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Case No. 07-881-21-CH
Honorable
Richard M. Pajtas

MCANDREW J. GREENE,
Plaintiff/Counter-Counter-Defendant,
v
HOWARD J. DEMOREST and HOWARD J. DEMOREST as Trustee of the HOWARD J. DEMOREST TRUST, Counter-Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs,
and
ROGER W. CARLISLE end/or his heirs, and ANNA E.J. CARLISLE and/or her heirs,
Counter-Defendants.

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AMENDED ORDER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION AND TO ANSWER PENDING COMPLAINT/COUNTER-CLAIMS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the living descendants of Roger W. Carlisle and/or Anne E.J. Carlisle which are unknown Defendants to the pending litigation, shall be given notice of this pending action determining ownership of real property located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, specifically abutting the southeast shore of Lake Geneserath by the following methods:

A. Publishing a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Charlevoix County, State of Michigan and Grant County, State of Indiana where one or both of Roger W. Carlisle and Anna E.J. Carlisle resided during their life before their death.

B. By sending a copy of this Order to Laura M. Rogers who is allegedly one of the siblings of Roger W. Carlisle and Anna E.J. Carlisle at her last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication addressed above.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that publication shall occur through a newspaper as described in MCR 2.106(F) and that proper proof of service concerning publication must be proved by affidavit of the publisher or the publisher's agent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the descendants of Roger W. Carlisle and/or Anna E.J. Carlisle shall have 28 days beginning the last day a copy of this Order is published pursuant to the terms stated above in order to prevent a Default and/or Default Judgment from being entered against them which will stop them from claiming any interest in the real property at issue in this case located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan which lies between the eastern shoreline of Lake Geneserath and the western boundary lines of Lots 36 and 33 of the Cable Bay Subdivision.

Date: August 14, 2008

Honorable Richard M. Pajtas
(P18594)
Circuit Court Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Edward F. Engstrom
(P42437)
Attorney for
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As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents ($44,329.60), said interest accruing at the rate of 9.5% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest, as provided in said Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to the highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on September 19, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan , County of Charlevoix , State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Commencing 660 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, thence North 40 rods for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West 142 feet; thence South to the center of creek; thence Southeasterly following center of creek bed to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

ALSO

That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, described as: Commencing at a 3/4 inch iron bar at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence North 8905'03" West on the South line of said Section 24, a distance of 659.86 feet (recorded as 660 feet) to a 1/2 inch iron rod; thence North 01°44'19" East 647.15 feet (recorded as North 660 feet); thence North 89°11'47" West142.00 feet to the true POINT OF BEGINNING of the land herein described; thence South 01°44'19" West 62.81 feet to the center of the creek; thence North 39°34'48" West on said creek centerline 16.75 feet; thence North 62°36'30" West on said creek centerline 47.17 feet to the centerline of a 66.00 foot wide roadway and utility easement as shown on the survey by Ranger; thence Northeasterly on said roadway centerline 31.71 feet around a 171.35 foot radius curve to the left whose chord bears North 24°48'57" East 31.67 feet to the South line of Wilson Street; thence South 89°11'47" East on said Wilson Street South line 41.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 18, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation.

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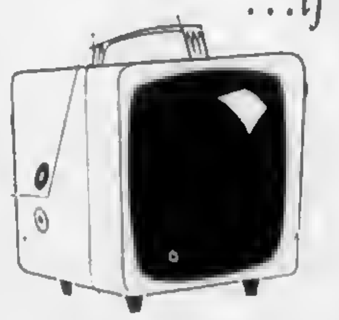

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Cement company: return monument

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somebody had a change of heart and wanted to drop if off at the doorstep, we'll donate the reward to a local charity."

He added, "It's not the money, we just want it back because a former employee put a heck of an effort into it."

St. Marys is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the return of the item which was built and donated by former 40-year employee Alan Towsley and has been in St. Marys Cement's main lobby for years.

"It's probably not worth a heck of a lot to anybody else, but to us it's worth a lot because a very respected retiree put the effort into it," Cox said. "It took him a year to polish it and prepare it."

So far, police have no leads.

"We haven't heard anything unfortunately," Cox said. "It wasn't one of our employees, not at all. Our guys are way better than that."

Cox said this is the first case of vandalism at the plant of which he is aware.

"Somebody was aware of it being here and took it," he said. "Our reception area is open to the public and the rest of the office is locked down. It was out there on display, but it's going to be secured from now on."

Cox added, "We're going to put in an internal security system with video cameras."

Some workers on the nightshift do remember seeing a suspicious vehicle leaving the plant, but could not identify any specifics about the vehicle or driver.

"We've got a crew on at night, but they're busy," Cox said. "We get deliveries around the clock, 24/7, in this type of business. We're just going to have to tighten up security."

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the monument is asked to contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 547-4461.

Benjamin Gohs can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Kevin Lockman could face jail time

LOCKMAN

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cause it might affect his ability for a fair trial."

Koop added that the issue "has been discussed" but refused to elaborate.

Kevin turned himself in to authorities, Thursday, Aug. 21, long enough to be booked on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property of $20,000 or more, and was then released on a $5,000 personal recognizance bond.

"Based upon information received from banks when we were serving search warrants on the Lockman accounts, we found checks that were written to Fred Gibson after Kevin had been informed the money she possessed had been stolen," said Assistant Chief of Boyne City Police Jeff Gettel. "The bond is only meant to ensure a persons show up for court, bond is not meant to punish."

According to Gettel's complaint filed, Aug. 18, Kevin is thought to have used embezzled funds from June through November, 2005 to pay Gibson, then his wife's attorney.

Karla Sue was arraigned on June 23, 2005 and found guilty in August, 2006 of two counts of embezzling more than $20,000 for stealing at least $859,278.25 from Northern Preferred Title Company for a duration of January to May, 2005.

Kevin is scheduled to be arraigned at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 2 in Charlevoix's 90th District Court. While Koop is from an outside county, he said the trial will likely occur in a Charlevoix courtroom.

If convicted, Kevin Lockman could face up to 10 years in prison and be forced to pay nearly $90,000 in restitution.

Karla Sue continues to serve a five to 10-year prison sentence at the Huron Valley Complex in Washtenaw County.

Kevin could not be reached for comment at home or work by press time.

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Waiver means education for homebound

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Northwest Academy is one of only three schools in the state that will be getting the Seat Time Waiver.

The Seat Time Waiver allows a school to offer an online curriculum to their students and still get funding for him or her.

"It will allow us to provide resources to these kids by putting together an online curriculum for them," said John Bailey, Northwest Academy School Leader. "It's written into the program to send a mentor out (to the student's home) for up to two hours a week."

Bailey said they can also provide a computer to these kids if needed

According to Bailey, the state doesn't need a reason for why a child isn't in school, they just want them to be serviced.

"There's a number of reasons why a child may not be attending school," said Bailey.

"Maybe they or someone in their family has fallen ill, or the family is poor and the child needs to go to work, or he or she is incarcerated or pregnant. It could be anything."

Bailey said that it used to be that a child had to be present in the classroom on count day for the school to get funding for that student, but said the Seat Time Waiver allows schools more flexibility for their students.

He also explained that there may be students that they can't do this for.

For example, a child that lives in a home without electricity obviously couldn't benefit from the program.

Bailey explained that this Seat Time Waiver can also extend to incarcerated students.

"If a student is in jail, they can still be educated through us through this online curriculum and we'll send out a mentor for two hours a week to work with the inmate and we'll get funding for that as well," he said.

Bailey explained that the idea of a student in jail benefiting from the Seat Time Waiver is still only being talked about, but it is in the works.

The Seat Time Waiver program is currently only for high school students.

"I think it's an exciting time for the school," said Phoebe Gohs, the Curriculum Committee Chair and early elementary teacher at Northwest Academy.

"It will be interesting to see how it works. Being a literacy person, I think that critical literacy is going to have to be a big part of the curriculum."

Bailey said this program is a new offering in Michigan.

"The issue is that there are a lot of children who are homebound and sometimes these kids get lost in the shuffle," said Gary Stutzman, Northwest's Chief Administrative Officer. "This is a way for the school to be involved without seeing the kids everyday. I think the state is fulfilling a need through this."

Bailey said that he and his administrators were able to compile a list of nearly 30 names of students who are not attending school anywhere and that this program would be perfect for them as well.

Bailey explained that it could give second thoughts to families who home school their children.

"The home school families around here are great, but some of them might learn about this program and find that it's something they can benefit from," he said

Stutzman said Seat Time Waivered students will be closely monitored.

"I want it to be clear (that) we're not just giving them a computer and a book and then letting them go," he said.

"That's where the two hours of mentorship comes into place. That's an important part of the proposal."

To learn more about Seat Time Waiver eligibility, call Northwest Academy at 547-9000.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 18, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L Carlson, Jr presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion passed approving a contract with the Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center for $7,000.

Motion passed authorizing the purchase of 5,000 feet of Kerite cable from the Resco Corporation for $25,150, subject to adjustment for metal cost.

Motion passed approving the Premium Pay Policy for exempt, salaried employees.

Motion passed approving the Compensatory Time Policy for non-union employees.

Council adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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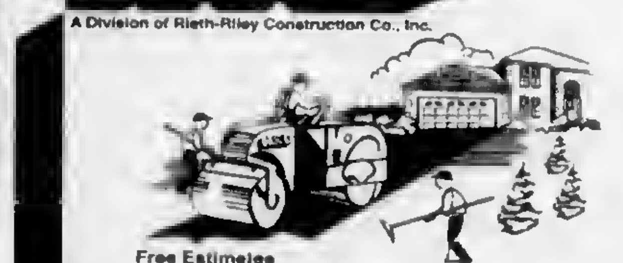

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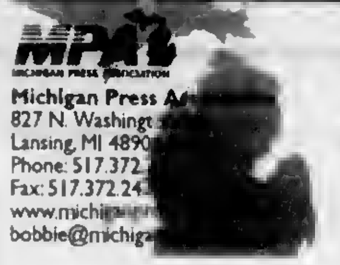

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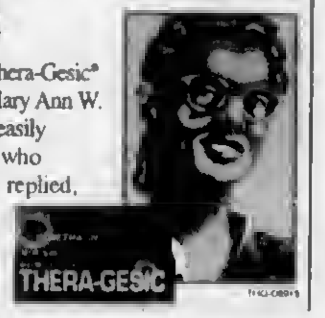

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Weekly at library

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BNI

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Music

Aug. 28

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AUG. 27

Ice-cream and music

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual free ice-cream social to honor this year's volunteers at 7 p.m., Sept. 2 in the depot at Depot Beach.

Entertainment will be provided by Andy Barger of Ellsworth, a professional 1800s street busker one-man band who specializes in Sousa marches, Armed Forces tunes, Civil War songs, Revolutionary War fife and drum music, Wurlitzer band carousel music, show tunes, and college fight songs. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Historical Society at 547-0373.

Family history workshop

With Rebecca Glotfelty on Recording Your Family History, who will share interviewing techniques, and Georganna Monk and Jack Laurent on Preserving Historical Documents and Photos noon to 2:15 p.m. at the library; ages 12 and older; $14, includes lunch.

Computer Tidbit: Mysteries of the Michigan Room

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Aug. 27, learn what treasures actually lay behind the locked cabinets in the library's Michigan Room. See special features of the room, view rare books and learn to use the new digital microfilm machine. Did you know that you can convert your old 35 mm film/slides to a digital format with this new machine?

Jazz at the library

At 7 p.m. come and learn about great jazz masters while listening to their music in Grandma Geri's Children's Garden. Bring your own chair.

AUG. 28

Adult/child CPR

This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. Cost is $35. Call 547-8570 or 547-4024 to register.

AUG. 30

Plant sale

From 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 30, at Ferry Beach, the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will offer a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, houseplants, bird feeders, blue bird houses and miscellaneous garden gift items. The club meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month. Call (231) 599-3390 for more information.

AUG. 30, 31

Red Fox Regatta

The 40th Annual Red Fox Regatta boat race is scheduled for Aug. 30 and 31.

Register and buy tickets online at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Pre-Race Events

- Weekend events start at 6 p.m. with the NuCore triangle in Lake Charlevoix with a party following at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Ave.
- Race

At 11 a.m. - Charlevoix to Boyne City on Saturday, Boyne City to Charlevoix on Sunday

At 10:30 a.m. - Dave Cisco will be playing music on the water before start in Boyne City

- Party

The Party in the Park is Saturday night in Boyne City and is open to racers and non-racers alike. Get your dinner/party tickets online

Bring a T-shirt or hat to trade and don't miss Dave Cisco's performance during dinner. There will also be a rain-gutter regatta before dinner open on a first-come basis before dinner.

AUG. 31

Die Soft II: The Rise of Team McClean

Your second chance to catch a local comedy troupe's feature-length action/comedy is at 1 p.m. on Aug. 31 at Charlevoix Cinema III. Tickets for this comedy about a group of bumbling heroes trying to save the world are $5. This movie was written, produced and acted by Putzes Entertainment and Flaming Cabbage Productions.

ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

At 5 p.m., Aug. 31, at the Norwood Schoolhouse, the Norwood Area Historical Society will have an ice-cream social, silent and live auction and quilt drawing. Call 547-7545 for more information.

SEPT. 1

Charlevoix bridge walk

Participants will gather at the Townhouse bar at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1 for the 20th annual Charlevoix bridge walk. Proceeds from this community event and fundraiser will benefit the American Legion Leslie Shapton Post's Veterans Park monument project. Small through extra-large shirts cost $15, triple extra-large shirts are $18. Participants will walk to the north side of the bridge before the 1 p.m. opening and walk south when it closes. Walkers may then go to the Townhouse for a hot dog, $3 for those without a bridge walk shirt, before ending the walk in East Park. Call 547-5190 for more information or to buy a T-shirt.

Horton bridge walk

The 26th Annual Horton Bay Candle Walk across the Horton Bay Bridge will take place on Labor Day evening at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at Mary's backyard and entertainment will be provided by Rob and Lee Berry. Anyone who crosses the bridge will receive a certificate. The event is a parody of the famous Mackinac Bridge walk which also happens annually. This event is free and open to the public. The only cost is a donation for a candle, which will go to the Horton Bay parade fund.

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SEPT. 2

American Legion dinner

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SEPT. 4

Charity golf

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Participants will have the added benefit of knowing that proceeds from this year's event will help provide clean drinking water to families lacking access to this basic need. The Rotary Club of Charlevoix is a partner in the "Villa Tabacalera Children's Safe Water Project" which aims to purchase and install up to 240 biosand filters in individual households within rural villages located near Santiago, Dominican Republic.

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SEPT. 7

Nazarene anniversary

Come celebrate the denomination's centennial anniversary with a cookout at 4 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. There will be food, games and fellowship for all.

SEPT. 21

BI senior picnic

The 4th Annual Beaver Island Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 21.

The Picnic will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3.00 for seniors 60 years and older, and $6.00 for persons under 60 years of age. Tickets are "first come, first served" and may be purchased by calling Jean Palmer at (231) 448-2915.

The menu is barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit and cookie with assorted beverages.

Good food, fun, music and lots of chances for door prizes. Come join us for the celebration of our seniors. Any questions, call the Commission on Aging, 231-237-0103.

OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

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WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

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FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

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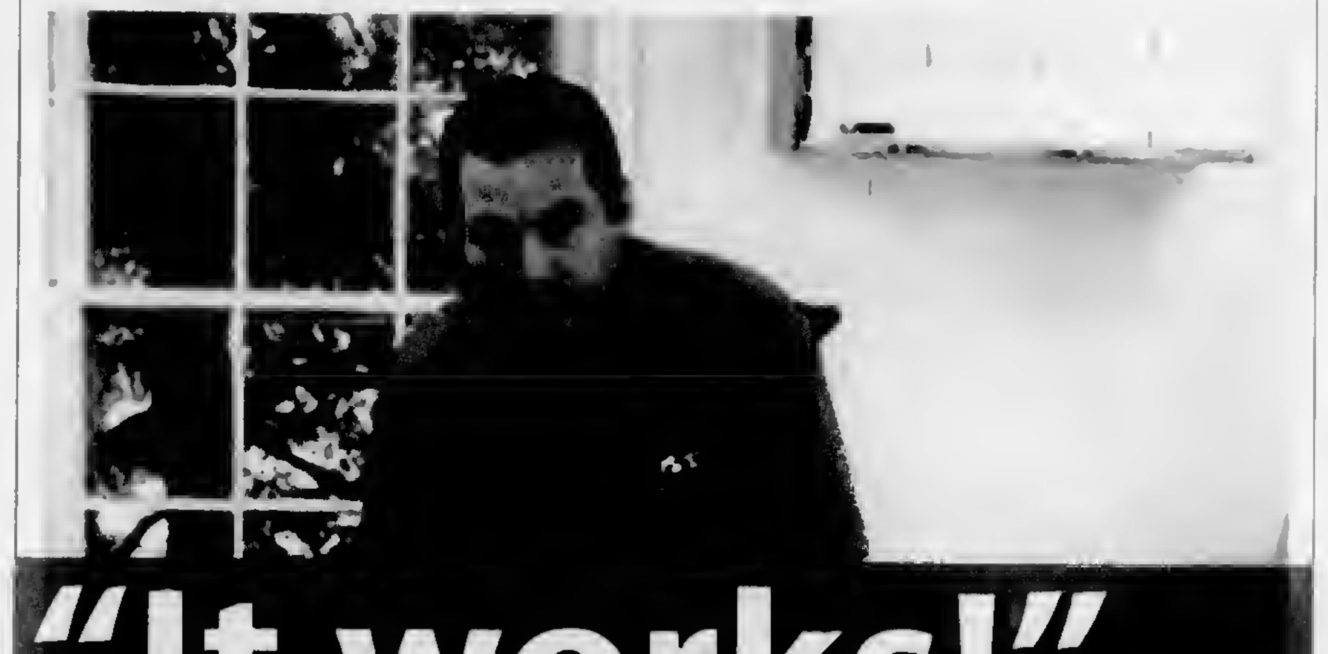

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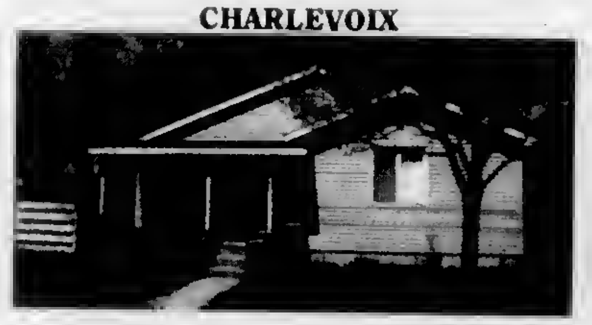

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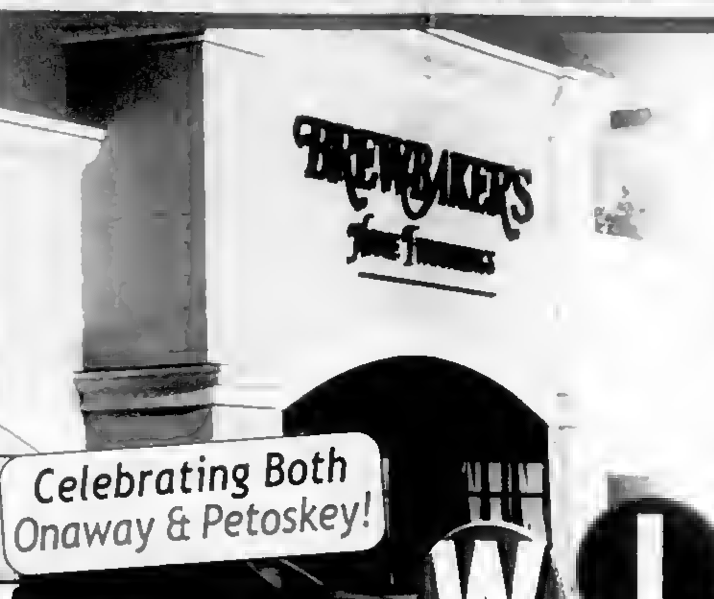

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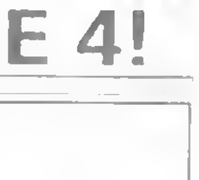

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End of summer stroll

Dozens of folks turned out for the annual Charlevoix Bridge Walk to celebrate the close of yet another summer. The 90-degree temperatures did not stop a capacity crowd from making the southbound trek. Proceeds from this year's bridge walk fundraiser go to veterans memorial fund.

Blood supply at critical level

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

"The need for blood always seems to exceed the supply, especially during the summer months," said Seth VanHoven of the American Red Cross out of Lansing.

VanHoven said the need for blood during the summer months tends to go up because people tend to go on vacation or would rather be enjoying the nice weather instead of donating blood.

"People are more active and so the supply is just not there when people need it," he said. "There's more accidents because people are traveling and, therefore, more patients."

VanHoven explained that the blood types O- negative and O-positive have dropped to even lower levels, which is bad because type O blood is universal. He explained that O-positive can go to anyone with a positive blood type.

"A one day supply of blood is around 40 units (or 40 pints), and we consider a three day supply adequate. A five day supply is above and that's really what we aim for," said VanHoven. "An auto accident, for example, might need 40 units of blood. That's a whole day's worth of collecting."

According to VanHoven, the average person has about 10 to 12 pints of blood in their body and when they make a donation, they're only giving one pint. The average person can give blood every 56 days, that turns out to be about six times a year.

"By donating, you can save about three lives," said Van Hoven. "It only takes about 10 minutes and you get juice and cookies afterwards."

VanHoven explained that for A-, their blood bank currently has 198 units of blood, which is an optimal amount and a mini-

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Northern Michigan Review Inc., the parent company of the Petoskey News-Review, Charlevoix Courier, Gaylord Herald Times recently launched upnorthhealth.com, the comprehensive resource for residents of Northwest Michigan exploring health care options. Pictured here is Scott Szpunar, Up North Health project coordinator and online sales director for Northern Michigan Review Inc.

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Health Web site now launched

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Beginning this week, the Charlevoix Courier single copy price has been raised to 75 cents. *Home delivery prices remain unchanged.* This price increase is a direct result of the skyrocketing price of newsprint, which will have nearly doubled by the end of 2008, and gasoline prices. Charlevoix Courier's last increase was from 35 cents to 50 cents in November, 1987.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Thomas George Meggison, 59, Charlevoix. Open container in a moving vehicle. Paid $250 in fines and costs by mail.

Saul James Deyoung, 20, Charlevoix. No operator license on person. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Matthew Carmino Famiano, 31, Knoxville, T.N. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and five days of community service work: Pay $780 in fines and costs.

Kevin Lawrence Paul, 25, Boyne City. Minor destruction of trees, shrubs, grass, turf of less than $200. Pay $315 in fines and costs.

John Andrew Labrecque, 43, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Herbert Leigh Watkins, 54, Boyne City. Trespassing. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Roxann Bartholomew, 40, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and five days of community service work: Pay $730 in fines and costs.

Timothy Michael Miller, 33, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Credit for one day in jail with 89 days in abeyance and pay $350 in fines and costs.

Thomas Jay Keic, 52, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Credit for one day in jail with 29 days in abeyance and pay $500 in fines and costs.

Robert Lee Burr Jr., 47, Grand Rapids. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and five days of community service work: Pay $830 in fines and costs.

Mark Allen Veenstra, 26, Charlevoix. Operating with suspended/revoked/denied license. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Vincent Charles Maiorana, 46, Washington. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and five days of community service work: Pay $830 in fines and costs.

Roxann Bartholomew, 40, East Jordan. Check of insufficient funds of under $100. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

Dennis Donald Erfourth, 31, Boyne Falls. Controlled substance possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail with 170 days in abeyance and nine days of community service work: Pay $850 in fines and costs.

Douglas Jackson Archey, 29, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and five days of community service work: Pay $880 in fines and costs.

Jon Stanley Goldstick, 59, Charlevoix. Intoxicated in public. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 15 days in jail.

James Carlton Lamonse, 64, Charlevoix. Trespassing. Pay $100 in fines and costs.

Penny Sue Potter, 45, Charlevoix. Driving without a license. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Robert Norman Sudman, 48, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Anthony Allen McCaslin, 20, Charlevoix. Fail to stop/ID PDA. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Matthew Thomas Malewitz, 19, Grand Rapids. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 40 hours of community service work; Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Robert Allen Young, 29, Charlevoix. Driving without a license. Pay $400 in fines and costs or serve 16 days in jail.

Paul Thomas Cannon, 53, Taylor. Open container in a moving vehicle. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Christopher Michael Harowski, 34, St. Helen. Trespassing. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Dion William Hidey, 23, Big Rapids. Trespassing. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

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Charlevoix's own amazing race

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Ten people, organized into five teams, will compete in an "Amazing Race" for prizes through Charlevoix County on Oct. 4.

The participants in the race were winners of an auction which was a part of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's 2007 Holly Daze Gala.

"The tasks they will be asked to complete will not be dangerous but will tied to the stop," said Lyn Jenks, Executive Director of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

"For example, if the site was Charlevoix's Lighthouse, which it will not be, they might have to climb some ladder rungs to find a reward and the next clue before moving on."

According to Jenks, upon learning what the task is, each team will decide which member has the skill to complete the task or whether they must merge their talents together.

"Each team will accumulate triumph points throughout the race," said Jenks.

"When combined with overall completion time and extra points, a winner will be determined."

Participants will drive to designated sites throughout the county, find clues as they go and complete tasks at each stop. Each clue will reveal the next stop.

"Each stop will be a special place in the County where the racers will experience more about the area, meet challenges, have fun and receive prizes and mementos of their journey," Jenks said.

She added that, since the race occurs all over the County, it will be impossible for people to watch. For anyone who has ever watched the television show, they would know that each stop is in a secret location.

"We would also have to let them know where the stops are and we don't want to do that, obviously," she said.

She also said that staying out of the way should be no problem for the general public as most stops are "out of the way."

Jenks also said all racers must obey the speed limits and other laws as they figure out the clues and complete their challenges.

"I came up with the idea when our committee was thinking up fun experiences that people could bid on," Jenks said.

"We know that many people have all the stuff they want, so bidding on fun experiences at the event auction is a great way to involve people and raise money for the hospital."

She added, "I had seen the television show and thought this might be fun on a much smaller scale."

The event kicks off at noon at the Hospital and it should take racers between five and six hours to complete the entire course.

Following the competition, they will all meet at the home of Jim and Patti Aikin for a dinner and celebration in honor of the winner.

The gala auction was held at Castle Farms last year on Nov. 29, the proceeds of which support the purchase and installation of digital mammography at the Hospital.

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Ninja turtles worth big bucks

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

When Nathan Bartlett, 25, and his mother, Sue, went to the Antiques Roadshow they had no idea what his old Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were going to be worth.

Though Nathan still had some old Turtles from when he was a kid, he had bought six brand new ones on eBay about two years ago that were still in their packages.

"I bought each of them online for about $5," said Nathan. "The appraiser told me they were each worth somewhere in the neighborhood of about $100 to $150. I was really excited about it."

Nathan said he's not an avid toy collector, but his roommate at the time was.

When the two of them saw the Turtles mint in their packaging, Nathan's roommate persuaded him that they were a good buy.

"(Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles) was the show that just always stuck with me," Nathan said. "Those are the same toys I still have from when I was a kid."

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles was a cartoon program which began in the late 1980s. It featured four turtles who had been given humanoid attributes such as speach, the ability to walk on two legs and a love of pizza after they were exposed to toxic waste.

Nathan said he applied to attend the Roadshow and received an e-mail in January or February for tickets to a taping being held in Grand Rapids at Van Andel Arena.

The show was one of six tapings that took place for the upcoming season.

Antiques Roadshow is aired on PBS and features people with unique or old items to be appraised by experts in that particular field.

"I'd say there were about 5,000 people there waiting to see how much their things were worth," said Sue. "There were about 60 or 70 appraisers there, each one specialized in something different, like toys, or glassware or paintings. There were a lot of people there with paintings. It made us really glad that we didn't have a painting, because it just would have been a longer wait."

Sue explained that the tickets denote a specific time for each person to show up, like 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. and that you are not to show up more than a half-hour earlier than the designated time.

"Once you get there, you're led into a big line leading into the arena and then that line branches off into specific categories, depending on what kind of item you've got," she

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Teach them well

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

We are off and running with or without our Keds to keep up with a new school year.

Now more than ever it's important to be there for our children providing them with the support they seek and confidence they yearn for.

Families are moving in and out, relocating for career changes, family situations and economic layoffs.

Some children are affected more than others as they leave the comforts of home for a regimen that may be fun for some and difficult for others.

As I listen to teachers prepare their lessons, set up their classrooms and organize their own families, I am amazed what the State of Michigan continues to have them accomplish in a brief school year beginning with Kindergarten.

What happened to play, sharing, listening and exploring in the earlier grades?

Young children need time to develop and all are at various learning levels, so the playing field cannot be the same.

Continuous testing may not prove everything we want to know about a child.

Young children are like little sponges and identifying items, colors, letters and numbers are where it all begins.

Stories from big books of the past are replaced with semicolons, capitals, commas and correctly identifying adjectives and adverbs.

So with this in mind as a parent I would ask questions of the school my child is entering if there is opportunity to exercise, run, jump, climb, move to music, study the color wheel and continue the rule of sharing.

I feel comfortable in saying most schools cover this well but a part of me says there is a lot of testing taking place that is forced our way due to financial reasons based on what a legislator thinks we should be doing.

Our jobs as teachers and parents are to instill confidence, independence, motivation and curiosity.

This needs to be part of the young child's curriculum which is socially and psychologically more important.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) has actually left some children in the dust.

NCLB was designed with the idea that schools would be equipped equally to help a child succeed.

But we need to remind folks that the quality of a school cannot be based solely on test scores.

Not all of us learn through the same style of learning nor at the same rate.

Children need time to discover and soak in what is taught.

Stopwatches and paperwork will not improve a good thing that was already taking place.

It's the "aha moment" when a child figures something out on their own that is a wondrous thing, not filling in bubbles on a test score at breakneck speed.

With all of this in mind its important to remember the basics to help our children succeed.

In our busy mornings, when both parents leave for their job or second job, it's important to remember to hug your little one before and after school, and provide quiet time in your day to revive and visit.

Children who feel loved are more likely to feel confident.

Listen to your child especially at bedtime. When you encourage them to speak they feel validated just as you do when someone listens to you at work. Remember children learn by your example.

If you badmouth teachers, students or a principal, they will repeat what they hear and will have the same negative attitude.

As a parent, be realistic about your child's abilities and encourage them to try new things.

Pushing them too hard in areas where they struggle will cause frustration for you and your child.

Take time to talk to the teacher about anything your child struggles with.

Go to the library, tell family stories and read together.

Provide a quiet place and time to study without a TV blaring in the background.

Limit television watching to things you have decided on as a parent and tape it if necessary to show at a better time.

Homework is a good thing as long as it encourages self discipline and time management.

Research has shown us that a child who completes homework will do better in school.

Over scheduling a child with activities just so you can talk about it at your social gatherings may not be the healthiest for your child. We cannot live vicariously through them.

Our job is to guide them and facilitate what activities will meet their needs.

Though it seems legislation rules our educational plans, remember it is you, as parents, grandparents and guardians, who have the final say on what is best for your child.

Our teachers are equipped to answer your questions and look forward to working with you as a new school year begins.

It sometimes seems daunting but we are all in this together and together we need to think and act upon what is best for your child's future because they in turn will be the ones caring for us.

Trust me on this one.

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McCain 'n' Palin: the hero ticket?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

American war hero John McCain had barely chosen Alaska governor Sarah Palin to be his running mate and already talk of her heroism had spread to the 24-hour infotainment network.

Apparently, she is a hero for choosing not to terminate her youngest child Trig, who suffers* (*the politically correct term is "blessed") from Downs Syndrome. This got me foaming at the mouth and pounding my fist into the defenseless arm of the sofa.

First they called McCain a hero for getting shot down and captured. Apparently the folks who gave him the awards believed McCain's alleged resistance to torture convinced the North Vietnamese to end the practice. I find that hard to believe.

The fact that his father was a high-ranking member of the military and that the United States needed a good poster child for their failing war seems a much more likely explanation for his dozen or so commendations.

Nonetheless, whether these two deserve the title is unimportant. The fact is they are both being heralded as champions over adversity.

I know, I know, the definition of hero has changed over the years. When I was a kid, a hero was someone who ran into a burning building to save another person; a hero was someone who thwarted an armed assailant; a hero was someone who risked their own safety to defend another.

Nowadays it seems one cannot fall into the gutter without coming up smelling like a hero.

In our modern era, you're a hero just for having something bad happen to you.

Got cancer? You're a hero; stuck in a wheelchair? You're a hero; single mother? Hero; born with 12 toes? Hero; give your kid up for adoption? Hero, Don't give your kid up for adoption? Hero, and the list continues.

Hey, I get it. Life really sucks sometimes.

Bad things happen to good people, and some people endure much more physical pain and mental anguish than others, but simply suffering does not a hero make.

I heard a clever line in a movie once. This guy said that Superman isn't really a hero because the man of steel cannot get hurt. He saves people because he can, and since he cannot be harmed (unless you've got a pocket full of Kryptonite) there is no sacrifice.

Of course, by today's standards, Superman really is a hero.

His home planet blew up, he was abandoned by his parents and he's constantly being chased by Gene Hackman and Ned Beatty.

Do you really think Clark Kent would settle for skunk faced Lois Lane if he wasn't riddled with low self esteem and abandonment issues? C'mon, the woman is homely even by Krypton standards.

Don't get me wrong, the preceding does not mean beauty and the beast won't make for a stellar presidential team, but can we please keep the hero worship to those who deserve it, like Aqua Man and Super Mario.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I've got to go save a plate of helpless nachos from burning in a microwave.

Didn't know I was the heroic type, did you?

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LETTERS to the editor

GUILD'S GRATITUDE

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, I wish to thank everyone that helped to make our second annual silent auction a huge success, especially the donors, purchasers, committees and media. The donations were very interesting and it really was a fun day. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful setting to display our wares than the hospital's new solarium. Be sure to watch for our date next year.

Lorene Sakamoto,
Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild silent auction chairman

WAIVER IS WONDERFUL

Editor:

Again NWA has proven to me that their focus for children is above and beyond with their applying for and receiving this Seat Time Waiver from the state. They see this waiver as an opportunity to serve the young people and kids in our community that otherwise would not have a chance for continued education. Education is so important for the future of our children and for the growth and development of our community. NWA has taken this step to advance any child who has a desire to be successful in their education however can not adhere to the day to day schedule of a classroom setting. To give them the opportunity to learn, advance in education and have pride in themselves with respect and compassion is what Northwest Academy strives for at their school.

The opportunity Northwest Academy is giving to young people and children is incredible and with the support system they will have to assist any student accepting this opportunity to continue their education will certainly bring successful education achievement to each one!

I am thankful that NWA is not just looking at the children in their classrooms but looking at our community and all the children they can help. Every child and/or young person deserves the opportunity to further their education and NWA has found a way to help!

Shelia Davis

ALL NOT WELL THAT ENDS WITH A WELL

Editor:

Recent environmental looking public relations advertisements in various northwest Michigan newspapers and CMS Lands' Web site are being used to promote a proposed injection well in Star Township "as a safe, cost-effective solution to the disposal of contaminated wastewater originating from Bay Harbor."

The origin of the contaminated wastewater problem begins in 1994 when the developers, which include two subsidiaries of CMS Energy, sought a "cost effective" way to develop Bay Harbor and received a covenant not to sue from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in exchange for undertaking certain closure activities. In 2004, for "technical reasons" CMS stopped treating the contaminated wastewater being collected leading to a visible release of highly caustic pH leachate and metal, mercury and arsenic, into Lake Michigan.

Presently the contaminated wastewater is first treated on site; then part is transported by truck to the Grand Traverse Wastewater Treatment Plant for further treatment before being discharged. CMS, as part of its "cost effective" plan, wants to bypass this additional treatment using the rationale that, "Trucking the treated water off-site is not an ideal, cost-effective, long-term solution because it increases truck traffic on Northwest Michigan roads." However, CMS does not explain exactly how using the injection well will reduce truck traffic as the contaminated wastewater will still be trucked to the well. CMS avoids explaining why fully treated water discharged from a treatment plant is not environmentally safer than injecting partially treated contaminated wastewater into the ground.

CMS claims the well will be safe. Keep in mind it was CMS Energy or its subsidiaries that developed and implemented the prior 'safe' plan of burying the CKD piles and collection of contaminated wastewater which have now failed. Based upon past experience at this site, who can insure the proposed injection well will work as planned, will be safe as promised or will not also fail due to "technical reasons."

In the 1880's the Antrim Iron Company began disposing of industrial waste in a matter which was believed to be safe by the standards of the day. A hundred years and 18 million plus dollars later, the Citizens of Antrim are all too familiar with "cost effective" and "safe" disposal standards of the day – the Tar Lake clean up. Compare the clean up costs for that project to the 40 thousand dollar line of credit Beeland is required to have only for the for closure of the well but nothing for clean-up.

In a hundred years will our descendants be looking back, shaking their heads in disbelief saying, "what were they thinking?"

CMS promotes Bay Harbor as providing 700 jobs, contributing more than $110 million in taxes and more than $40 million in wages and services since its inception.

All may be true, but Antrim Iron in its day also contributed jobs, taxes and wages. The questions CMS leaves unanswered: How many jobs will be created in Antrim County?

How many millions of taxes will be generated in Antrim County?

How many million of dollars in wages will be generated in Antrim County?

Who will pay for the clean up if this plan also fails for technical reasons?

The contaminated wastewater is generated from water migrating through several large buried CKD piles, some of which are under a member's only 27-hole golf course. EPA reports leachate is being intercepted each day in ranges between 90,000 and 200,000 gallons.

During the golf season millions and millions of gallons of water are applied to the golf course. It is common sense that this would increase the water migration through the CKD piles only to then become pH and metal laden contaminated wastewater.

If true, would not it be logical, at least as a partial solution, to reduce or eliminate this water usage?

But then, I am not an environmental scientist so I cannot speak to the science, but only as to what appears to be common sense.

In an attempt to improve CMS' image of being a environmental steward in it's clean up efforts at the Little Traverse Bay CKD Release it's recent public relations campaign uses terms like "Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project" or "Cleaning Our Shores – Protecting Our Bay" with a "cost effective" plan. "Cost-effective" remedy is but a corporate euphemism for cheaper. Perhaps being monetarily "cost-effective" in the past as opposed to "environmentally effective" is in part what has led to today's problem.

Instead of public relations ads and Web sites ballyhooing images of environmental stewardship and responsibility, would not we all be better served by genuine stewardship as opposed to "cost effective" stewardship?

Charles H. Koop

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Agria speaks on community gardening

Novelist Mary Agria, author of the 2006 best-selling TIME in a Garden, will be the featured speaker on her writing and the challenges of "Gardening in Community" at the Charlevoix Area Garden Club at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 9 at the library.

The program is free, but donations are appreciated

The 30-plus-year resident of Bay View Agria has a long-time interest in the unique challenges faced by gardeners in northern Michigan.

"The climate and soil conditions here can be unforgiving and frustrating to any gardener, even experienced ones," she said.

"The beautiful thing about community gardening is that during group work sessions, folks learn from each other what will work out there and what doesn't. It's a never-ending adventure."

Since her novel deals with older adults and is based on her own experience, she is particularly sensitive to how difficult it can be to pursue gardening in one's senior years on one's own.

"Our backs may not take heavy digging any longer," she said. "Or, maybe a trick knee keeps us from bending a lot. The neat thing about community gardening is that we can gravitate to the jobs that we enjoy or do well and still keep gardening; whatever our physical limitations."

She added, "The generations can also learn a great deal if they garden together. We are all children of the earth, whatever our age. As recent concern about global warming shows, responsible attitudes toward green things growing is a legacy we older folk simply must pass on to future generations. Gardening is already the largest leisure-time activity in the US and UK, but we have a long, long way to go to make communities and people realize what happens to the ground, our plants and bushes has an enormous impact on our own lives as well."

Agria's novel, TIME in a Garden, starts with the idea that, "We all do battle with stony ground and unseasonable dry spells over the years. To survive, we learn to root out our share of quack grass, turn over spadefuls of spent or decimated ground and plant again. Though we may not call ourselves gardeners, it is the human experience."

She added, "Plants need us, but we need them as much if not more. They teach us how to live together, to reach out and create beauty of which we are all a part."

Agria writes a monthly column on gardening and spirituality in a regional northern Michigan newspaper.

She has been a frequent guest speaker at Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener programs including an upcoming awards program. You can learn more about Agria and her works at www.mary-agria.com.

Novelist Mary Agria (left) will speak on her bestselling book "TIME in a Garden" at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 9 at the Charlevoix Public Library. "TIME" is about the aging process and the importance of community gardening.

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Sign up now for CROP Walk

The 25th annual CROP Walk is scheduled for 9 a.m., Sept. 27.

The six-mile walk begins at Charlevoix Middle School and ends at the Ironton Congregational Church, where refreshments will be provided.

The CROP or Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty is a six-mile fundraiser walk. For more information on how to support the fundraiser or to participate in the walk, call Marge Teske at (231) 536-3128, John Young at 547-2042, or Mary Richwine at 582-6035. The 2007 CROP Walk raised $14,000 total, with $1,100 to each local city's food pantry service.

Dems open HQ

The Charlevoix County Democrats recently opened their new office at 805 Bridge St. The Democratic headquarters will be staffed by volunteers and will be open weekends in September with increasing hours as the election nears. Campaign activities will take on new momentum at 4 p.m., Sept. 4, when area Obama/Biden supporters, armed with cell phones, gather for a phone bank in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library to participate in a phone bank. Any and all volunteers are welcomed to join the phone bank and should call JoEllen Rudolph at 347-0272 for further information. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. The phone bank will be followed by the regular Charlevoix Democratic Party monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

The meeting is also open to the public.

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Susan G. Komen for the Cure is honored to benefit from Rally for the Cure® on Sept. 16 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course, presented by Golf For Women Magazine. Since its inception, the Rally program's goal has been to increase breast health awareness among amateur women golfers by supporting the mission of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

There is a 9 a.m. check-in and a registration fee of $20 per person entitles each rally participant to enter a closest-to-the-pin contest at a designated par-3 hole. Educational materials provided by Komen are distributed to every entrant, along with the symbolic pink ribbon pin with a golf club designed exclusively for Rally for the Cure®.

In addition, each participant is entitled to a one year subscription to one of six magazines.

The primary objectives of Rally for the Cure® is education and increasing awareness about breast health and breast cancer. Since its inception in 1996, more than $32 million dollars has been generated to support research and outreach programs.

Bring your favorite dish, if you desire, and join us for a potluck lunch. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Reduced 9 hole green fees now $10 and many prizes.

There will be prizes for other skill play for those who wish to enter the longest putt or longest drive contests.

The course is walker-friendly and pull carts are available to rent.

For registration information call Diane Barker 547-6387 or Jill Washburn 547-4202.

Here rally participant Diane Barker putts on the third hole during the 2001 rally.

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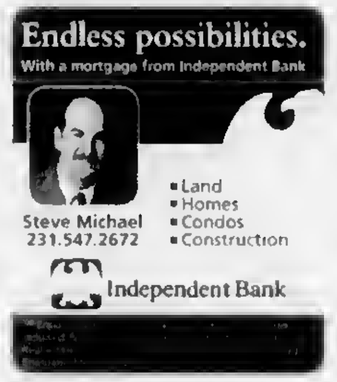

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Charlevoix Elks to get charter

Charlevoix Elks Lodge No. 2858 will become the newest Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America at 2 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the Belvedere casino.

The Five Michigan Elks Association Past State Presidents, past Grand Lodge officers and one past national president will preside at a ceremony to institute the new Charlevoix Lodge which will become one of 2,200 lodges nationwide, joining the ranks of nearly a million members in this charitable order.

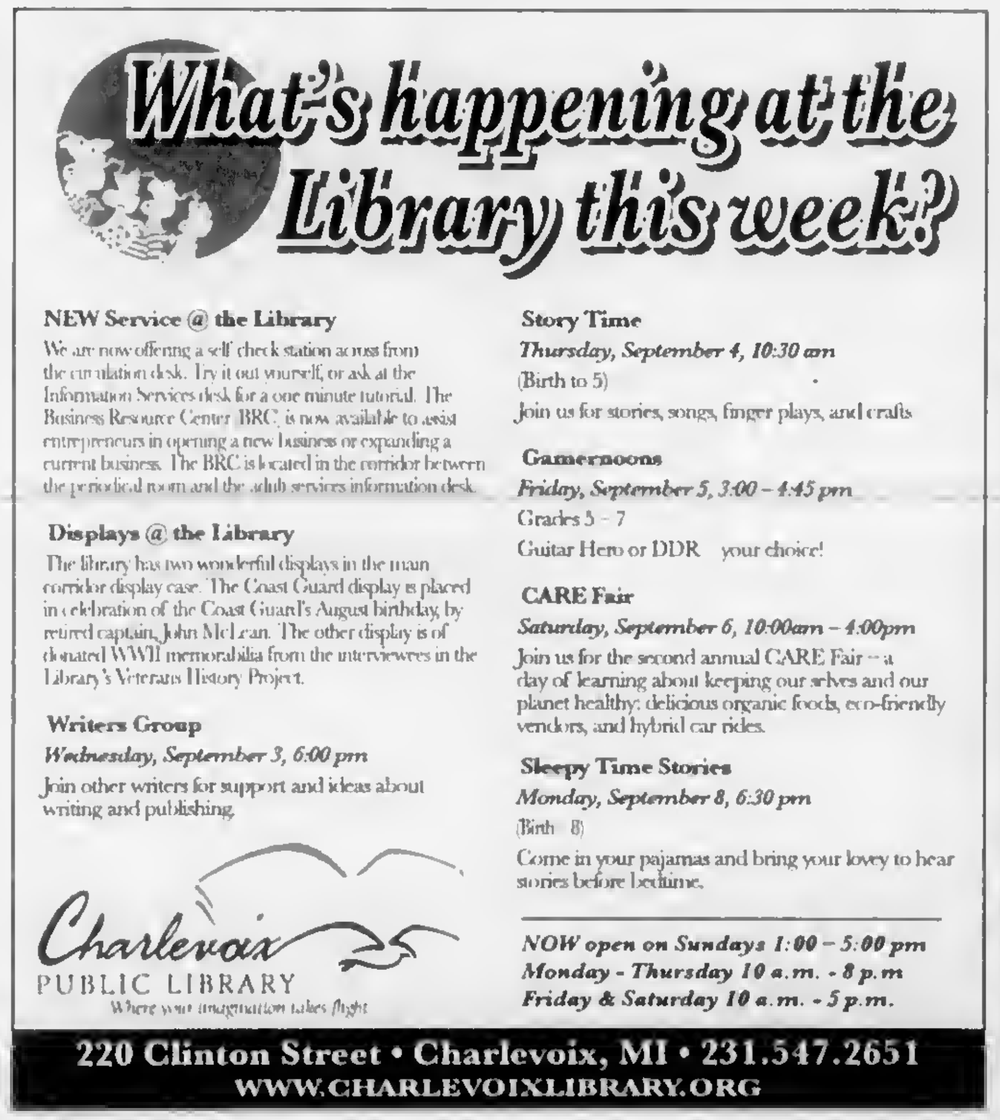
The ceremonies are open to the public.

The new Lodge will hold its regular meetings at the Leslie T. Shapton Post American Legion building in Charlevoix.

The officers to be installed are Christopher Jones, Lodge President; John T. Hess, Bruce Beaudoin, Travis Blissett, Edward Rogalla, Tim LaBlance, Mark Knapp, Brenda Jones, John Hess Sr., Erik Swanson, Denny LaCroix and Rochelle Roerig.

During 2007 Elks nationwide donated more that $200,000,000.00 in cash, products and services to benefit youth programs, veterans and countless charities.

Elks-U.S.A. is a charitable, patriotic and fraternal organization open to all men and women over 21 years of age.



What's happening at the Library this week?

NEW Service @ the Library
We are now offering a self check station across from the circulation desk. Try it out yourself, or ask at the Information Services desk for a one minute tutorial. The Business Resource Center (BRC) is now available to assist entrepreneurs in opening a new business or expanding a current business. The BRC is located in the corridor between the periodical room and the adult services information desk.

Displays @ the Library
The library has two wonderful displays in the main corridor display case. The Coast Guard display is placed in celebration of the Coast Guard's August birthday, by retired captain, John McLean. The other display is of donated WWII memorabilia from the interviewees in the Library's Veterans History Project.

Writers Group
Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing.

Story Time
Thursday, September 4, 10:30 am
(Birth to 5)
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts

Gamernoons
Friday, September 5, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
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CARE Fair
Saturday, September 6, 10:00am – 4:00pm
Join us for the second annual CARE Fair – a day of learning about keeping our selves and our planet healthy: delicious organic foods, eco-friendly vendors, and hybrid car rides.

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Monday, September 8, 6:30 pm
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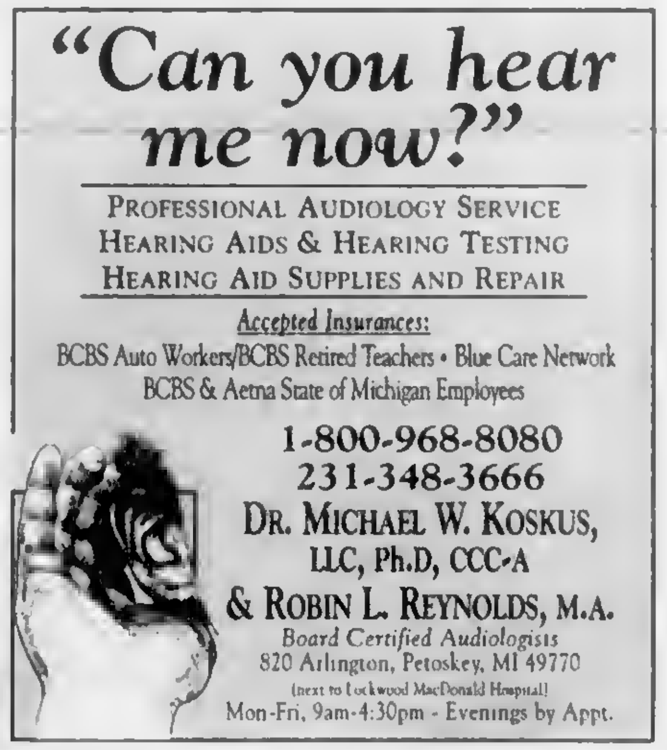

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City's energy audit may save thousands

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Energy Engineers recently completed an energy audit of four city buildings in Charlevoix.

The report concentrated on the lighting and heating ventilation and air conditioning (or HVAC as the report refers to it) needs of the buildings and how to save energy for each of them. Based upon the review of utility costs for all city buildings, the staff felt they should focus their time on the four buildings which consume the most energy.

"We looked at all aspects that would save the city money," said Dr. Felix Goto, President of U.S. Energy Engineers. "We're engineers, we're not here to sell anything."

The four buildings that underwent the audit were City Hall/Fire Department; Water Treatment Plant; Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Mt. McSauba Ski Lodge.

"Though we've done audits for mostly companies in the Grand Rapids area, we're trying to do more audits for places up north because we believe we can help with their energy and help them better manage their resources," said Goto. "I used to work up north and there wasn't such a push for energy efficiency. We should target them because they usually spend more than they should."

Goto said that he's seen other companies try to do energy audits and fail because some of them may be trying to sell a unit, where his company is getting paid soley to come in, take measurements, do the math and give solutions.

"Charlevoix faired pretty well," Goto said. "I've seen some better and I've seen some worse. Charlevoix has a lot of older systems in their buildings, but they're well-maintained so they're holding up pretty well."

U.S. Energy Engineers put together a 30 page report of their findings. The report was developed to research ways for the city to save on escalating energy costs.

A few of the solutions Goto's engineers suggested were to do a thermo-stress analysis on the pipe system at the water plant.

Another suggestion included putting lighting sensors up in the ski-lodge. "This is a $25 piece of equipment that could save the city a few hundred dollars a year," Goto said. "Also, you don't need 1,000 watt bulbs in there. That's just too much."

The report makes suggestions for many areas to have occupancy and daylight sensors in many rooms, because otherwise, the lights in those rooms are left on all day long with nobody even in them.

The U.S. Energy Engineers also gave a variety of options for conserving energy in the general boiler and hot water systems at the water filtration plant.

"The city certainly benefited from the audit. It raised our awareness of energy saving strategies and techniques," said Rob Straebel, Charlevoix City Manager.

"The things we get out of this audit are things that will help inform us on making the right investments. The report will let us know how much money we have to spend to make money."

Straebel got the idea for an energy audit from a conference he attended from the Michigan Municipal League about ways to cut energy costs. "I just called around to other municipalities and they informed me that they (U.S. Energy Engineers) had the best price for the service," he said.

Straebel

Straebel and other staff members felt that it was important for city council to discuss the information in the audit because many of the recommendations could be part of the proposed expenditures for the 2009-10 yearly budget.

"Looking at the report and the money we need to spend, it should take us about two years to break even and re-cooperate the costs on most of the things, like lighting," said Straebel.

According to Straebel, it cost the city around $3,000 for the audit. The audit brought six to eight engineers in from Grand Rapids for about a day and a half to analyze the four major buildings in the city.

"It's a great service and I would recommend it to any group or business to go ahead and do this," Straebel said. "It's not just a smart thing to go through with from an economic standpoint, but it's a good thing for a city to go through with to become more conscious of their own carbon footprint."

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

CCE training

On Sept. 9, 10 and 11, the Straits of Mackinac will be the site of a major emergency response training exercise named Operation Dire Straits. Local, state and federal agencies along with private industry will be testing their emergency preparedness plans to respond to a maritime emergency.

Jack Messer, Director of Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Office of Emergency Management, said "In a real disaster, we must come to the aid of each other. Training of this nature is invaluable in helping us learn to coordinate and cooperate in an emergency response situation."

While Operation Dire Straits will have land, water, and air components, this training exercise is not expected to interfere with routine shipping traffic, ferry routes, or Mackinac Bridge traffic. September is National Preparedness Month.

Families should also put together an emergency plan along with having an emergency kit available. For more information go to www.ready.gov or contact your local health department or emergency management coordinator for more information on preparedness.

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Nazarene turns 100

The Church of the Nazarane was founded in October, 1908 at Pilot Point, Texas. To recognize this century in existence, the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene will host a commemorativa picnic at 4 p.m. on Sept. 7. Public is welcome to attend the potluck and campfire service. Bring a dish to pass. This will be one of several events throughout the month to celebrate the milestone. On Sunday, Oct. 5, 18,000 congregations of the Church of the Nazarana will celebrate the anniversary worldwide.

Day of Caring volunteers needed

United Way Day of Caring needs volunteers. Last year, 600 volunteers completed nearly 50 projects and this year the need is even greater.

"We are still looking for volunteers," states Julie Voci, administrative/program assistant at Char-Em United Way. "There are some projects that may not be completed if more people don't get involved."

She added, "If your civic group or business would like to help with a project, please contact us. We would love to match you up with a fun and meaningful project."

Call (231) 487-1006 or e-mail charemuw@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Business resource center open

Charlevoix Public Library, teaming up with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, hosted its first "How To Start a Small Business" Workshop recently.

Prospective business owners attending received advice and guidance during the 90 minute orientation.

In addition to learning the basics about how to develop a business plan, they received workbooks and other important resources to help them think through and research the various aspects of starting a business.

"This workshop is part of the new Business Resource Center that recently opened in the library. This is really a one stop location for starting a small business. Those entrepreneurs who are starting a business, or considering it, can access valuable resources to help them with market and industry research," said Valerie Meyerson, Director of the Charlevoix Public Library.

The Business Resource Centers have a wide variety of "How To" guides and reference materials covering many relevant business topics, as well as suggested federal state and local Web sites to assist with business formation and business planning.

In addition to resource material, there will also be free and confidential business counseling with Wendy Wieland, a certified business counselor with the Small Business and Technology Development Center.

Those that take advantage of the business counseling will have access to valuable market data and powerful research tools to help with industry focus, business planning, and marketing strategy.

Call Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at (231) 582-6482 for more information on the workshops or to schedule a business counseling appointment.

"Our community is committed to helping entrepreneurs at every stage. We want to help new and existing businesses grow and succeed and believe that this is one of the many ways we can bring resources to the business community," said Erin Bemis, Executive Director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The new Business Resource Centers in East Jordan and Charlevoix were generously supported by a financial gift from Charlevoix State Bank.

Mike Hinkle, President, said "We are very pleased to be able to support efforts aimed at helping our communities focus on fostering the entrepreneurial spirit. Small business is very important to us, so bringing additional services to the business community that will leverage the talents, skills and passion of entrepreneurs is the right thing to do."

Business Resource Centers are also offered at the Jordan Valley District Library, the Boyne District Library and the Northwest Michigan Works Office in Petoskey and are part of a larger focus for the Entrepreneurial Division of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

A business incubator program, a support system that accelerates the successful development of existing and start-up businesses by providing entrepreneurs with access to targeted resources and services is being rolled out this fall.

The "Creating Entrepreneurial Communities" Initiative, a program built around the premise that communities can build an entrepreneurial culture where diversity and innovative thinking are welcomed is another key program in several communities, including East Jordan, Charlevoix and Boyne City.

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA), founded in 1984, serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties in the northwest lower peninsula of Michigan.

The mission of the NLEA is to enhance the economy of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties by acting as a resource to retain and create quality jobs.

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• MICHIGAN SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYEES DONATE TO UNITED WAY.

Michigan Scientific Corporation recently devised a win-win-win way to contribute to United Way. The Milford-based designer and manufacturer of automotive testing products offered to provide each of the 36 employees in its Charlevoix plant a pair of work shoes, if the employees contributed 25 percent of the cost to United Way.

This effort netted $1,001 for United Way, safe shoes for the employees, and a big thanks to Michigan Scientific.

• 2009 PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH POSTER CONTEST

We invite you to participate in the 2009 Parenting Awareness Month (PAM) Poster Contest. The winning entry will be made into the PAM Poster and matching bookmark for statewide distribution in 2009. Poster art work should reflect the theme "Parenting is for a Lifetime". The contest is open to Michigan residents elementary age through adult. The grand prize winner will receive $100. Entries must be received no later than Oct. 3.

Contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at 582-6232 or the Emmet County MSU Extension office at 348-1770 for contest rules and guidelines and an entry form.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

• Flag Pole Theft

An old flag pole was removed from the Sheriff's main office to the Boyne Falls Sheriff's sub-station, was to be used there and has been taken without approval or stolen from the rear of the Sheriff's Boyne Falls Sub Station building. This aluminum flag pole was to be donated to the Boyne Valley Catholic Community for the St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls. The Sheriff is offering a reward of $200 for information leading to locating the flag pole. Citizens with information may contact the Sheriff at 547-4461 or O.I.C. of the Boyne Falls Substation, Deputy Sheriff Fred Hasty.

• Capsized Vessel on Beaver Island

On Aug. 12 at 7:48 p.m., the Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an overturned vessel on Lake Michigan, about one mile off the east coast of Beaver Island.

The Sheriff's Office and Beaver Island EMS located the overturned vessel and found three people sitting on top of it.

The captain of the vessel was Larkin Pence, 52, of Plymouth, MI. The other two passengers were juvenile females from Mecosta.

All three passengers were wearing personal floatation devices.

The captain of the vessel stated that they had been overturned for approximately one hour before help arrived.

Mr. Pence was wearing a wetsuit.

The two female passengers were transported by water rescue back to St. James Harbor where they were treated by Beaver Island EMS for minor hypothermia and later released.

Sheriff Lasater would like to commend Deputy Jake Wasylewski, Gerald Lafreniere, Ken Bruland and Garret Cole with Beaver Island EMS and fire for rescuing the stranded boaters as well as Paramedic Steve Rose for treating the two young women for their injuries.

• Watercraft Accident

The Charlevoix county Sheriff's Marine Division investigated a watercraft accident with injuries on Lake Charlevoix near Holy Island. The accident occurred south of Holy Island at approximately 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26.

Caryn Barnet, 27, of Saline, was operating her boyfriend's 15-foot watercraft when the wake of another vessel struck her boat. This wave action caused the victim, Julie Swaggerty, 53, of Washington, DC to injure her back by being jarred in her seat.

Swggerty was treated by Charlevoix EMS and transported to the Charlevoix Area hospital. The accident remains under investigation by Lt. David Beyer.

• FDA INFORMATION SOURCES

I. Safety and Food Packaging - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/foodpackaging081908.html

II. Ticks, mosquitoes and bees: here are tips for preventing and treating bug bites and stings - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/bugbites061908.html

III. Botox scams - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/botox081308.html

IV. FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations found physicians who put profit before patients when they injected them with fake Botox Cosmetic.

V. Vytorin cholesterol-lowering drug concerns - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/vytorin071808.html

VI. Report problems to the FDA - Your Guide to Reporting Problems to FDA - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/reporting_guide061008.html

VII. Product recalls - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/recalls123107.html

• UNITED WAY

The Char-Em United Way kicked off its 2008-2009 Campaign

"Our campaign theme this year is 'Live United: Give-Advocate-Volunteer,' which encourages people to become engaged in many ways and create lasting change in our community," said Board President Joanne Curtis.

"We're excited to announce our campaign goal of $333,000, a 10 percent increase over what was pledged last year. The Frey Foundation is once again offering us a $20,000 challenge grant when we reach that goal."

Funds raised through the annual campaign support health and human service agencies in the community. Last year over $200,000 was invested in 34 local agencies. For more information, to schedule a presentation for your business, or to volunteer with United Way, call (231) 487-1006 or e-mail charemuw@sbcglobal.net

• ZONTA CLUB

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is now selling tickets for its newest fundraiser the Date Night Raffle.

There will be four winning raffle tickets chosen

Each winner will receive dinner for two at one of four selected local restaurants. Tickets cost $10 and winners will be drawn on Dec. 10.

Tickets are available at Round Lake Bookstore and Barb's Hallmark, or by calling Vel Kammerman at 547-4911.

They will also be sold at Applefest in front of Central Drug.

• ZONTA WINNER

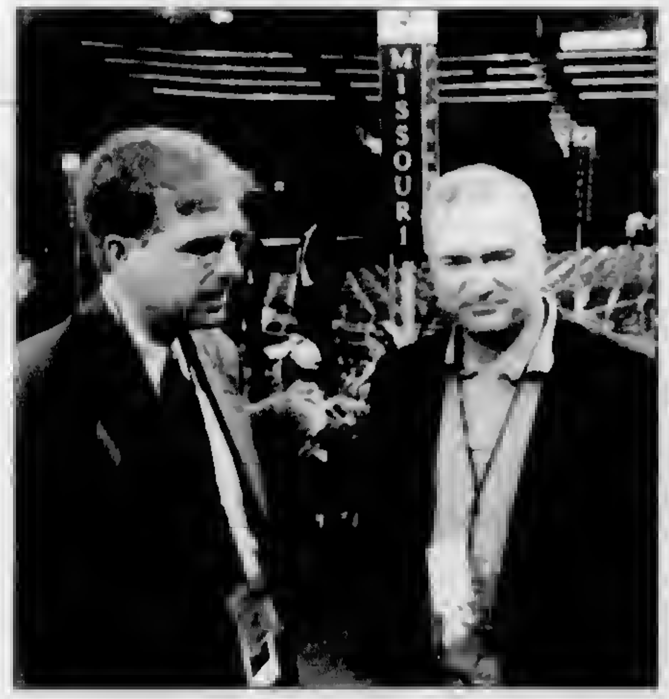
Shelby Lynn Goss, a 2008 graduate of Charlevoix High School, was named the winner of this year's Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship.

The Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a female high school senior who plans to pursue a math of science-related major in college. The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields, excluding the medical field.

Goss was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because she best exemplified the spirit of and requisites for the scholarship.

She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall.

She was ranked two out of 112 students in her class, has taken advanced courses, particularly in the sciences and has participated in numerous community and school-sponsored volunteer projects and events



Whip it good

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer of the 105th District and Senator Jason Allen of the 37th District are seen at the Xcel Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. Both Allen and Elsenheimer have been made assistant whips for the Michigan Delegation for tha National Republican Convention.

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Photo by Steve Foley

Team members are front (from left) Jacob Roach, Josh Wolletz, Jake Rankl, Drew Largent, Mike Kras; middle, Isaac Hosper, Michael Heckendorn, Clayton Mitchell, Brandon Darrah, J.T. Lawrence, Alex Foster, Zach Smith; back, assistant coaches Brandon Webb and Dan Yenglin, Corey Loucks, Bill Foley, Bill Ivan, Brock Yenglin, Ian Gauthier, Jon Putman and coach Don Jess.

Varsity gridiron buzz: optimism

BY STEVE FOLEY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Although the Charlevoix Rayders didn't experience much success on the gridiron last season, veteran coach Don Jess believes that trend could turn in 2008.

"I'm optimistic about this group," said Jess, whose team finished 3-6 last year and fifth in the Lake Michigan Conference. "They didn't experience a ton of success when they were freshmen or sophomores and juniors even, but I think they've done an excellent job in preparing themselves to getting better each year.

"The kids are all putting in time in the weight room and they're staying in shape. We could have quite a bit of success, but I'm just optimistic."

The Rayders, whose last playoff berth came in 2006 when they went 8-2, return seven starters on either side of the ball.

"I know we'll be strong on the offensive and defensive line," Jess said. "It's just a matter of injuries and how we hold up. That really will depend on how successful we are."

With a 20-man roster, Jess and the Rayders know any injury will be a costly one.

"This year, we have 20 guys and we have 20 guys that are all capable football players," Jess said. "We don't have any slouches by any means. That's very encouraging."

Jess is also very encouraged by his new starting quarterback, junior Clayton Mitchell.

Mitchell fills in for the graduated Cliff Jones, an All-News-Review first-team selection who threw for 1,223 yards and 18 touchdowns on 94-of-164 passing in '07. He also rushed for about 350 yards.

"He's (Mitchell) not big, but he's tough and he did an excellent job on JV last year," Jess said. "He put in a lot of time in the offseason, went to the gym, lifted and threw a lot. He's been selected a team captain and he has his teammates' respect. He's very coachable and we expect good things out of him."

One of Mitchell's key targets will be junior receiver Jon Putman, a varsity returnee and an All-Area selection last season with 35 receptions for 475 yards and three TDs.

Junior tackle Bill Ivan, another All-Area pick, senior center Drew Largent, senior guard Jake Rankl, senior tackle Corey Loucks and junior guard Ian Gauthier also return.

That unit will look to open holes for returning backs J.T. Lawrence, a junior, and Michael Heckendorn, who lettered as a sophomore but sat out last year.

"We plan on running the ball a lot more this year because of (the ability of our) line and the size of our line," Jess said. "The kids up front can really play."

The Rayders are experienced in the secondary, where starters Brock Yenglin, Lawrence and Putman return. Heckendorn and Rankle anchor the linebacking corps, while Largent and Ivan return to their defensive end spots.

The Rayders open the season at home Friday, Aug. 29, against St. Ignace in a non-conference contest. Charlevoix's first Lake Michigan Conference contest is against Grayling on Sept. 12 at Kipke Field.

"It's a tough league," Jess said. "It will be interesting to see how in all pans out. I'm excited because it's nice not to know sometimes week-to-week who'll win. There's a lot of tough teams in the league, whereas in the past it's been pretty predictable.

"I'm excited and I can't wait to get going."

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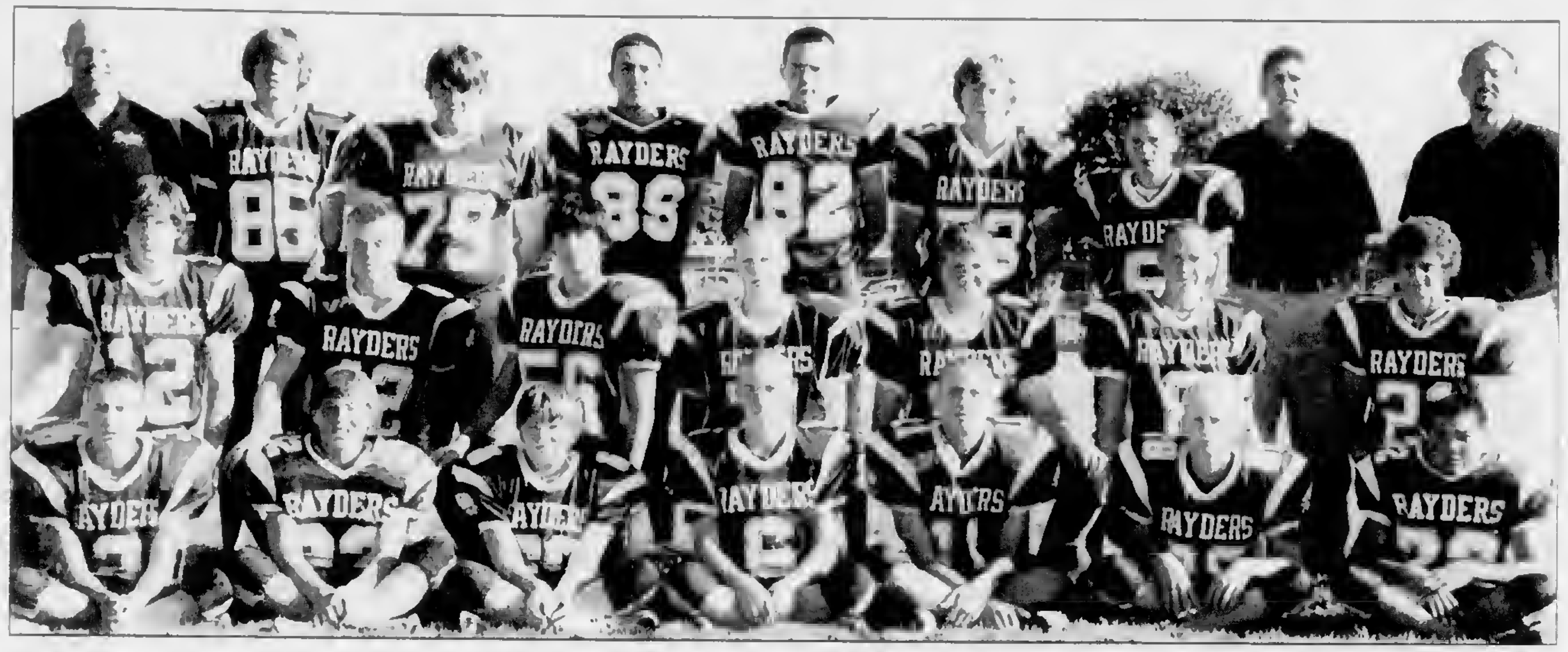

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JV football

Team members are front (from left) Morgan Stewart, Andrew Potter, Bryan Penfold, River Gauthier, Alex Waha, Austin DeVries, Leroy Shenoskey, middle, Jordan Jones, John Boss, Trevor Sobleski, Braden Knoop, Travis Rainey, Mathew Denise, Jake McLean; back, coach Doug Waha, Aaron Schnackenberg, Cody Herriman, Zach Stringer, Clay Heise, Mare Durkee and assistant Keith Carey.

Rah, rah, rah!

Charlevoix schools cheerleading team (left side of page) members are front (from left) Bekan Poston, Madi Alden; middle, Katie Lamoreaux, Annie Dipert, Hilary Way; back, coach Erin Nickel. Absent, Racheal Nuttall, Caitlyn Bryant. April Whitley.

Freshman volleyball

Freshmen volleyball team members are front (from left) Tanesha Rogers, Christina Russell, Bethany Whittaker, Amanda Broman; back, Kendra Russell, Amber Schmidt, Taylor Scholey, Sarah Mackenzie and coach Murphy Gillespie.

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Team members are front (from left) Shauna Spencley, Lauren Mielke; middle, Chris Seymour, Isis Hang, Bailey Chamberlain, Tanya Wynkoop, Taylor Storm; back, assistant coach, Alyssa McCormack, Megan Menosky, Bobbie Molter, Jenna Way, Tammy Potter, Sarah Potter, coach Liz Grunch and assistant Nicki Speigl. The junior varsity volleyball team (pictured below) are (from left) Kelly Greyerbiehl, Chelsie Hottman, Maddy Zimmerman, Kelsey Way; back, Katie Mays, Megan Peters, Allison Hankins, Kristen Mielke, Paige Montgomery and coach Audra Randall.

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Rayder volleyball looking strong

BY STEVE FOLEY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

The Rayders are coming off a stellar season during which they won their fourth Lake Michigan Conference title in five years and finished 42-8-8.

Still, what's in the past is in the past, coach Liz Grunch said.

"I think success will take care of itself," she said.

"We're not going to dwell on past records. We're pretty inexperienced as far as competing at this level is concerned."

Grunch added, "We only have basically two returning players who've played in games at the varsity level."

Those two players would be All-Lake Michigan Conference honorable mention selection Tammy Potter, a senior middle hitter, and Shanna Spencely, a senior outside hitter.

Other key players include seniors Lauren Mielke, Tanya Wynkoop, Alyssa McCormack and Sarah Potter, and junior Taylor Storm.

Freshman Jenna Way, a setter, has also been moved up.

"We're very athletic and if we work extremely hard, the wins will take care of itself," Grunch said.

"We just have to stay on the right path."

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Girls', boys' cross country numbers up

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

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Team members are front (from left) Stirling Witthoeft, Molly Jeakle, Nicole Cyr, Caroline Dupuis; back, Madeline Jeakle, Annie Dipert, Rachel Boss, Ellise Smolanyak, Hilary Way, Lauren Bartling. The boys' team (below) Rayder boys' cross country team members are front (from left) Alec Gooch, Matthew Brown, Logan Smith, Alex Buday; back, Vincent VonLau, Will Jacob, Eric Buday, Doug Reynolds, Jon Kelly.

With combined boys' and girls' teams of nearly 30 total, the Rayder cross country team is knee deep in new runners and seasoned talent ready to take over leadership roles.

According to girls' coach Mary Plude, the middle school running program is helping to keep her and fellow coach and husband Ken stocked with athletes.

"We have a really good freshmen group that came up," Plude said. "Ken has six new freshmen and I have five new freshmen girls, and I gained three other girls, two sophomores and a senior, so little things like that are helping our teams."

The boys' team finished in fifth at regional last year, the girls' team finished sixth.

"We were a little bit down from past years," Plude said. "It's been three years since I've gone to the state meet, but it's typical that we are at least in the top five, and Ken's team has been about the same, but he has a tradition of going to the state meets."

The boys' team is headlined by brothers Alex and Eric Buday, a senior and sophomore respectively, who were each all-state last year.

"He's got a nice leadership and a good group of juniors, so he's got some nice potential," Mary said of her husband's team.

While already several meets into the year, the Pludes are still focusing on fundamentals with their younger runners and focusing on reworking longer-term athletes into leadership roles.

"The big thing for them is building their mileage up to be able to handle the meets week in and week out," she said. "And, we focus on how to handle competition and how to run as a team."

Major competition is expected from rivals Benzie Central, Pine River, Kingsley and Harrison.

The annual Mud Run begins at 10 a.m. Sept. from the grounds at Charlevoix High School.

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Coach: Don Jess
Assistant Coach: Josh Skeel

Aug 29, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	HERE St. Ignace
Sep 5, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	AT Glen Lake
Sep 12, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	HERE Grayling
Sep 20, 2008	Saturday	12:00pm	AT T.C. St. Francis
Sep 26, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	HERE East Jordan
Oct 3, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	HERE Boyne City
Oct 10, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
Oct 17, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	HERE Kalkaska (HOMECOMING)
Oct 24, 2008	Friday	7:00pm	AT Harbor Springs

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Co-Head Coach: Doug Waha
Co-Head Coach: Keith Carey

August 28	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Gaylord Freshmen
September 4	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Glen Lake
September 11	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Grayling
September 18	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
September 25	Thursday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
October 2	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
October 9	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
October 16	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
October 23	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Sp

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Coach: Josh Block

August 19	Tuesday	5:00pm	Here Harbor Light Christian
August 23	Saturday	9.00am	Boynton Invite – At Leland
August 25	Monday	5.00pm	HERE Grayling
September 5	Tuesday	5.00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
September 3	Wednesday	5:00pm	AT East Jordan
September 8	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
September 10	Wednesday	5:00pm	AT Sault Ste. Marie
September 11	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
September 16	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
September 18	Thursday	5.00pm	AT Grayling
September 23	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Cheboygan
September 25	Thursday	7:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
September 26	Friday	5:00pm	HERE TC Christian
September 29	Monday	5.00pm	HERE East Jordan
October 1	Wednesday	5:00pm	HERE Cheboygan
October 2	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Boyne City
October 6	Monday	5:00pm	AT Kalkaska
October 9	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
October 13-17			MHSAA District
October 20-25			MHSAA Regional
October 29			MHSAA Semi-Finals
November 1			MHSAA Finals

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Liz Grunch

August 23	Saturday	8:30am	Pellston Primary
August 26	Tuesday	9:00am	Mason County Invit
September 3	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT Gray. w/ TCSF (JV/Fr-HERE)
September 6	Saturday	9:00am	Leland Invitational
September 6	Saturday	8:30am	JV/Fr @ Boyne City
September 13	Saturday	9:00am	Petoskey Invitational (JV @ Inland Lakes Invit)
September 16	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE w/ Kalk. & H.S. (JV/Fr-AT Harbor Springs)
September 20	Saturday	8:30am	Charlevoix Invitational
September 23	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 25	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
September 30	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
October 4	Saturday	8:30am	Suttons Bay Invitational
October 7	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT TCSF w/Gray. (JV/ Fr.-@ Gray.)
October 14	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska (no fresh)
October 21	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
October 23	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE E. J. w/ B. C. (JV/ Fr.-@ B.C.)
October 25	Saturday	9:00am	AT Boyne City
October 28	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
November 4-6 and 7-8			MHSAA District
November 14-15			MHSAA Regional
November 18			MHSAA Quarter-Finals
November 20-22			MHSAA Semi-Finals and Finals

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August 28	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Ogemaw Heights Invitational
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September 13	Saturday	9:45am	AT Ellsworth Invitational
September 20	Saturday	9:30am	AT Petoskey Invitational
September 27	Saturday	9:00am	AT Carson City – O. Baese Invit.
October 2	Thursday	4:00pm	AT Mancelona Invitational
October 11	Saturday	11:00 am	AT Ogemaw Heights Invitational
October 14	Tuesday	5:00pm	LMC Championship @ Harbor Springs
October 18	Saturday	9:00am	AT Elk Rapids Invitational
October 25	Saturday	11:00am	MHSAA REGIONALS
November 1	Saturday	10:00am	STATE FINALS -- DIV 3 @ MIS

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August 19	Tuesday	4:00pm	AT Petoskey
August 26	Tuesday	4:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
September 2	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
September 5	Friday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
September 9	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Grayling
September 12	Friday	9:00am	Boyne Invitational @ Petoskey
September 17	Wednesday	5:00pm	AT TCSF
September 24	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 25	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Glen Lake
October 2-3	Tue/Wed	9:00am	Conference @ Petoskey
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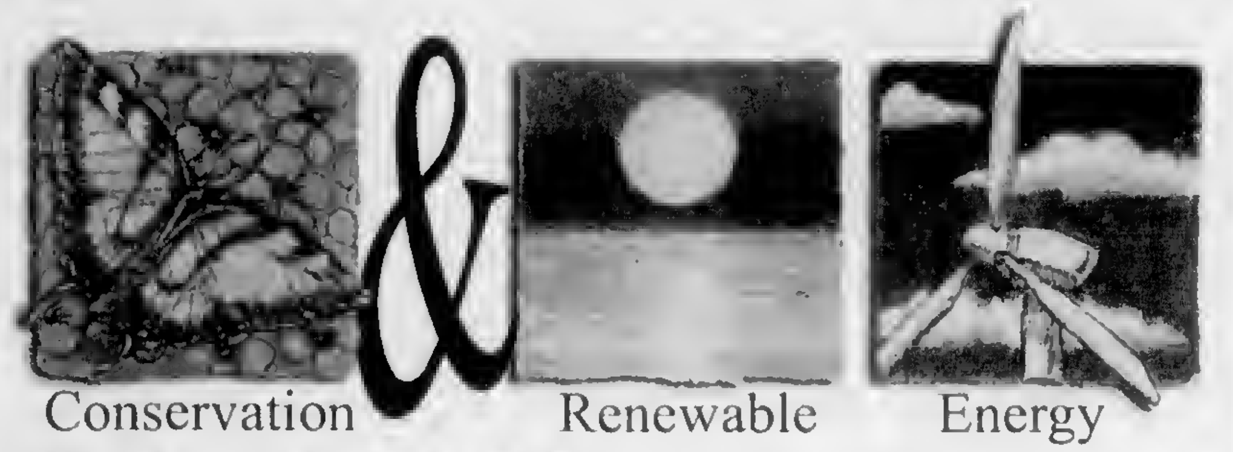

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The 2nd Annual C.A.R.E. Energy Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Charlevoix Public Library with the opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m.

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The topics to be covered are Conservation and Renewable Energy.

Also being offered are prizes, speakers, movies, children's activities, delicious organic food, alternative energy demos, wind turbines, musicians and electric/hybrid cars with free rides.

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Also you can find more information at www.care-charlevoix.com.

NWA now equipped with a portable library

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The new portable library at Northwest Academy is now open for students of all ages.

According to Phoebe Gohs, a teacher who has been working on the project all summer long, the library consists of four metal carts with more than 900 books.

"We got a grant and ordered 545 new books from Scholastic," said Gohs. "First, we did an inventory of all of the books we did have and got rid of the outdated stuff."

Two of the carts will carry books for middle and high-schoolers and the other two will carry books for elementary students.

Gohs said she has spent quite a bit of her summer cataloging the books with some help from Northwest office manager Leslie Herriman.

"We started cataloging the books back in March," she said.

"And, at the time, we had gotten some help from parental volunteers and some students on a Saturday."

Gohs wrote the grant to pay for the library last winter through the literacy intervention program from Dollar General corporation.

From the grant, Northwest Academy received $3,000 for the purchase of books.

In addition to the new books, Gohs said they also had a lot of people make donations to the school.

The portable library will be operated by a senior who will act as the library aid.

Whenever a teacher needs books, the student will push the appropriate cart(s) to the right room.

"I'm hoping the students will make good use of it," Gohs said.

"My hope with the bigger selection is that it will increase reading for fun and pleasure."

School leader John Bailey said Gohs has been putting a lot of time and hard work into the project.

"Since we don't have a room for a library, this is what we need to do," he said. "She's been working real hard all summer long to get this ready for us in the Fall."

Bailey

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LETTERS to the editor

Antrim County

SOMETIMES DIVORCE IS THE ANSWER

Editor

(This letter is in response to Steve Guthrie's Aug. 13 column on divorce)

Just because parents are divorced does not mean children are not cared for.

My boys don't go to school anxious wondering who will care for them. They are also well mannered and respectful especially at school.

Because I am a divorced woman does not make me a bad mother. I talk to my children, about sex, drugs and the law, mine, God's and the State of Michigan's.

Anxiety, fear, pain and guilt is what we left behind. The God of my belief wants us to be happy, joyous and free, so that we can make good choices for ourselves and those we love. My God does not condemn.

A bad marriage can do a whole lot more damage, body, soul and spirit, than a divorce.

About my reputation? I am admired for standing up and having the strength and courage to change, most definitely from my children. What does staying and suffering teach them?

Money, assets and material things that you speak of, will not make you happy. Self love and self respect which brings peace within always will.

I am not saying everyone with problems should get divorced. But you are so wrong to generalize.

Susan Valente, single mother

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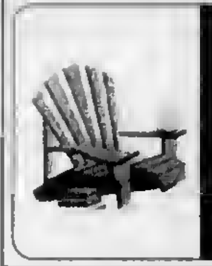

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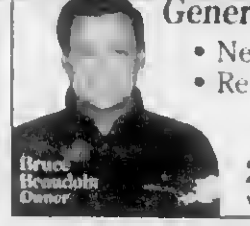

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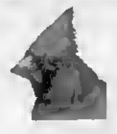

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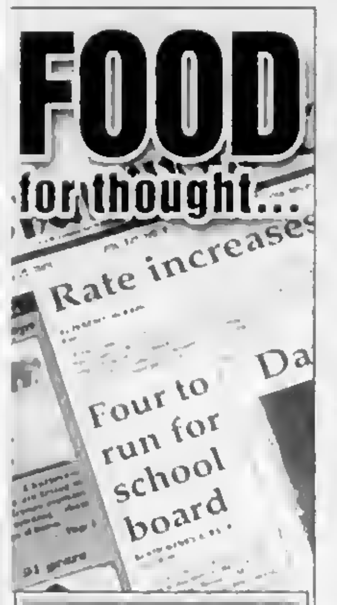

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(B-8/27,9/3)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Wayne
Third Judicial Circuit Court
Family Division
Case No. 08481152
Petition No. 08013720

In the matter of: AIDEN BALL - DOB- 07/26/2008

A hearing on child protective will be conducted by the court on: MONDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., in courtroom 1-J, Lincoln Hall, 1025 E. Forest, Detroit, MI. 48207 before Referee Kathleen H. Svoboda 36200.

It is therefore ordered that CHRISTIE DOTSON or the Biological Mother of AIDEN BALL personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

Notice to parent: This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights, placement of the child(ren) in the permanent custody of the court for the purpose of adoption planning.

(L-09/03)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Betresha A. Matheny, Robert J Matheny and Caroline Matheny ("Mortgagors") to Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, having its principal office at 111 State Street, - Charlevoix, Michigan ("Mortgagee"), which mortgage was executed by Betresha A. Matheny, Robert J. Matheny and Caroline Matheny, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants with full rights of survivorship in favor of Charlevoix State Bank, dated November 30, 2000 and recorded December 5, 2000 in the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan in Liber 402 at Page 591, and re-recorded January 11, 2001 in Liber 404, page 989, securing the original principal amount of $45,600.00. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents ($44,329.60), said interest accruing at the rate of 9.5% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest, as provided in said Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to the highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on September 19, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan , County of Charlevoix , State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Commencing 660 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence North 40 rods for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West 142 feet; thence South to the center of creek; thence Southeasterly following center of creek bed to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

ALSO

That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, described as: Commencing at a 3/4 inch iron bar at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence North 8905'03" West on the South line of said Section 24, a distance of 659.86 feet (recorded as 660 feet) to a 1/2 inch iron rod; thence North 01º44'19" East 647.15 feet (recorded as North 660 feet); thence North 89º11'47" West142.00 feet to the true POINT OF BEGINNING of the land herein described; thence South 01º44'19" West 62.81 feet to the center of the creek; thence North 39º34'48" West on said creek centerline 18.75 feet; thence North 62º36'30" West on said creek centerline 47.17 feet to the centerline of a 66.00 foot wide roadway and utility easement as shown on the survey by Ranger; thence Northeasterly on said roadway centerline 31.71 feet around a 171.35 foot radius curve to the left whose chord bears North 24º48'57" East 31.67 feet to the South line of Wilson Street; thence South 89º11'47" East on said Wilson Street South line 41.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 18, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation.

Prepared by and for more information, please call:
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Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231)838-5678
(L-08/20, 08/27, 09/03, 09/10)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
Case No. 07-861-21-CH
Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

MCANDREW J GREENE,
Plaintiff/Counter-Counter-Defendant,
v
HOWARD J. DEMOREST and HOWARD J. DEMOREST as Trustee of the HOWARD J. DEMOREST TRUST, Counter-Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs,
and
ROGER W. CARLISLE and/or his heirs, and ANNA E.J. CARLISLE and/or her heirs,
Counter-Defendants.

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203 Mason Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231) 547-0099

AMENDED ORDER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION AND TO ANSWER PENDING COMPLAINT/COUNTER-CLAIMS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the living descendants of Roger W. Carlisle and/or Anna E.J. Carlisle which are unknown Defendants to the pending litigation, shall be given notice of this pending action determining ownership of real property located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, specifically abutting the southeast shore of Lake Geneserath by the following methods:

A. Publishing a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Charlevoix County, State of Michigan and Grant County, State of Indiana where one or both of Roger W. Carlisle and Anna E.J Carlisle resided during their life before their death.

B. By sending a copy of this Order to Laura M. Rogers who is allegedly one of the siblings of Roger W. Carlisle and Anna E.J. Carlisle at her last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication addressed above.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that publication shall occur through a newspaper as described in MCR 2.106(F) and that proper proof of service concerning publication must be proved by affidavit of the publisher or the publisher's agent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the descendants of Roger W. Carlisle and/or Anna E.J Carlisle shall have 28 days beginning the last day a copy of this Order is published pursuant to the terms stated above in order to prevent a Default and/or Default Judgment from being entered against them which will stop them from claiming any interest in the real property at issue in this case located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan which lies between the eastern shoreline of Lake Geneserath and the western boundary lines of Lots 36 and 33 of the Cable Bay Subdivision.

Date: August 14, 2008

Honorable Richard M. Pajtas
(P18594)
Circuit Court Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant

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Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs
(L-08/27, 09/03, 09/10, 09/17)

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Shawn Trevor McPherson, 29, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated - third offense (probation violation). Serve 365 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kelly's Waitstaff and More, 01989 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Kelly M. Jones

Petals, 1516 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Kari L. Davis

Edgewater Bistro, 100 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, by Allen Lawrence Plungis

S & K Cleaning, 5350 Agers Ally, Charlevoix, by Up North Property Services, LLC

Storage Plus, 4667 State St., Walloon Lake, by David P. Vermeesch

SMC Internet Business, 10424 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, by Susan Marie Casciani

Nifty Nomads, 15976 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, by Barbara Omland

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene/Angel Food Ministries, 12023 Waller Road, Charlevoix, by Edna R. Fales, Robert L. Fales, Patricia M. Smalley and Carol White

Bay Shore Under Car Service, 06889 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, by Shawn Diamond

Renaissance Log and House Restoration, 5867 Freeman Road, Boyne City, by Lewis C. Archer

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Matthew Allen Wyman, 30, and Tamara Lee Baer, 26, both East Jordan

Melvin Leo Dykstra, 59, of Muskegon and Vera Rozella Arnott, 60, of East Jordan

Neal Jack Wilson, 51, and Deborah Lynn Towne, 46, both of East Jordan

Ryan Nickerson, 28, and Lisa Katharina Binkert, 27, both of London, England

Daniel Ward Pardee, 29, of Charlevoix and Sarah Joy Steenbergh, 26, of Traverse City

Nathan Eric Byard, 23, and Jennifer Ann Morden, 25, both of Boyne Falls

Mother, son have collectibles appraised live at Antiques Roadshow recently in Grand Rapids

ANTIQUE

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said. "We had an awesome time. Everyone was really friendly and very helpful. It was neat to see how they film the show after watching it for so many years."

Sue said they spent about two to three hours waiting in line. She had a couple of valuable items herself to be appraised, but she said that both she and her son were surprised at how much they could command for the Turtles.

"They say to be really careful with old toys, especially if you have them in the original packaging, because that's what makes them more valuable," said Sue. "So, it was kind of funny, because everyone around us had their items in really fancy cases or something and Nathan just had the Turtles in an old Oleson's grocery bag."

Nathan was raised in Charlevoix and Sue has lived here since 1980. Since Nathan currently lives in Grand Rapids, Sue met him down there on the day of the taping, which was Saturday August 9.

"While you're standing there waiting, they have these big screens set up playing old clips of the show," she said. "It's pretty exciting, looking around everybody else's stuff, wondering if their thing is going to be worth, like, $50,000 or something."

Nathan now keeps his Turtles in a display case down in his basement to keep them safe from dust or being handled too much.

He said he would consider selling them, but only for the right price and probably not in the near future.

"It would be nice to pass them on to my children, cause it's a nice little bit of childhood nostalgia," Nathan said. "I thought it was the most collectable item that I had, that's why I brought them to the Roadshow. You don't usually see those on the show."

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HEALTH

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cases videos.

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Preschool classroom

First Day of Preschool
Monday, September 15th

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or to register your child call 547-3220

Bright Beginnings is an affiliate of Charlevoix Public Schools

Dire need for blood donors

BLOOD

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mum supply is about 66 units for any type. He also said that for each type of blood, a different amount is needed.

"Since type O is universal, we need as much of it as we can get," said VanHoven. "Everyday we need to collect about 700 units to service across the state."

VanHoven's service area spans all the way from Charlevoix to the Michigan and Indiana border.

"We welcome all donors to give the gift of life. Both O-positive and O-negative are down to critical levels," he said. "For some patients, we don't have enough time to get their blood type, so we have to use one of the O types."

VanHoven said that patients with cancer or leukemia are also in need of blood products on a daily basis. "There are people who have routine surgeries everyday that need blood as well," he said.

Being a donor is not as bad as people assume it is, VanHoven said.

"In terms of a needle poke, it's just a slight pinch for a second or two. You're giving ten minutes of your time to give someone else another chance," he said.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF FILING

Please be advised that DTE Enargy (Michigan Consolidated Gas Company) has filed a proposed gas franchise ordinance in the City Clerk's office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI. The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will amend Chapter 1 Title 11 in its entirety to grant a gas franchisa for 5 years to DTE Enargy.

A complete copy of the proposad language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

At its Monday, September 15, 2008 meeting, Council will consider setting a public hearing on the proposed ordinance for October 6, 2008. Interestad citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sant to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Streat, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park is open from noon until dusk, weather permitting, on weekends.

CHARLEVOIX AREA COMMUNITY POOL

FALL PROGRAMS

Mail completed registration to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 US 31 North, Charlevoix 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754. Brochures are available at the pool, or you can check out the programs online at www.charpool.org.

New This Fall: Aqua Aerobics evening class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday night open swim with the tanker; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. an expanded Thursday night Women's Recreational Swim.

Call the pool at 547-0982 for additional information on fall programs

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- French Conversation Circle is at noon on Tuesdays.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

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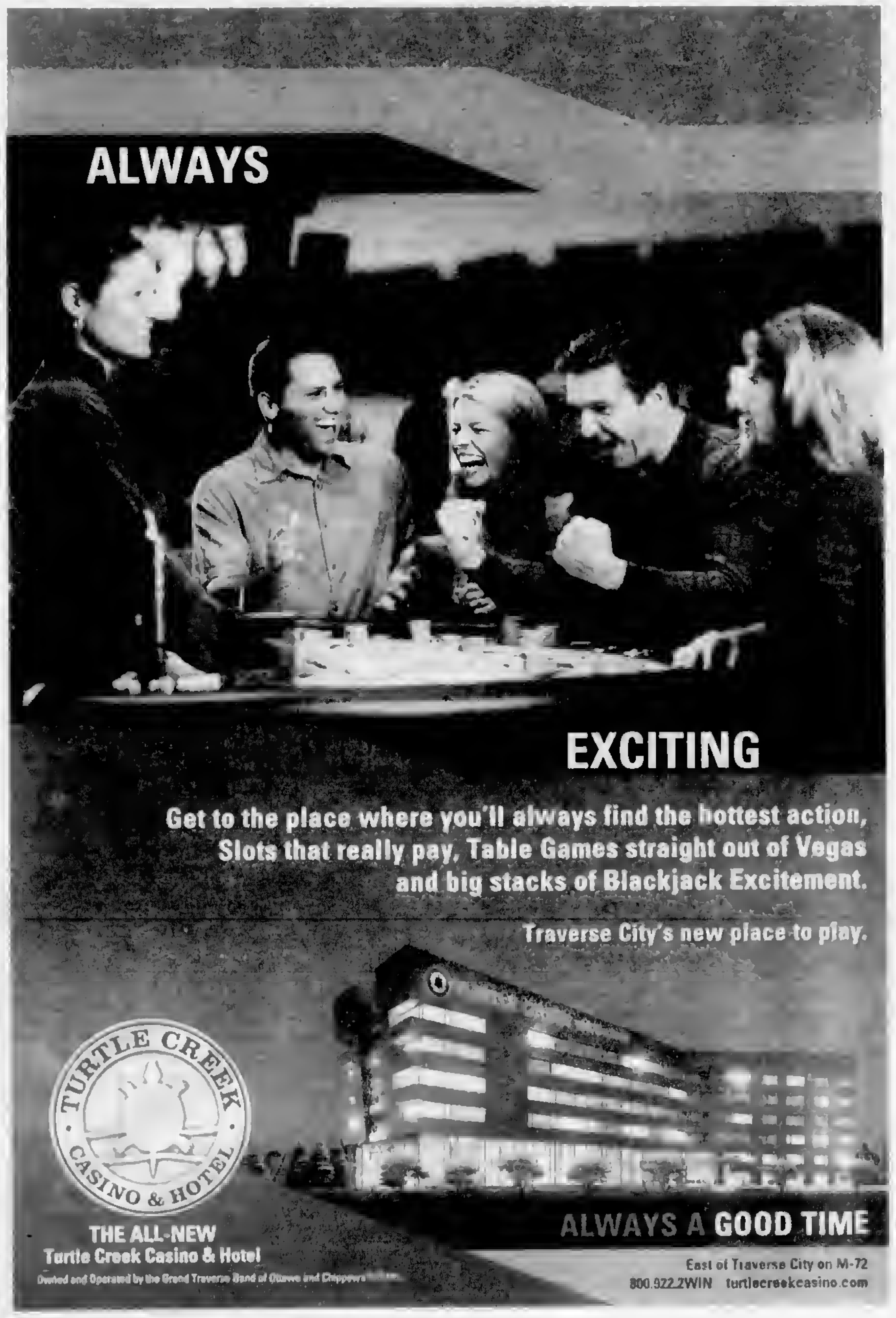

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SEPT. 7

Nazarene anniversary

Come celebrate the denomination's centennial anniversary with a cookout at 4 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. There will be food, games and fellowship for all.

SEPT. 10

Eagle release

Another bald eagle will be released into the wild from St. Marys Cement's grounds at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 10. Public is invited.

SEPT. 11

Patriot Day

At 9 a.m., Sept. 11 at Veterans Park in Charlevoix, there will be a brief observation of the day which will include greetings by American Legion/VFW commanders, an invocation by Rev. Jim Green, comments about Patriots Day, the dedication of Charlevoix Veterans Memorial, laying of a wreath, a firing party and concluding with taps.

SEPT. 13

Bids for Blooms

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful will host a silent auction with music, cocktails, hors d' oeuvres and dessert from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Belvedere Club Casino. Cost to attend this fundraiser is $25 per person. Live music for dancing provided by Yankee Station. Call 547-2101 for more information.

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September orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 13 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Pine River apartments for residents only. Distribution will be at approximately 10 a.m. on Sept. 27 at the Church. For further information, please call Bob and Edna Fales, at 547-9346 or (810) 304-0375.

SEPT. 21

BI senior picnic

The 4th Annual Beaver Island Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008, from 11 am to 1 p.m. The Picnic will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3 for seniors 60 years and older, and $6 for persons under 60 years of age. Tickets are "first come, first served" and may be purchased by calling Jean Palmer at (231) 448-2915.

The menu is barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit and cookie with assorted beverages. Good food, fun, music and lots of chances for door prizes. Come join us for the celebration of our seniors. Call 237-0103 for more information.

SEPT. 25

Blood drive

From noon to 5:45 p.m., Sept. 25 at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street, there will be a blood drive.

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OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

YOUTH GROUP

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

- Sept 7 - Rally Day and first day of Sunday school, no regular youth group, breakfast potluck in the morning.
- Sept. 14 – Middle and high school youth groups are going to the Ropes Course at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha. Meet at 1 p.m. at the church. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 7. Call Justin Thomas at (517) 331-2665, Pastor Neil Wilson at 547-9122 or Dave Ulrich at 547-7648 for more information on this free trip.
- Sept. 21 – Middle and High School will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Michigan beach (depending on weather); bring lawn chairs.
- Sept. 27 – CROP walk
- Oct. 5 – Middle and high school will be meeting at 6 p.m. Talking about the Tower of Babel; Plan to get your hands messy.
- Oct. 12 – Middle and high school will be putting on a chili dinner following the 11 a.m. service. This fundraiser will fund upcoming youth activities, events and snacks. Arrive at 10 a.m. to help cook, serve and clean.
- Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.
- Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.
- Oct. 29 – All church Halloween party

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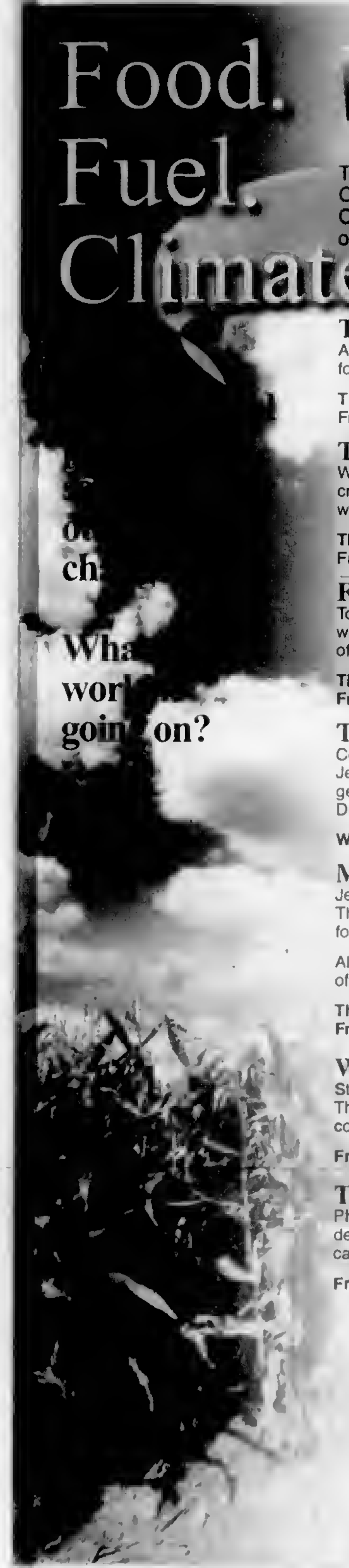

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The Globalization of Food
Alan Deardorff, Ph.D., professor of economics and public policy, University of Michigan, will offer an overview of the way food is bought, sold and transported throughout the world.
Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, September 26, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Food-Fuel Connection
William Knudson, Ph.D., visiting professor of applied economic analysis, Michigan State University, will analyze the increasingly complex relationships between food and the fuels that are used to plant, fertilize, transport and preserve our world's food supplies. The economics of using food for fuel will also be explored.
Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, October 10, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

Farming For Our Future
Toril Fisher, executive director of Farming For Our Future at Pond Hill. Her organization seeks to help people understand where their food comes from, how it is grown and how their food choices affect not only their personal health but the health of their community and the planet.
Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, November 7, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Future of Our Oceans
Céline Cousteau, international project coordinator of the Ocean Futures Society, daughter of ocean explorer and filmmaker Jean-Michel Cousteau and granddaughter of the legendary Jacques Cousteau. She is a respected symbol for a new generation that understands their responsibility to protect the natural world. She recently worked on a documentary for the Discovery Channel on the many shark species of the Great Barrier Reef. Co-sponsored by the Petoskey News-Review.
Wednesday, October 15, 7:30p.m., North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center

Michigan's Climate
Jeffrey Andresen, Ph.D., assistant professor of geography, Michigan State University and state climatologist for Michigan. The state climatologist is considered the expert in weather and climate information for the state and is the primary contact for in-depth interpretation of state-level climate information.
Also participating in the Thursday night program will be Jim Keysor and Dave Lawrence of the National Weather Service office in Gaylord to discuss the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS).
Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, October 17, noon, North Central Michigan College

Winter Energy Outlook
Steven Transeth, one of three commissioners appointed by the governor to head the Michigan Public Service Commission. The MPSC sets utility rates in Michigan. He will review the Commission's appraisal of the expected supply, demand and cost for electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and fuel oil for the coming winter.
Friday, October 24, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Science of Food Processing, Packaging and Storage
Philip E. Nelson, Ph.D., winner of the 2007 World Food Prize, explains how the innovations he and his colleagues developed transformed the vegetable and fruit packing industry so that massive amounts of vegetable and fruit products can be stored and shipped around the world without refrigeration and without spoilage for long periods of time.
Friday, December 12, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

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Hunters, beware of diseased deer

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

It was confirmed on Aug. 25 that a captive white-tailed deer tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease.

Chronic Wasting Disease is a neurological disease which affects deer, elk and moose. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) along with the Michigan Department of Agriculture both confirmed the findings of the deer which tested positive at a privately owned breeding facility in Kent County.

"The disease is a hazardous threat that hunters must take seriously," said Michigan United Conservation Club President Bill Krepps. "Instead of reacting negatively, now is the time to work together to insulate our deer herd from further spread of this horrible disease."

According to the DNR, the disease is fatal and infected animals display abnormal behaviors, progressive weight loss and physical debilitation. Humans cannot contract the disease.

Experts believe that the disease is transmitted through infectious, self-multiplying proteins (prions) contained in saliva and other fluids of infected animals.

Potential victims can acquire the disease by direct exposure to infected fluids or from a contaminated environment. Once contaminated, research suggests that soil can remain a source of infection for long periods of time, making chronic wasting a particularly difficult disease to eradicate.

The DNR's response included immediate activation of its Chronic Wasting Disease contingency plan. The plan included a ban on baiting and feeding of deer and elk in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, a ban on transportation of deer and a quarantine of captive cervid facilities. Also, hunters who harvest deer in the department's surveillance "hot zone" in the Kent County townships will be required to participate in a deer check. The ban also applies to feeding for recreational viewing as well as hunting.

"In order to protect our current and future hunting heritage, Michigan hunters must stop baiting and feeding deer to prevent Chronic Wasting Disease and other diseases from not only infecting other animals, but to ensure a proper long-term scientific management of our herd," Krepps explained.

Deer hunters this fall who take deer from Tyrone, Soldon, Nelson, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon townships will be required to bring their deer to a DNR check station. Deer taken in these townships are subject to mandatory deer check.

The disease cannot be detected with live animal tests. As a result, the department will kill and test 300 deer within the "hot zone." According to the DNR, this response plan is designed to prevent potential spread of the disease.

According to a FAQs sheet released by the DNR, "any regional threat to a healthy deer population is a statewide con-

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Photo courtesy Michigan DNR

Whitetail deer like tha one sean in this undated photo could be at risk of Chronic Wasting Disease if the illness is not kept from spreading.

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A state of mind

Jamie Jarrett of Petoskey puts a jazz twist on the Billy Joel classic, "New York State of Mind." Jarrett was accompanied by the Spotlight Orchestra and was one of the last of a dozen performers of the evening on Sept. 6 when the Little Traverse Civic Theatre held its first ever fundraiser at Castle Farms to help support its organization. Other local celebrities included Vic McCarty, who performed stand-up comedy.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

A taste of Deutschland

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Charlevoix's East Park will be the scene of family fun German style when the town celebrates its first ever Oktoberfest.

Husband and wife team Mick and Lori Randall hope the Oct. 4 event becomes a Charlevoix tradition.

Lori

"There will be face painting, pumpkin decorating and lots of kids games," Lori said. "Crazy Richard the juggler will be down entertaining the kids and we're starting the whole day off with a pancake breakfast."

Mick

In addition to a wiener dog race that will finally settle the question of who has the fastest dachshund, there will be a biergarten with traditional German ales, and foods from bratwurst to oxtail sandwiches.

There will also be a dachshund parade and costume contest. Cost of entry in the dachshund race is a donation of any monetary amount which will benefit the Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

"I grew up in an Irish Catholic family, but half of my grandmother's side was German. During World War II, they emphasized that they were Irish because of all the negative surrounding Germans and it almost broke my heart," Mick said. "This (festival) is something for the average middle class working guy and family to basically come and enjoy themselves."

Mick said Oktoberfest is all about Gemutlichkeit (Gee-moot-lik-

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Laurie Elizabeth Ford, 27, Boyne City. Operating with suspended/revoked/denied license. Pay $260 in fines and costs.

Scott Joseph Shields, 52, Charlevoix. Improper plates. Pay $200 in fines and costs.

Craig Allen Iverson, 23, Charlevoix. Sell/furnish alcohol to minor. Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Gerald Robert Lent, 24, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and five days of community service work; Pay $1380 in fines and costs.

Cody Mikel-Tomas Thayer, 20, Kalamazoo. Retail fraud, third degree. Serve five days of community service work; Pay $350 in fines and costs.

Scott Joseph Shields, 52, Charlevoix. Marine safety - OUIL/per se. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days in abeyance and 10 days of community service work; Pay $980 in fines and costs.

Coty Ryan Johnson, 17, Alba. Minor destruction of property of less than $200. Credit for two days in jail with 340 days in abeyance and 20 days of community service work; Pay $1895 in fines and costs.

Lawrence Scott Madigan, 22, Walled Lake. Disorderly conduct. Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Timothy John Bishaw, 31, Ellsworth. Fail to stop/ID. Pay $300 in fines and costs.

Michael Ray Trowbridge Jr., 18, East Jordan. Driving without a license/multiple license. Pay $315 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Patrick's Auto Parts DBA/Carquest Auto Parts, 1311 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, by Patrick L. Oshorn

ABC Appraisal/Business Center, P.O. Box 686, Charlevoix, by Sheila Carr

Sammich 'N Suds, 202 South Lake St. #E, Boyne City, by Lora Muethel

A.E. Wojan Machinery Sales, P.O. Box 315, Charlevoix, by Albert Wojan

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MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Christopher Joseph Winter, 19, and Ashley Marie Spencer, 18, both of East Jordan

Travis Adam Ogden, 27, and Melissa Sue Milbrandt, 28, both of Elmira

Benjamin John Van Dam, 25, and Erika Lynn Shankland, 25, both of Boyne City

Justin Laird Riffer, 24, and Jenna Lynn Hodgkiss, 24, both of Tampa, Fla.

Jason Michael Tingler, 30, and Kathy Lee Blumke, 27, both of Baltimore, Md.

Jason Lee, 34, and Maro Laura Lablance, 30, both of Denver, Colo.

Nicholas Wade Rowley, 29, and Michelle Lee Booth, 28, both of Knightdale, N.C.

BIRTHS

Hanna Elizabeth Miller weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces was born August 28 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Suzanne and Joshua Miller of Charlevoix.

Kaylln Elizabeth Brancheau weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born August 29 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Meagan and James Brancheau of Mancelona. Her sibling is Jimmy III. Her grandparents are Jim and Beth and Paul and Marilyn all of Livonia.

Brady Denzil Wilson weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces was born September 2 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cheltzi and Denzil Wilson of East Jordan. His sister is Avary. His grandparents are Neal and Debbie Wilson , Sue Bowers, Glen and Rhonda Thorman, all of East Jordan and Debbie Spence of Petoskey. His great grandparents are Don and Shirley Bowers, Thelma Thorman, Pat Spence and Jack and Ethel Wilson all of East Jordan.

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Fundraiser to help buy new groomer

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Ike Boss, Recreation Director, came before the Charlevoix City Council to update them on his fundraising efforts for a new ski hill groomer for Mt. McSauba.

Ike said that he has received $31,500 through grants and fundraising for the new groomer so far. Boss told City Council that on Aug. 26, he had also sent out 350 letters to community members asking for donations for the groomer.

"Our grants are still alive," said Ike. "We're hoping to average at least $100 for each letter we sent out."

Grants have been submitted to the Community Foundation, Dow Foundation, Frey Foundation, and the Bay Harbor Foundation with no formal decisions on grant funding for several weeks.

Ike also mentioned plans to hold a fundraiser concert starting at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 featuring the band Charlie's Root Fusion.

In updating city council on his fundraising efforts, he also introduced them to Greg Toomire, a Pisten Bully Sales Representative. Both Boss and City Manager, Rob Straebel, made it clear that Toomire was in town on his own accord, and was paying for his own food and hotel during his stay in Charlevoix.

Boss

"Greg is not here as a salesperson today," said Straebel. "He is here as an expert on ski hill groomers to inform the public."

"I've been in the Midwest area my whole career and I've seen places come and go," said Toomire. "We understand that you're looking at fundraising and that the city is involved. It's very easy for us to work with a city, so we're willing to bend a little and work with you."

Bo Boss explained that Mt. McSauba puts 400 hours a season on their groomer, which is less than half of the time being put on a groomer at Nub's Knob.

"There's an option for a used groomer for $140,000," said Bo. "But it only has about 25 percent of it's life expectancy left. I think that's too much money to spend to be right back here in five or six years."

The Bosses originally asked City Council for $215,000 for the purchase of a new groomer, and stated that it would last for the next 20 years.

Bo, who spent most of last winter attempting to fix the old groomer, said that the main problem with the old groomer is parts and availability. "That's the problem with our machine. I can fix anything, but the parts for our machine just aren't available," said Bo.

The idea of leasing a new groomer for a year was brought up, but quickly dismissed due to cost.

"A one year lease may be $60,000 to $70,000 for just one year," said Toomire. "The price is so high for just a one year lease because we don't have that long-term commitment."

"As for the groomer you currently have, there aren't anymore of it's kind being made," Toomire said of the possibility of trying to use the groomer for another year. "The machine you've got has served you well. There are some component parts that are sellable. The tracks, the engine, maybe the transmission... no one will buy that machine as is though."

"At least 25 things broke on that machine and were fixed. We worked around the clock getting it fixed, so luckily the hill never went out of commission," Bo said. "Nub's Knob saved us during the last six weeks of the season by renting us one of their old groomers."

Ike explained how important Mt. McSauba is to not only local residents, but surrounding communities as well. He also said that he feels that Mt. McSauba could become a real tourist draw during the winter time if they continue to take care of it and build it up.

"I was the biggest skeptic about the skate park and now that we have it, we've got kids coming up going 'I didn't know there was a ski hill here, too," Ike said. "They're going to come here during the winter time and bring their parents at a time when Charlevoix is otherwise a dead town."

Bo re-iterated the point that Mt. McSauba is not looking for a handout, but simply borrowing from the city against money which is already leased to them.

An extension until October 1 was executed between the city and Pisten Bully for a slightly used groomer with 200 hours. The agreement did not commit the city to the purchase of the groomer, but simply holds the groomer until substantial funds were attained.

Straebel did not recommend that the city contribute any more funds to a groomer purchase other than the $100,000 the city had already committed to.

City biz

• Item: Consideration of contract with Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center

In brief: The funds recieved by the city help pay for the center's operational expenses, as well as provide meals, health clinics, educational speakers, music and art classes at little or no cost for participants. Board action: A motion passed from counsel to allow the mayor to sign the contract.

• Item: Presentation of energy audit

In brief: U.S. Energy Engineers have completed a draft report regarding the lighting and HVAC needs of four city buildings. Based on the review of utility costs for all city buildings, staff felt the engineers should focus their efforts on the four buildings which consume the most energy. No action taken.

• Item: Purchase of Kerite cable

In brief: Don Swem recieved a quote from the Kerite company for $26,150 for 5,000 feet. The actual price to be adjusted based on copper and aluminum prices at the time of the sale. Board action: Passed. The purchase of the cable was approved.

• Item: Policy - compensatory time

In brief: Some non-union employees are being allowed to accrue and use comp time in lieu of additional pay and others who are not. The policy was written to address inequities, prevent future financial obligations, and create uniform recordkeeping. Board action: Passed.

• Item: Policy - premium pay

In brief: This policy was written to cover all salaried, exempt employees. It provides definitions and guidelines which will create consistency in the decision making process and make planning and budgeting more predictable. Board action: Passed.

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Nature not on man's timetable

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Phragmites (frag-might-ease) is invading! Garlic Mustard is invading! Purple Loosestrife is invading! They are choking out other plants! They are taking over natural habitats! They are suppressing wildlife! We have to do something NOW!

Our usual response to such imminent threats is to rally the public and do everything we can to eradicate the invaders. We might even consider spraying large areas with herbicides that will kill all the plants sprayed, not just the one we see as the most dominant or the most offensive.

There are some general botanical rules we might consider before beginning public eradication efforts, and there are some specific facts regarding particular kinds of plants.

The natural world with its many thousands of different plants and creatures is not like the internet, where if we get the right software we can speed things up. The community of plants and animals that occupies any particular part of the world responds to changes in climate, to changes in kinds of organisms, plant and animal, and it does so at its own pace, not the pace we might choose.

Think about how plants get from one place to another. They are spread by spores and seeds, which are carried by wind, water and other organisms, including humans. Every one of those plants and animals used to live somewhere else, and at some time in the past invaded new territory. In every case, the plants and animals already there adapted to the new invaders. They did it at the pace of the natural world, where change is generally slow by our hurry-up standards. It is also worth pointing out that up to now there is not a single case of any invasive plant eliminating any plant that was already there when it arrived. Any invading plant is likely to temporarily alter the numbers of other kinds of plants. It may temporarily reduce the numbers of some plant we particularly like. How long is temporary? It depends on the plant. Sugar Maples, for example will change very slowly in response to some new organism. A tree might have to live for 10 or 15 years or more before it begins to produce seeds, and may live for hundreds of years. We will most likely not see any overall change in Sugar Maples in several human lifetimes. Other plants grow with great speed, live for less than a year and produce a new generation of seeds in a few weeks or months. Quickweed, so called, one of the common weeds in our street-side petunia beds, would adapt very quickly to changes. It might even become resistant to herbicides in just a few years if it were sprayed consistently, with only the already resistant plants living to produce seed for the next generation. Most plants fall somewhere between those extremes and are capable of noticeable change in a few years to a few decades.

Now, how about Phragmites growing along our coastlines? First of all it is not an invader in the usual sense. Phragmites grows all over the temperate world. One of its common names is ditch reed, and it is often seen along highways, where it occupies damp, recently bare ditches. Strains of the plant differ from place to lace and time to time, but they all have the capacity to cover large areas of wet land in a few years. They spread mostly by fast-growing runners beneath the soil surface, but also by seeds that can blow around or be carried with the mud on birds feet. Phragmites is just now catching up with the drop in Lake Michigan water levels That drop provided a lot of new, damp territory with few competing plants. Phragmites moved in and used its normal competitive ability to grow as widely and as rapidly as possible. Almost all kinds of plants must have great competitive ability or they would not have survived the centuries.

I can provide a personal example of this competitive ability. The same story could be told of thousands of different kinds of plants. When we lived in Iowa I had a continuing interest in the plants of the native prairie. There were only a few pieces of undisturbed native prairie left in our part of Eastern Iowa. Iowa native prairie had about three hundred different kinds of plants. It was possible to identify two hundred of them from a few acres of ground. They lived in a highly competitive environment, as do most of the plants on earth. One of the plants was a wild rose. In the prairie it was a small plant, maybe a foot or so tall with three or four blooms in a good year. In a drought year, it might not bloom at all. I transplanted on of those small wild roses to my back yard, where it had no competition from its two hundred neighbors above or below ground. Within two years the rose plant was four feet high and had literally hundreds of blooms. Had I ceased mowing the lawn it could easily have taken over the yard.

In my yard the wild rose was behaving like an invader. What it really was, of course, was the only native plant in the lawn. The usual lawn plants, in Iowa as in Michigan, were non-native plants that people had imported to provide us with the lawn we wanted. As a native plant the rose was quite capable of out-competing the real invaders.

Phragmites is merely doing what it does well; informed by centuries of competition with other plants, it is occupying mostly vacant space, growing and reproducing as fast as it can. That we don't like the view is not by itself sufficient reason to marshal the public in a war on it. Private control of Phragmites or almost any other plant is for the owner of the property to decide as long as that control harms no one else's property. The use of any public money should be approached with great care. Phragmites is a private problem, not a public one.

If we want to eliminate Phragmites from some parts of our coastline, we can certainly do that, but let us not pretend that we are battling some invader in order to whip up uhlic interest. If we have some patience, Phragmites will revert to its usual role of occupying recently bared wet ground. Were we to successfully remove Phragmites from Beaver Island, for example, it would merely reinvade from the mainland, and the Phragmites that arrived might be even more competitive than the current resident.

We mess with Mother Nature all the time, sometimes to our sorrow. We should at least know what Mother Nature is about before we try to thwart her.

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EDITORIAL

"Buy local" more than a slogan

"Buy local."

A neat slogan, but how many of us actually do, or even know how?

Don't get us wrong, we're not preaching "do as I say, not as I do." We're guilty of violating the rules of self-sustainability, we need to stop.

We must spend our money on local businesses first whenever possible.

Unfortunately, it isn't always our fault; for instance, how many local blue jean manufacturers are there?

Can I buy a car that's 100 percent made in Charlevoix, or even America, these days?

And, we dare you to find a DVD, TV or CD player that's not stamped "Made in Japan" or "Product of China."

It gets to the point where some may simply throw their hands up and forget the whole idea of buying locally produced goods. After all, if your local craftsmen cannot create the product you need, you will still need to buy it from somewhere.

It's easy enough to blame the state, whoever that is. The economic gurus say Michigan, and the rest of the country, seems to be moving further and further from a manufacturing base, as if that were caused by some type of voodoo magic and not the conscious decisions of suppliers and customers.

We can blame high prices on unions, but the truth is foreign products are cheap because their workers provide labor for pennies on the dollar.

For too long now we have chosen the easy savings over the responsible use of capitalism, and to our detriment.

Sure, you save money on a bag of hash browns by shopping at a retail chain store, and you can buy a gallon of out of state pancake syrup for the cost of a quart of locally made, but by sending the labor and production of goods to other states or, worse yet, other countries, we are in effect slitting our own fiscal throats.

A study by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance showed 14 percent of each dollar you spend at a retail chain makes its way back into the local economy; whereas at least 45 percent of that same dollar will recirculate when spent at a local, small business.

An article in Hour Detroit Magazine stated that, "If we all spent $10 a week on Michigan products, we could put $36 million every week back into the state's economy."

Each time we shop at the fast food chains instead of buying at the mom 'n' pop restaurant, each time we go to the nationwide pharmacy—Charlevoix now has three chains and one family-owned drug store—each time we use syrup, apples, candles, honey, pies, labor and services from out of the area, we weaken our local economy.

We understand the concerns of lower income workers who say they need the large chain stores to survive, but the death of the middle class is a direct result of this type of thinking: we'll save $20 a month on our grocery bill so we can earn a quarter of what we should be making.

This isn't about kicking retail chains out of town via oppressive legislation or angry mob, either. If said business wants to come in, then have at. Simply kicking Walmart out of town and sighing with pride means nothing when you go ahead and shop at the dozen or so other chains in town which are just as quick to ship their profits to HQ.

If we want to strengthen our economy we are going to have to make the tough decisions to pay a little more up front.

Perhaps the idea that we could join together to heal our economy is merely socialist utopian hogwash; but the shortsighted end of capitalism is unbridled greed. And if left unchecked, that greed, like cancer, continue to spread and sicken.

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LETTERS to the editor

GOHS DON'T KNOW DIDDLY

Editor:

I found Benjamin Gohs' commentary September 3 on heroism outrageous.

Saying Sarah Palin should not be called a hero for choosing not to terminate her pregnancy was fair.

Admirable, or true to her convictions would be better descriptions.

However, questioning the legitimacy of John McCain's hero status was way off base.

Gohs argued that a hero was "someone who risked their own safety to defend another."

That alone makes McCain a hero unless you believe flying combat missions over North Vietnam was either safe or didn't defend anyone, like South Vietnamese civilians or U.S. soldiers.

Following the horrific fire on the USS Forrestal, McCain could have taken some rest and relaxation while repairs were made, but transferred to an active combat ship instead.

The real heroism, however, lies in the fact that, as a P.O.W. offered an early release by his captors, McCain put the code of honor before his own personal welfare and did not take the offer.

Gohs whined that in the modern era, you're a hero just because something had happens to you.

In many instances that seems to be the case, but then he said, "Got cancer? You're a hero; stuck in a wheelchair? You're a hero." I have visited children stricken with leukemia and was awed by their bravery.

Tell their parents it's not right to regard them as heroes.

Try getting around in a wheelchair for a few days before you discount the courage of an active quadriplegic.

Then Gohs went on to talk about a clever line he heard in a movie regarding Superman.

To trivialize the plight of a beaten P.O.W. by comparing it to a line about Superman is despicable.

Perhaps The Courier and its readers would be better served with Gohs doing movie reviews instead of commentary.

Gohs was correct when he said just because something had happens to you doesn't make you a hero; let me add: just because you write for a newspaper doesn't make you a journalist.

George Baier
Charlevoix

HEROES IS AS HEROES DOES

Editor:

Do any of you editors actually read material written by contributors to your editorial page before it is published?

The piece in Wednesday's (9/3/08) News Review by Benjamin Gohs is not only biased, that is the least of it.

It is clearly inaccurate, amateurish and unprofessional.

Sarah Palin has not been widely, if at all, characterized as a hero as Gohs implies.

Nonetheless he sets up this "straw man" so he can proceed to tear it down.

This is quite likely because he cannot successfully attack her on her legitimate accomplishments.

She has a record as a reformer who stood up to corrupt and entrenched politicians in her own party and as an extremely accomplished governor who bested the powerful oil industry on behalf of her constituents.

Gohs' disparaging of John McCain's status as a hero is so astounding that I can't believe he is actually serious.

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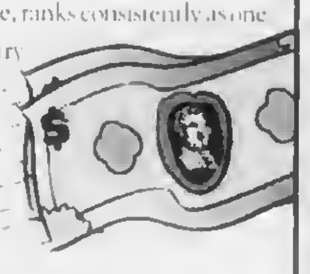

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What's happening at the Library this week?

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Personal Investment Discussion Group – NEW
Thursday, September 11, 1:00 pm
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Friday, September 12, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
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Family Movie – *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* 1971 w/ Gene Wilder
Saturday, September 13, 3:30 pm
Bring your family for this fun classic on the library's big screen. Popcorn will be served!

Genealogy of a House
Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 pm
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RNC memento

John Haggard, resident of Charlevoix, poses with the Michigan delegates placard which is signed by all of the Michigan delegates and dignitaries. "We were the first state at the convention to start collecting signatures on our post," said Haggard. "After us, everyone else at the convention started doing it also."

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Northern Lights

St. Mary School will host "An evening with the stars" from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 27, at the school.

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OBITUARIES

Elmer W. Gibson: Dec. 21, 1913 - Sept. 1, 2008

Elmer W. Gibson, 94, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2008, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial was noon, Friday, Sept. 5, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiated.

Burial will take place in Saint Mary's Cemetery.

Elmer was born Dec. 21, 1913, on Beaver Island to William and Belle (O'Brien) Gibson, and moved to Charlevoix at the age of 11.

He served in the US Army 33rd Infantry in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

On May 11, 1946, he married Hilda Brady, and they made their home in Charlevoix.

Elmer was a member of Saint Mary's Church, and a Life Member of VFW Post 1153 in Charlevoix.

He worked as a commercial fisherman, and later was a bridge tender at the drawbridge in Charlevoix retiring in 1976 after 25 years.

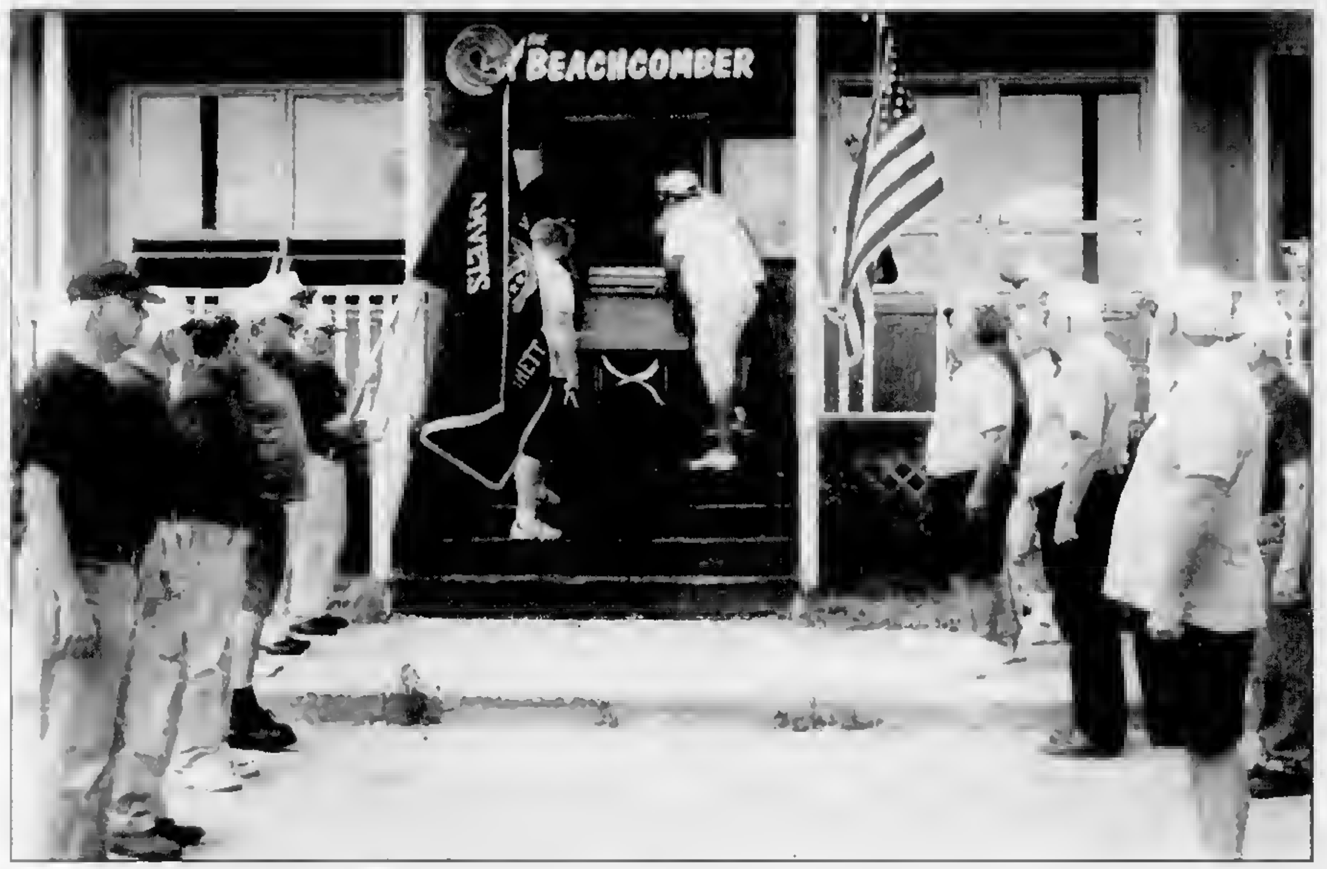
Elmer was an exceptional woodworker, and he enjoyed ice boating.

Hilda preceded him in death on April 11, 2007.

He is survived by his son, John W. (Shirley L.) Gibson and daughter, Shirley J. (Richard Clem) Gibson all of Charlevoix.

Elmer was also preceded in death by his sisters, Florence Ryder and Gladys Hayes.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Catholic School.



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A pint for the road

Friends and loved ones gathered to take their beloved Jerry LaFreniere, per his last requests, into what was once his local pub so they could all share one last drink. The casket (above) was taken in and placed on the floor while he was toasted at the Beachcomber on Beaver Island. Below, LaFreniere is unloaded from the ferry and carried up to the Beachcomber. LaFreniere died at his home on Beaver Island earlier this August.

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LETTERS

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Is he completely ignorant of McCain's record as a POW in North Korea (McCain was actually in Vietnam) where he endured five years of torture rather than succumb to his captors demands for military intelligence?

Doesn't he know about McCain's refusal to accept early release from the Hanoi Hilton, even though his severe injuries would have more than justified it, until his men were also released?

Or is he simply so biased that he refuses to acknowledge these true characteristics of a hero?

How would Gohs define a hero?

Who would be his example if not John McCain?

Would it be someone who graduated from law school and immedia v joined the political machine in Chicago?

Someone who toed the party line every day of his life, winked at orruption and maintained relationships with an unrepentant terrorist, a convicted felon and a radical, America bashi zealot?

Clearly, if Gohs fails to see heroism in what John McCain has done, it is unlikely he would honor our brave men and women who are serving our country in the various branches of the military and National Guard.

I'm betting their families would disagree.

Dick Crossland
Bay Harbor

LET'S CELEBRATE CHARLEVOIX

Editor:

I recently was in Traverse City on a Friday evening and would like to describe a great, inexpensive, weekly city gathering. It is a promotion for the city that is relatively simple and helpful to the tourism commerce for the city.

Traverse City calls it "Friday Night Live," and each summer Friday night, four blocks of Front Street, their downtown, is blocked from traffic or parking from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Each Friday has a theme (e.g.) 50s, kids, jazz, etc. (which are) loosely enforced, and the large gathering of smiling tourists, townspeople and kids wander up and down the pavement of Front Street.

There are some tented stalls along the curbs with face painting, portrait artists, sales from a few stores, the other stores are open, weekly entrepreneurs showing innovations like robots, pop corn, hot dogs, restaurants, the other restaurants are open, church groups, etcetera.

There are bands, singing groups, individual musicians and radio station broadcasting (which are) well spaced on the four blocks for sound not to interfere. There are street entertainers, gathering large happy crowds, such as unicyclists, school cheerleaders performing, karate school classes demonstrating, yo-yo champion, jugglers and even a powerful telescope is set up on the street to look at the stars.

An old Traverse City Fire truck takes delighted kids on a short ride, with whistles and bells blaring.

It was 50s Friday, so there were many old classic cars parked on the side streets.

Fun for all and a regular weekly gathering.

Different from our Venetian festivities because it is simpler, and more regular.

Different from the sidewalk sales and more enjoyable, because it's entertainment, not selling.

How about "Live from Charlevoix, It's Saturday Night"

Sometimes the wheel doesn't need to be re-invented; just painted a different color.

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

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The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters.

Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter.

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Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

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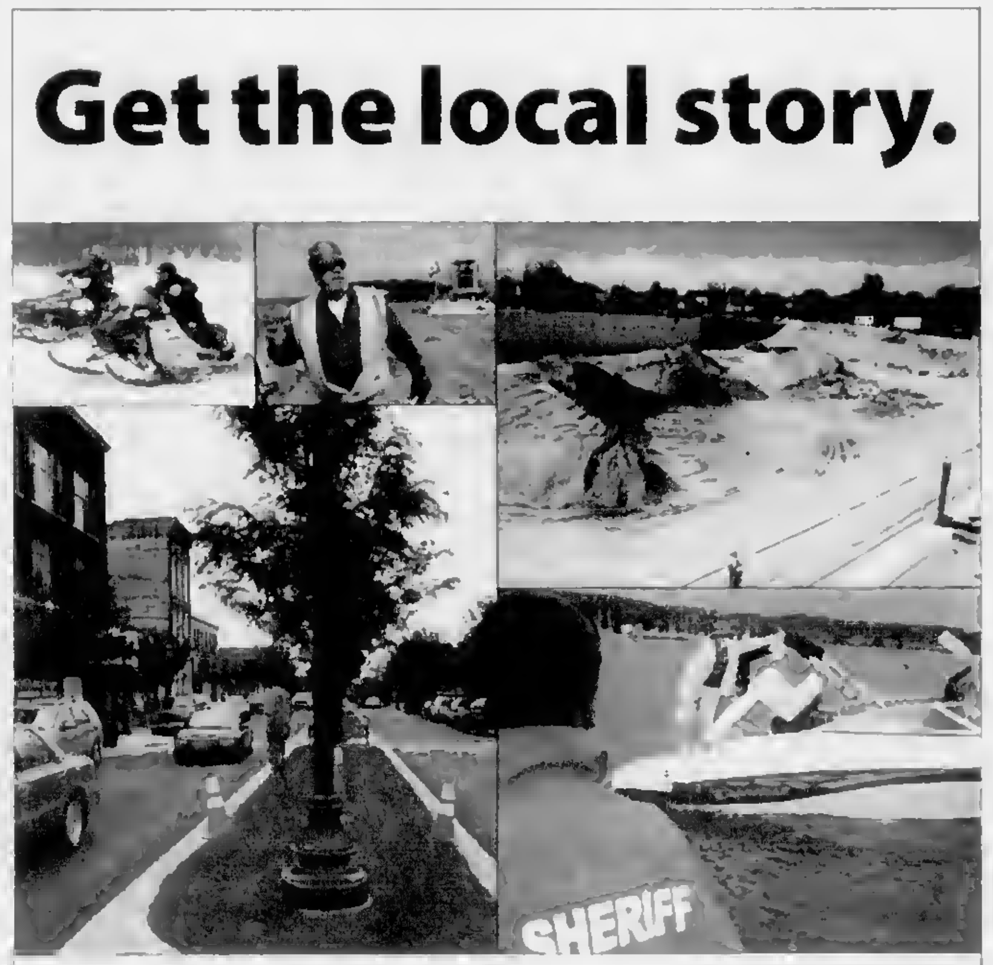

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder football: one loss, one win

CHARLEVOIX 54, MAPLE CITY GLEN LAKE 14

Senior wide receiver Jon Putman scored three touchdowns: one rushing, one receiving and one on a 30-yard fumble return, as the Rayders rolled to a non-league win Friday.

Both teams are 1-1 after the Rayders lost to St. Ignace in their season opener 22-43.

"The kids came in focused and took care of business," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said

"We've never played down here before and didn't know what to expect, but it was a great performance. The kids earned it."

Michael Heckendorn had a team-high 114 yards rushing and scored two TDs for Charlevoix, while Mike Kras and Josh Woletz each added rushing TDs.

Alex Foster had a touchdown reception from quarterback Clayton Mitchell, who finished with two TD passes.

"Our offensive line and defensive line did an outstanding job," Jess said in reference to Bill Ivan, Bill Foley, Jake Rankl, Drew Largent, Cody Loucks and Ian Gauthier.

Play Grayling at 7 p.m. at home on Friday, Sept. 12.

Charlevoix volleyball loss to T.C. Central

Traverse City Central defeated Charlevoix, 25-18, 25-11 Saturday in the championship match of the Leland Invitational.

"We keep improving every game," Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch said.

"Definitely playing against T.C. Central kind of showed our weakness, which is defense, but offensively we stuck right with them and competed with them. But they're a better passing team.

"The girls have been working hard, getting better every day. It was exciting for me to see."

The Rayders, 10-4-7, went undefeated in pool play, then topped Maple City Glen Lake, 25-18, 25-9, in a quarterfinal match; and Suttons Bay, 25-12, 22-25, 15-13, in a semifinal.

In pool play, Charlevoix downed Cheboygan, 21-12, 21-7; Northport, 21-19, 21-19; and Suttons Bay, 21-15, 15-21, 15-12.

Tammy Potter had 49 kills, 22 digs and nine blocks to lead the Rayders, while Shauna Spencley finished with 29 kills, 29 digs and 17 aces.

Also for the Rayders, Lauren Mielke had 10 kills, 26 digs; setter Jenna Way had 76 assists, eight kills, seven aces and 40 digs; Katie Mays added five kills; Bobby Molter had six aces; and Taylor Storm finished with 44 digs.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Mud runners

Cross country runners trek through tha mud during the 2008 Mud Run on the grounds of Charlevoix High School. Thia is tha only cross country event hoatad by Charlevoix during tha saason. The race was three miles long and atarted at 10 a.m.

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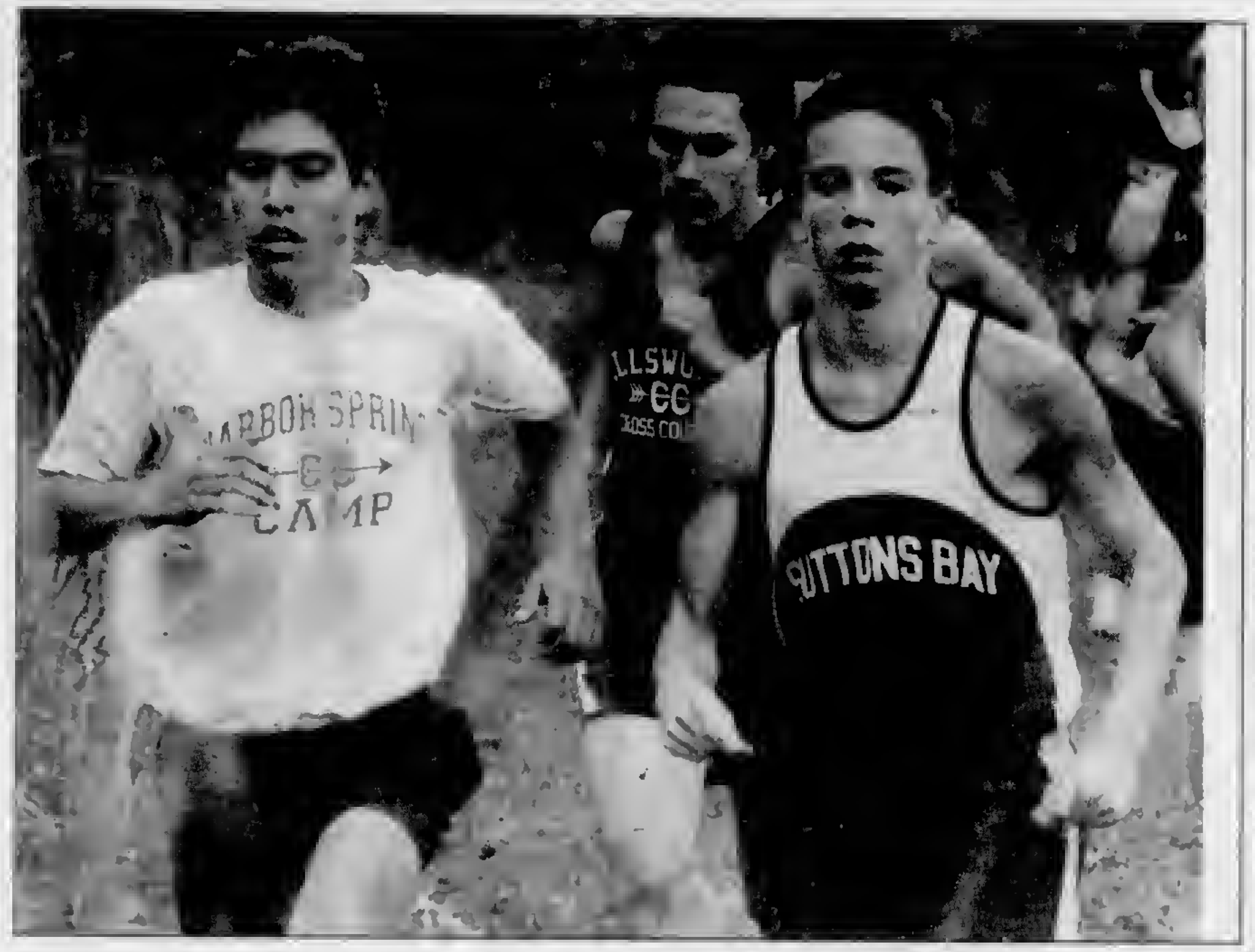

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Harbor Springs' Tec Adams (left) and Suttons Bay's Ben Wynsma (right) lead tha pack through the pond as Ellsworth's Ashton Fischer (middle) chases during the 16th annual Charlevoix Mud Run Classic Invitational on Saturday. Adams won the boys 11-12th grade race in 16 minutes, 28 seconds, while Fischer was second.

Harbor wins Charlevoix Mud Run title

A beautiful day for running produced one record, another near-record, and a big, big win for the Harbor Springs High School boys' cross country team.

Tecumseh Adams finished in 16 minutes, 28 seconds — just two seconds off the course record — to win the boys' 11-12 grade race Saturday in leading the Harbor Springs boys to a first-place finish in the 16th annual Charlevoix Classic Mud Run.

Cadillac finished second, followed by Petoskey and Charlevoix. Wolverine placed seventh, Ellsworth came in 12th, Inland Lakes was 21st, and East Jordan finished 23rd.

Dearborn Divine Child won the girls' event, followed by Cadillac, Petoskey, Gaylord and Harbor Springs. Charlevoix finished eighth, Ellsworth was 11th, East Jordan placed 18th, Inland Lakes was 19th, and Wolverine placed 22nd.

Twenty-six girls' teams and 24 boys' teams participated in the meet, records for both numbers of teams and runners.

Charlevoix's Eric Buday won the boys' 9-10 grade race in 18:44, while Michael Drake of Petoskey was second in 18:59. Michelle Kerr of Dearborn Divine Child won the girls' 9-10 race in 20:57.

Kaitlyn Patterson of Cadillac won the girls' 11-12 race in 19:22, eclipsing the mark set in 2007 by Gaylord's Sloan Secord, 20:09. Adams' time in the boys' 11-12 race was just two seconds behind the record set by Petoskey's Patrick Liederbach in 2006.

The top 10 runners in each of the four races earned a medal.

Ellsworth's Ashton Fisher placed second in the boys' 11-12 race, while Charlevoix's Alex Buday was third. Wolverine's Jeremy Egas and Luke Operhall placed fifth and seventh, respectively, while Harbor's Allen McCarty placed 10th.

Petoskey's Molly Touran finished second to Cadillac's Patterson in the girls' 11-12 race, while teammate Margaret Liederbach was seventh. Harbor Springs' Alivia Murphy placed eighth, and Petoskey's Tia Penfold was 10th.

"You see everyone in practice, but you don't know how it's going to play out in a meet," first-year Petoskey coach Katie Kolb said. "We had some surprises; we had some kids faster than I thought they were going to. That was good."

In the boys' 9-10 race, Charlevoix's Andrew Plude placed sixth, Ben Kloss of Harbor Springs was seventh, and Ellsworth's Jordan Muma was ninth.

Harbor Springs' Maddie Buntin placed eighth and was the lone area medalist in the girls' 9-10 race.

"It was a good day. Harbor looks tough," Charlevoix boys' coach and meet organizer Ken Plude said. "Getting the fourth place with a young group like (we have), ... we beat a couple of Class A schools which always makes it fun. Great day; just enjoyed the watching the kids."

Plude said the event's uniqueness was nearly lost because of what was a dry course as the sun rose on Saturday morning. But the Charlevoix and Marion Township fire departments came to the rescue, providing water to give the Mud Run what it absolutely needs — mud.

"They had four guys there at 6 o'clock in the morning and for 2 1/2 hours they were hauling water onto the course," he said. "That was a big thing. They came in and pretty much saved it. Without that, the kids wouldn't have gotten dirty."

Top five finishes per team in the 16th annual Charlevoix Classic Mud Run.

Note: * — denotes the runner's finish in the 9th-10th grade race. All other runners are listed with their placing in the 11th-12th grade race.

Boys

Harbor Springs: 1-Tecumseh Adams, 16:28; 10-Allen McCarty, 17:56; 16-Jacob Brushaber, 18:15; 28-Mike Sydow, 19:18; 7-*Ben Kloss, 19:20.

Petoskey: 11-Nathaniel Ismond, 18:01; 15-Brian Kenny, 18:14; 19-Robbie Pemberton, 19:42; 2-*Michael Drake, 18:59; 32-Dylan Fettig, 19:28.

Charlevoix: 3-Alex Buday, 17:04; 1-*Eric Buday, 18:44; 6-*Andrew Plude, 19:17; 36-Neil Salisbury, 19:32; 11-*Vinny VonLan, 19:35.

Wolverine: 5-Jeremy Egas, 17:23; 7-Luke Operhall, 17:35; 35-Tim Ward, 19:31; 42-Eric Purgiel, 20:08; 75-Charlie Ogden, 21:47.

Ellsworth: 2-Ashton Fisher, 17:03; 9-*Jordan Muma, 19:22; 34-*Dalton Swenson, 21:01; 67-Tyler Ingalls, 21:24; 88-Nick Cook, 22:12.

Inland Lakes: 79-Austin Swadling, 21:54; 91-Kyle Ortiz, 22:23; 99-Blaine Dailey, 23:02; 109-Brent Vizina, 23:54.

East Jordan: 59-*Josh Rathbun, 22:46; 81-*Rob Nemecek, 24:15.

Girls

Petoskey: 2-Molly Touran, 20:39; 7-Margaret Liederbach, 21:25; 10-Tia Penfold, 21:48; 11-Kat Cartwright, 21:49; 14-Alex Taylor, 22:45.

Harbor Springs: 8-Alivia Murphy, 21:46; 8-*Maddie Buntin, 22:22; 14-*Kendal McCarthy, 23:02; 16-Caitlin Reeves, 23:21; 16-*Katie Hoffman, 23:13.

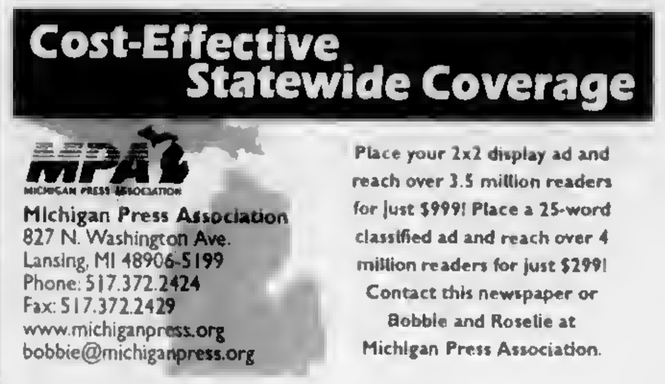
Charlevoix: 24-KC McCary, 24:05; 30-Katie Withrow, 24:24; 34-Ellise Smolenyak, 24:30; 37-*Stirling Witthoeft, 24:38; 38-*Molly Jeakle, 24:39.

Ellsworth: 13-*Taylor Hartley, 23:01; 26-*Lindsey Fisher, 23:51; 26-Emily Piellusch, 24:10; 53-Jalyn Ingalls, 25:47; 73-*Norma Oviedo, 26:31.

East Jordan: 18-*Brady Brennan, 24:58; 72-*Liz Hofweber, 26:30; 90-*Kim Sewell, 28:12; 100-*Ellie Hague, 29:46; 107-*Elissa Weerstra, 31:48.

Inland Lakes: 23-Amanda Monthei, 23:57; 80-Becca Rotter, 27:32; 85-Jackie Hulderman, 28:18; 110-Carolina Tobet, 34:08; 114-Casey Ronck, 37:29.

Wolverine: 39-Ajae Whittaker, 24:50; 56-Heather Egas, 25:56; 68-*Jordon LaMothe, 26:15.



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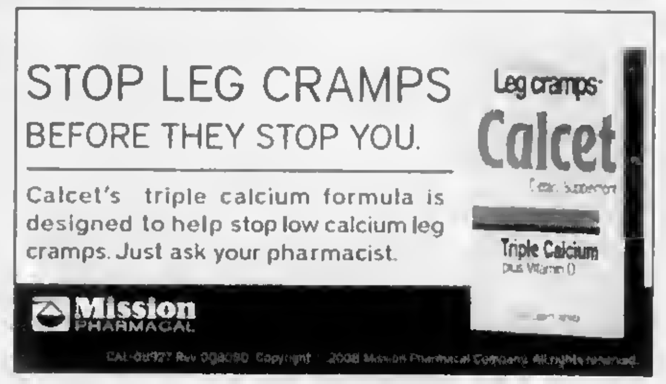

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The Globalization of Food
Alan Deardorff, Ph.D., professor of economics and public policy, University of Michigan, will offer an overview of the way food is bought, sold and transported throughout the world.

Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, September 26, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Food-Fuel Connection
William Knudson, Ph.D., visiting professor of applied economic analysis, Michigan State University, will analyze the increasingly complex relationships between food and the fuels that are used to plant, fertilize, transport and preserve our world's food supplies. The economics of using food for fuel will also be explored.

Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, October 10, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

Farming For Our Future
Toril Fisher, executive director of Farming For Our Future at Pond Hill. Her organization seeks to help people understand where their food comes from, how it is grown and how their food choices affect not only their personal health but the health of their community and the planet.

Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, November 7, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Future of Our Oceans
Céline Cousteau, international project coordinator of the Ocean Futures Society, daughter of ocean explorer and filmmaker Jean-Michel Cousteau and granddaughter of the legendary Jacques Cousteau. She is a respected symbol for a new generation that understands their responsibility to protect the natural world. She recently worked on a documentary for the Discovery Channel on the many shark species of the Great Barrier Reef. *Co-sponsored by the Petoskey News-Review.*

Wednesday, October 15, 7:30p.m., North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center

Michigan's Climate
Jeffrey Andresen, Ph.D., assistant professor of geography, Michigan State University and state climatologist for Michigan. The state climatologist is considered the expert in weather and climate information for the state and is the primary contact for in-depth interpretation of state-level climate information.

Also participating in the Thursday night program will be Jim Keysor and Dave Lawrence of the National Weather Service office in Gaylord to discuss the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS).

Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, October 17, noon, North Central Michigan College

Winter Energy Outlook
Steven Trenseth, one of three commissioners appointed by the governor to head the Michigan Public Service Commission. The MPSC sets utility rates in Michigan. He will review the Commission's appraisal of the expected supply, demand and cost for electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and fuel oil for the coming winter.

Friday, October 24, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Science of Food Processing, Packaging and Storage
Philip E. Nelson, Ph.D., winner of the 2007 World Food Prize, explains how the innovations he and his colleagues developed transformed the vegetable and fruit packing industry so that massive amounts of vegetable and fruit products can be stored and shipped around the world without refrigeration and without spoilage for long periods of time.

Friday, December 12, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

All programs at the Charlevoix Public Library are free.
The presentation by Céline Cousteau at NCMC is free.

Programs held at noon at North Central Michigan College Library cost $9 and include lunch.
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Celebrating 50 Community Commitment

Beaver Island Games

Beaver Island will host Celtic strongmen with games beginning at 10 a.m., Sept. 13 at Beaver Island's Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park.

Refreshments will be available for this free event which will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. For more information about the games and transportation and lodging on Beaver Island see the Chamber of Commerce web site www.beaverisland.org or call (231) 448-2505.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

End of summer

Kelly Wood's sixth grade class gets acquainted with their new teacher and the customs of the classroom on their first day back from summer vacation, Wednesday, Sept. 3.

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First day of school

Phoebe Gohs' Northwest Academy kindergarten through second grade students are seen here on the first day of school drawing pictures of what they did over summer vacation.

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Cherry Capital aqcuires Cvx. Wireless

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Cherry Capital Connection recently acquired Charlevoix Wireless, narrowly ensuring hundreds customers will retain their service.

Cherry Capital's general manager Tim Maylone said his company's expansion will mean a larger coverage area and more services.

"In the Charlevoix area itself there were 300 customers that were going to be out of Internet service

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Cherry Capital Connection has been in business for seven years and services more than 5,000 customers throughout the region with on-demand mobile Wi-Fi, Internet phone service and fixed point high speed Internet access.

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With Cherry Capital's Wi-Fi on-demand, customers can buy a pass for one day, three days, seven days and up to 14 days with a valid credit card in as little as 60 to 90 seconds.

Cherry Capital's system works by placing a Wi-Fi transmitter at participating locations around a city or township. The more transmitters or "hot spots" there are the wider the coverage area will be.

"When we get done, we're hoping to have six access points in the downtown region," Maylone said.

"By the spring of next year, anywhere in the downtown region, people should be able to pick up the signal."

Aside from the on-demand internet, Cherry Capital Connection offers home service.

"A typical installation charge runs right around $400, but the service is about $38 per month for a typical residential installation," Maylone said. "Our disadvantage is the installation price, but over two years it tends to even out because of the low monthly charge."

The internet phone service costs approximately $30 per month.

The costs are higher, Maylone said, because Cherry Capital does not receive the type of government assistance as some larger communications companies do.

"We have to pay for everything ourselves," he said. "We just plug away with private funding and continue building a network for consumers based on demand."

Cherry Capital Connection is currently seeking installers. Anyone interested in applying for a position should call Roger Salais at (231) 264-9970.

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Snapshot sessions

"Snap Shot Sessions" offered at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. The classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St. The line-up includes medical professionals and experts in their field on a variety of topics. In addition to the weekly snap shot sessions, there will be an 11-week course on "Daniel," a video course by Beth Moore, led by Jim and Sandy Malewitz.

Also a six week course in "Conversational Spanish", designed especially for travelers, will be led by Kathy Martinchek. There is no charge for the classes which begin at 6:30 pm, but there is a dinner at 5:45 to which all are invited.

A donation of $5 per person or $17 per family would be appreciated for the dinner.

The topics to be covered are:

Sept. 10 - "To Sleep or Not to Sleep" - Dr. Craig Boss M.D. Sleep Disorder Specialist.

Sept. 17 - "Nutritional Health" - Nutritionist Terry D'Angelo.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –August 27, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. at the Evangeline Townshi Hall. All Commissioners were present.

- Minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-067, Project Authorization Transit Section 5309 Statewide Grant end authorized Chairman Christensen to execute the same.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-068, Project Authonzation Transit Section 5309 Eermerks Grant and authorized Chairman Christensen to execute the same.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-069, Amend Sheriff's Budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-070, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement and authorized Chairman Christensen to execute the same.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-071, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement and authonzed Chairman Christensen to execute the same.
- Motion epproved Resolution #08-072, Amend Rules of Procedures of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Adopted 5/23/07, effective immediately and the Clerk to emend the Board Rules.
- Motion adjourned the meeting et 8:25 p.m.

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Pictured left to right: Jennifer Griggs, Tami Bier, Erin Bemis, Ray Bier, Sue Antoine

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Pictured left to right: Dale Seeley, Tammy & Edward Sumner

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Chamber Golf Outing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing held at the Belvedere Golf Course on August 26th.

Pictured left to right: Travis Groat, Zane Carter, Sam Supernaw Jr., Chris Turkelson

1st Place: Bruce Beaudoin, Ken Frantom, Marty Joy, Mike Rygwelski
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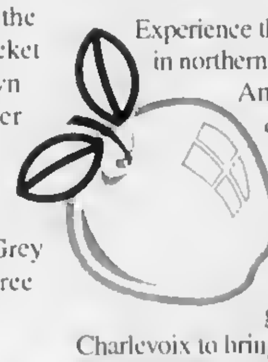

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Sep 13	3rd Annual Bids for Blooms	547-6498
Sep 16	Char-Em United Way 5th Annual Day of Caring	487-1006
Sep 17-20	Bergmann Center's Annual Garage Sale	547-2979
Sep 27	Friske's Fall Harvest Festival	599-2604
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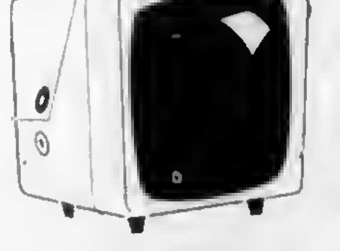

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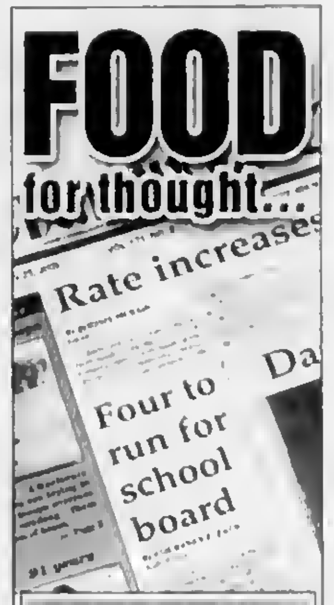

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011271-DE

Estate of Robert S Gibson, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 02/21/1945

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert S. Gibson, who lived at 815 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan died on August 4, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara J. Gibson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: September 5, 2008.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Edmond G Egan and Mary R Egan, Husband and Wife to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007 and recorded February 28, 2007 in Liber 792 Page 562 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Five Cents ($76,151.05) including interest 8.821% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on October 10, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 15, Nicholls Second Addition to the Village (now city) of South Lake (now incorporated in the city of East Jordan), Michigan Commonly known as 207 Garfield, East Jordan MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Household Finance Corporation III Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-97711
ASAP# 2874709
(L-09/10/2008, 09/17/2008, 09/24/2008, 10/01/2008)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Betresha A Matheny, Robert J Matheny and Caroline Matheny ("Mortgagors") to Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, having its principal office at 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan ("Mortgagee"), which mortgage was executed by Betresha A. Matheny, Robert J. Matheny and Caroline Matheny, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants with full rights of survivorship in favor of Charlevoix State Bank, dated November 30, 2000 and recorded December 5, 2000 in the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan in Liber 402 at Page 591, and re-recorded January 11, 2001 in Liber 404, page 989, securing the original principal amount of $45,600.00. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents ($44,329.60), said interest accruing at the rate of 9.5% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest, as provided in said Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to the highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on September 19, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Commencing 660 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence North 40 rods for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West 142 feet; thence South to the center of creek; thence Southeasterly following center of creek bed to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 18, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation.

Prepared by and for more information, please call:

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Attorneys for Mortgagee:
Jelinek, Bila and Snabes, PLLC
Dennis W. Bile fl (P39975)
321 Spring Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231)838-5678
(L-08/20, 08/27, 09/03, 09/10)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 08-011229-DE

In the matter of Donald J. Kidder.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including but not limited to: Dan Richards and Bob Richards (sons of Robert Harrison Richards), or their heirs if deceased, whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: To consider Personal Representative Michael A. Bennett's Petition to establish a price and list the estate's real properties at 109 Mary Street and 803 Prospect Street, East Jordan, Michigan for sale.

DATED: September 4, 2008

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

Michael A. Bennett
05272 Carson Road
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-2449
(L-09/10)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

Official Notice

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP
Notice of Public Hearing

To Consider Granting of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to MDC Contracting LLC.

Pursuant to Sections 5(1) and 8 of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Act, a public hearing is scheduled to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application requested by Manthei Development Corp 05418 US 31 S Charlevoix, Michigan.

The proposed exemption certificate is for real and personal property investment.

The public hearing and Township Board consideration of this application will be Monday, September 15. 7:00 pm, at the Norwood Township Hall, 19759 Lake St., Charlevoix, Michigan

The Township Clerk notified in writing the assessor of this assessing unit and the legislative body of each taxing unit that levies ad valorem property taxes in which the facility is located

All affected parties are invited to attend this public hearing and will be afforded an opportunity to speak

Michelle Cyr
Township Clerk
(L-09-10)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011268-DE

Estate of Patty Sue Muma, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 12/10/1941

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

On August 15, 2008 the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Patty Sue Muma, who lived at 14990 Park Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died on September 30, 2007.

Creditors and interested persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to Gerald L. Muma, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9. Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: September 2, 2008.

Travis J. Groat (P66010)
1404 Bridge Street, Ste. 101
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-1111

Gerald L. Muma,
Personal Representative
14990 Park Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4000 w.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
Case No. 07-861-21-CH
Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

MCANDREW J. GREENE,
Plaintiff/Counter-Counter-Defendant,
v
HOWARD J. DEMOREST and HOWARD J. DEMOREST as Trustee of the HOWARD J. DEMOREST TRUST, Counter-Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs,
and
ROGER W. CARLISLE and/or his heirs, and ANNA E.J CARLISLE and/or her heirs,
Counter-Defendants.

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AMENDED ORDER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION AND TO ANSWER PENDING COMPLAINT/COUNTER-CLAIMS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the living descendants of Roger W. Carlisle and/or Anna E.J. Carlisle which are unknown Defendants to the pending litigation, shall be given notice of this pending action determining ownership of real property located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, specifically abutting the southeast shore of Lake Genesereth by the following methods:

A. Publishing a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Charlevoix County, State of Michigan and Grant County, State of Indiana where one or both of Roger W. Carlisle and Anna E.J. Carlisle resided during their life before their death.

B. By sending a copy of this Order to Laura M. Rogers who is allegedly one of the siblings of Roger W. Carlisle and Anne E.J. Carlisle at her last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication addressed above.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that publication shall occur through a newspaper as described in MCR 2.106(F) and that proper proof of service concerning publication must be proved by affidavit of the publisher or the publisher's agent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the descendants of Roger W Carlisle and/or Anna E.J. Carlisle shall have 28 days beginning the last day a copy of this Order is published pursuant to the terms stated above in order to prevent a Default and/or Default Judgment from being entered against them which will stop them from claiming any interest in the real property at issue in this case located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan which lies between the eastern shoreline of Lake Genesereth and the western boundary lines of Lots 36 and 33 of the Cable Bay Subdivision.

Date: August 14, 2008

Honorable Richard M. Pajtas
(P18594)
Circuit Court Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011246-DE

Estate of Norman H. Brumm, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 09/30/1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Norman H. Brumm, who lived at 6462 Old US 31 South, Charlevoix, Michigan died on February 29, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joel N. Brumm, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: September 10, 2008.

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Oktoberfest comes to Charlevoix

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kite), which means unity through celebration.

The idea for the festival stems from similar celebrations in Germany.

According to Mick, the original Oktoberfest began 175 years ago in what is now called Munich

"As in Charlevoix, Munich had their local traditions and celebrities, one of which was the Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria. On the occasion of Ludwig's marriage to Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen, the locals organized a horse race on the grounds of Theresienwiese," he stated in a press release.

"It wasn't (long) after this the founding fathers of Munich realized that this was a good excuse to host a city-wide party and d'Wiesn, shortened version of Theresienwiese, was born."

The event eventually became known as Oktoberfest.

Aside from family activities and a variety of refreshments, there will be various not-for-profit civic groups raising funds for everything from the Charlevoix High School athletic department to local food pantries

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with a wide variety of live music with at least a half-dozen bands performing everything from blues and jazz to traditional sounds of Oktoberfest.

The Randall's said the event could still use some sponsors and volunteers Anyone who would like to help should call Keffi Kwapisz, Oktoberfest administrator at (231) 675-5005.

The deadline to enter your dachshund in the race is Sept. 19, but they will accept last-minute entries the day of the event.

Only dachshunds racing that day will be allowed in the park

The Beaver Island Boat Company will be offering two-hour color tours down the south arm of the lake for $25 in advance and $35 the day of the event

Cost for the Oktoberfest kids' day events is a nonperishable food item.

For more information check out the Oktoberfest Web site at http://charlevoixoktoberfest.com/

Benjamin Gohs can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

Healthy herd critical to Mich. economy

DEER

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cern." The release also stated that dear hunting annually generates more than $500 million and that a healthy deer herd is critical to the state's economy.

"The proximity of Chronic Wasting Disease to Charlevoix County is to be determined," said Tim Rice, Wildlife Supervisor of the Gaylord DNR office.

"That facility (in Kent County) has sold product to other facilities. Once we find out where they've sold to, then we can determine how this affects those areas."

According to Rice, the disease cannot hurt a human upon consumption of one of these deer. "As far as we know, there isn't any evidence that it can be transferred to other species," Rice said "We've done some testing to determine that it hasn't spilled over into the free-ranging deer population," said Rice "If it has, then it's a pretty serious issue."

A.J. Hoffman can be reached by e-mail at ajhoffman@charlevoixcourier.com.

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding All Council members were present

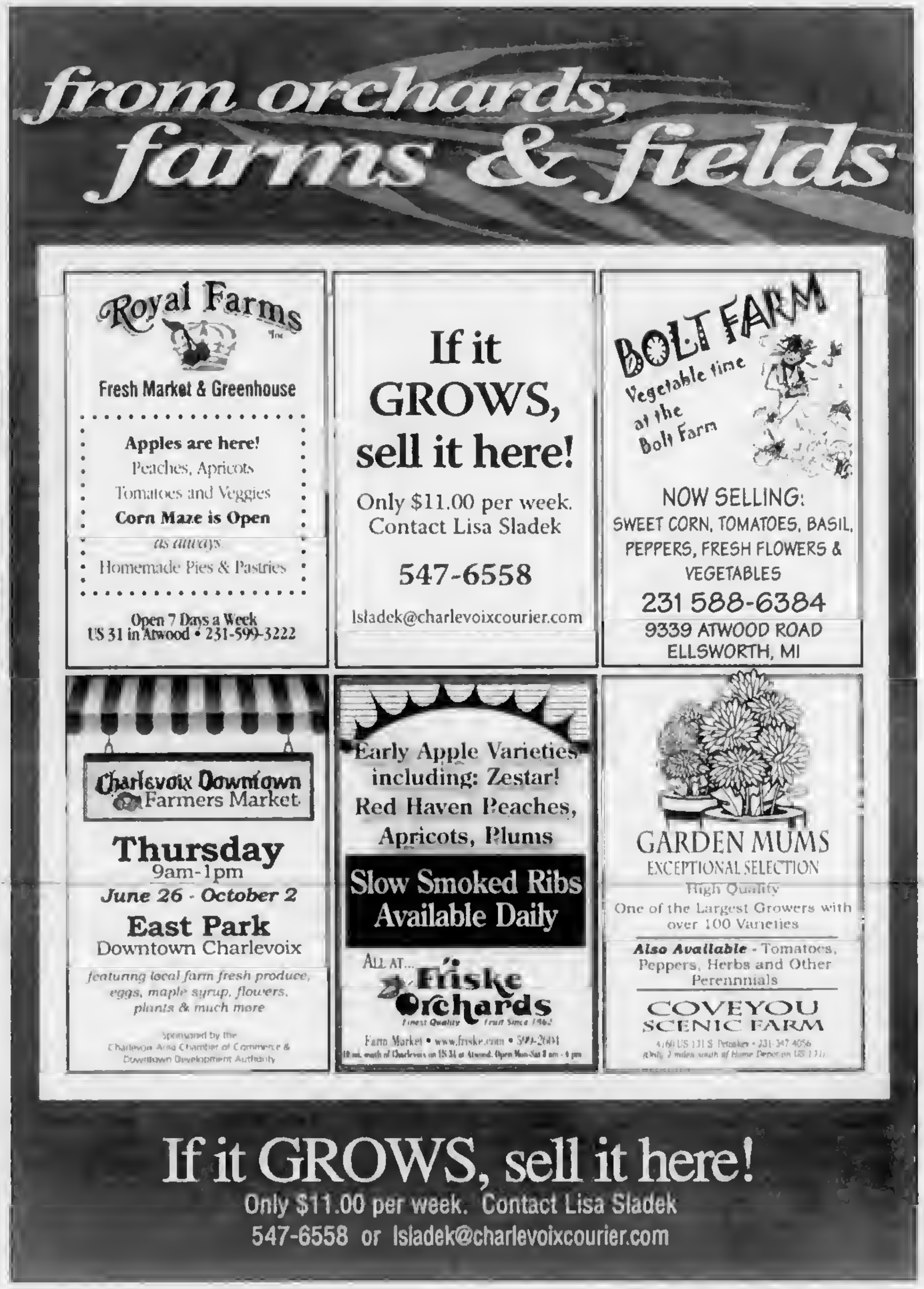
The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving a contract with Irish Boat Shop for use of the Ferry Beach Boat Launch.
- Motion passed accepted the 2007-08 Financial Audit as presented.
- Council received and update and discussed the status of fundraising for the groomer.
- Motion passed approving the Waterfront Redevelopment Grant for the East Park Site Furnishings
- Motion passed approving a settlement with Fire Chief Paul Ivan for accrued compensatory time.
- Motion passed appointing Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr as delegate and City Manager Rob Straebel as alternate to the MML Annual Convention

Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor



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Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park is open from noon until dusk, weather permitting, on weekends.

Charlevoix Area Community pool fall programs

Mail completed registration to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 US 31 North, Charlevoix 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754. Brochures are available at the pool, or you can check out the programs online at www.charpool.org.

New This Fall: Aqua Aerobics evening class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday night open swim with the tanker; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. an expanded Thursday night Women's Recreational Swim.

Call the pool at 547-0982 for additional information on fall programs.

Weekly at library

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.

Saturday Night Alive

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

SEPT. 10

Eagle release

Another bald eagle will be released into the wild from St. Marys Cement's grounds at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 10. Public is invited.

SEPT. 11

Patriot Day

At 9 a.m., Sept. 11 at Veterans Park in Charlevoix, there will be a brief observation of the day which will include greetings by American Legion/VFW commanders, an invocation by Rev. Jim Green, comments about Patriots Day, the dedication of Charlevoix Veterans Memorial, laying of a wreath, a firing party and concluding with taps.

Investment advice

At 1 p.m., Sept. 11, at Charlevoix Public Library there will be a personal investment discussion group focused on learning and making informed investment decisions. This first session will focus on discussion topics for the upcoming months.

SEPT. 12

From 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the library, grades five through seven can join in Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution for Gamemoons.

SEPT. 13

Bids for Blooms

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful will host a silent auction with music, cocktails, hors d' oeuvres and dessert from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Belvedere Club Casino. Cost to attend this fundraiser is $25 per person. Live music for dancing provided by Yankee Station. Call 547-2101 for more information.

Family movie

The original Willy Wonka movie will be shown at 3:30 at the library. Popcorn will be served.

Angel Food

September orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 13 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Pine River apartments for residents only. Distribution will be at approximately 10 a.m. on Sept. 27 at the Church. For further information, please call Bob and Edna Fales, at 547-9346 or (810) 304-0375.

SEPT. 16

Genealogy of a house

At 7 p.m., at the library, Mark Harvey, state archivist from the archives of Michigan will be talking about architectural styles and how to research historic structures by asking the right questions.

SEPT. 20

Groomer fundraiser

A fundraiser with music by Charlie's Root Fusion and refreshments will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 20 at Mt. McSauba to help raise funds for a new groomer.

SEPT. 21

BI senior picnic

The 4th Annual Beaver Island Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008, from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. The Picnic will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3.00 for seniors 60 years and older, and $6.00 for persons under 60 years of age. Tickets are "first come, first served" and may be purchased by calling Jean Palmer at 231-448-2915.

The menu is barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit and cookie with assorted beverages. Good food, fun, music and lots of chances for door prizes. Come join us for the celebration of our seniors. Call 237-0103 for more information.

SEPT. 25

Blood drive

From noon to 5:45 p.m., Sept. 25 at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street, there will be a blood drive.

Call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or drop in. Bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D

SEPT. 27

Northern Lights Celebration

St. Mary School will host "An evening with the stars" from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 27, at the school. There will be a live and silent auction, raffle, door prizes, open bar, dinner at 7:30 p.m.. Cost is $100 per person, RSVP by Sept. 13. Proceeds of this fundraiser benefit St. Mary School.

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

- Sept. 7 - Rally Day and first day of Sunday school, no regular youth group, breakfast potluck in the morning.
- Sept. 14 – Middle and high school youth groups are going to the Ropes Course at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha. Meet at 1 p.m. at the church. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 7.

Call Justin Thomas at (517) 331-2665, Pastor Neil Wilson at 547-9122 or Dave Ulrich at 547-7648 for more information on this free trip.

- Sept. 21 – Middle and High School will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Michigan beach (depending on weather); bring lawn chairs.
- Sept. 27 – CROP walk
- Oct. 5 – Middle and high school will be meeting at 6 p.m. Talking about the Tower of Babel; Plan to get your hands messy.
- Oct. 12 – Middle and high school will be putting on a chili dinner following the 11 a.m. service.

This fundraiser will fund upcoming youth activities, events and snacks.

Arrive at 10 a.m. to help cook, serve and clean.

- Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.
- Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.
- Oct. 29 – All church Halloween party

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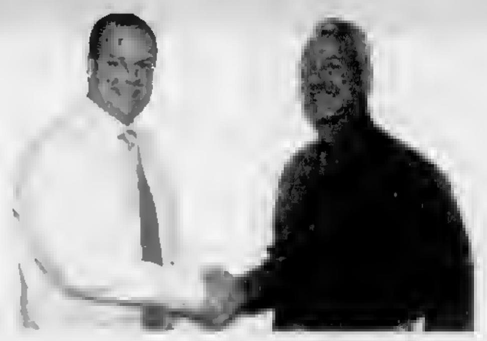

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Remembering 9/11

Veterans John Witherspoon (left), and Joe Seidel are seen standing next to the newly unveiled memorial in Veterans Park in downtown Charlevoix this past Sept. 11. The plaque on the more than six-feet high stone monument contains dozens of names of are soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Hero brings boy back to life

Courtesy photo

Wesley Loper (left) with the Larry Gardner Jr., the man who saved tha 7-year-old's life.

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Teresa Loper got quite a scare when she was paged at 4:30 p.m. last Saturday in the grocery store.

She was told nothing else except that her 8-year-old son Wesley was in the hospital. With her two older sons, Tyler and Quinten, at her side, she rushed to the hospital wondering what was wrong with her son.

"I didn't know anything until we got to the hospital," said Teresa. "He was hooked up to an oxygen machine, because his oxygen was low. He kept going in and out of consciousness, but they said that was normal."

Wesley and his 7-year-old sister Emily were swimming at the pool at Charlevoix Estates when Wes nearly drowned. Emily was swimming laps in the deep end, and since Wes wasn't a very strong swimmer, he decided

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Tall ship project officially underway

BY A.J. HOFFMAN

The Challenge project is officially underway.

Seaports Great Lakes, the nonprofit sponsor of the Charlevoix Challenge tall ship project, formed its board membership and announced that they received an anonymous $30,000 donation to begin fundraising.

"I think its really a wonderful opportunity for the community," said Dave Smith, a consultant on the project. "We're going to get a lot of folks involved with the history of the area and it should produce an upturn of tourism."

Smith said the project should produce the largest wooden sailing vessel in the United States. The overall length is going to be between 140 and 145 feet long. The main mast will be somewhere between 90 and 100 feet.

Gary Stutzman, another consultant on the Tall Ship Project, said that two temporary buildings will be constructed on the site, which is adjacent to the DNR building in the grassy area.

"The purpose of the two buildings is to allow people to come and watch in the construction of the Challenge, and possibly participate (in the construction) if they want to," said Stutzman. "We also want to make sure there are ramps that are handicap accessible for the buildings as well."

"People will actually be able to build a trunnel if they want and become members of the Challenge," said

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Boy, you're gonna carry that weight

Dale Gehman, of Gaylord, throws a 56-pound weight with one arm for distance at the Fourth Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games, Saturday, on Beaver Island. Eight athletes from across Michigan took part in tha event, which also featured music and dancing from tha Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums.

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DISTRICT COURT

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Shawn David Willis, 34, Boyne City. Failure to verify sex offender. Pay $300 in fines and costs.

Kelli Jean-Fisher O'Grady, 22, Chehoygan Open container in a moving vehicle. Pay $300 in fines and costs.

Susan Elizabeth Giem, 27, Boyne City. Check of insufficient funds of under $100. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Anthony John Smith, 29, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Credit for three days in jail with 76 days in abeyance and 14 days to serve; Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Benjamin David Knapp, 20, Charlevoix. Controlled substance possession of marijuana. Serve 30 days in jail; Pay $500 in fines and costs.

Richard Henry Towns Jr., 25, Boyne City. Controlled substance possession of a narcotic/cocaine under 25 grams. Credit for 14 days in jail and to serve 16 days; Pay $400 in fines and costs.

Laurie Elizabeth Ford, 27, Boyne City. Operating with suspended/revoked/denied license. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Creative Imaging & Computer Services, 701 Division, East Jordan, by Rebecca L. Bourdo

Indigo Arte, 100 Terrace, Charlevoix, by Alexis Antinossi

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steven Kurt Shaler, 52, and Jill Alyne Wright, 51, both of Charlevoix

Ryan Ray Fiel, 27, and Sonia Marie Hentkowski, 26, both of Boyne City

George C. Wierenga, 71, and Jean Palmer, 71, both of Beaver Island

Anthony Eugene Shearer, 26, and Tonya Marie McFalls, 23, both of Charlevoix

Jason John Pickens, 28, and Shannon Marie Moran, 29, both of Medina, Ohio

Mark Damian Schmidt, 46, and Jessica May Brachel, 19, both of Charlevoix

Nathen Ryan Reynolds, 22, and Emily Ann Korthase, 23, both of Boyne City

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The Weekly Briefs

A collection of governmental decrees, notices, police reports and other briefs of interest. To have your brief included in Charlevoix Courier, send your event/group name and time, date, place, in that order, that the event will occur via e-mail to news@charlevoixcourier.com. You may also mail to P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, Mich. or drop your item off in person, but e-mail is the preferred method of delivery.

• Michigan Scientific Employees Donate to United Way.

Michigan Scientific Corporation recently devised a win-win-win way to contribute to United Way. The Milford-based designer and manufacturer of automotive testing products offered to provide each of the 36 employees in its Charlevoix plant a pair of work shoes, if the employees contributed 25 percent of the cost to United Way. This effort netted $1,001 for United Way, safe shoes for the employees, and a big thanks to Michigan Scientific.

• 2009 Parenting Awareness Month Poster Contest

We invite you to participate in the 2009 Parenting Awareness Month (PAM) Poster Contest. The winning entry will be made into the PAM Poster and matching bookmark for statewide distribution in 2009. Poster art work should reflect the theme "Parenting is for a Lifetime". The contest is open to Michigan residents elementary age through adult. The grand prize winner will receive $100. Entries must be received no later than Oct. 3.

Contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at 582-6232 or the Emmet County MSU Extension office at 348-1770 for contest rules and guidelines and an entry form.

Law enforcement

• S.A.N.E. busts

SANE has seized 1,085 marijuana plants since Aug. 21, 2008 during the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). The street value of the marijuana is $1,085,000.

The plants were seized from 13 plots in Charlevoix, Chehoygan, Luce, Mackinac and Otsego counties. SANE also seized processed marijuana, firearms, vehicles, drug paraphernalia and other evidence during these investigations. Arrest warrants will be sought.

SANE was assisted by the National Guard, and police officers in Charlevoix, Chehoygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac and Otsego counties. SANE receives information on marijuana plants from tips and investigations. The plants are found by searches in the air and on ground.

Those wanting to report marijuana plants or other drug activity are encouraged to call SANE at (800) 621-8651.

For details, contact D/Lt. Kenneth Mills, Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Cellular Telephone (231)420-9993 or Office Telephone (800) 621-8651

• Flag Pole Theft

An old flag pole was removed from the Sheriff's main office to the Boyne Falls Sheriff's sub-station, was to be used there and has been taken without approval or stolen from the rear of the Sheriff's Boyne Falls Sub Station building. This aluminum flag pole was to be donated to the Boyne Valley Catholic Community for the St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls. The Sheriff is offering a reward of $200 for information leading to locating the flag pole. Citizens with information may contact the Sheriff at 547-4461 or O.I.C. of the Boyne Falls Substation, Deputy Sheriff Fred Hasty.

• Capsized Vessel on Beaver Island

On Aug. 12 at 7:48 p.m., the Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an overturned vessel on Lake Michigan, about one mile off the

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Weather

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'Thank-you for saving my son's life'

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Seen here is the fenced in pool where 8-year-old Wesley Loper recently drowned and was revived by a local man.

HERO

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to meet up with her by walking along the edges in the pool.

"My feet started slipping and I started going under," Wes said. "I was trying to get back to the top, but my feet kept slipping."

Dana Haney was supervising five children that day, including Emily and Wes. She said she was in the pool but was turned away from the children for a matter of moments.

"I just want people to know that this can happen in a second," Teresa said.

Haney turned back from a conversation with friends to ask the other kids where Wesley was.

"It's his turn with the goggles," the children had told Haney.

Haney said she looked down and Wesley appeared to be swimming along the bottom.

"I reached for him and he wasn't responding, so I pulled him up to the surface and got him to the edge of the pool," she said. "I called for Larry to help me get him out of the pool and he rushed over and pulled him out."

Signs posted at the pool warn that no lifeguard is on duty.

Larry Gardner Jr. immediately laid the boy down and performed CPR on him. By the time Haney got out of the pool, she said Gardner had revived the boy.

"Wes threw up two or three times as we put him on his side," Haney said. "It was all a blur. He was revived almost immediately."

Gardner, a father of three children of similar ages, was just passing through the estates when he stopped to visit with some friends at the pool that day

"I was just at the right place at the right time," he said. "When we pulled him out, his goggles were filled with water and his lips were blue."

Gardner added, "The first thing I did was check for a heartbeat, and I couldn't find one, but I may not have even been checking in the right place. I don't know, I was kind of in panic mode."

Gardner learned CPR in high school and he took a refresher course when his kids were born.

"It's something you never think you'll need," Gardner said.

Wesley's father Barry said he was scared to death when he got the call.

"I was sleeping at the time and my fiancee woke me up and just said, 'come on, we've got to go,' and she just filled me in on the car ride to the hospital," he said. "I really didn't know what to think."

Barry met Gardner in the waiting room of the hospital and he just shook his hand and gave him a big hug.

"I just said, 'thank you for saving my son's life,'" Barry said.

Teresa said she does not fault anyone for the incident.

"If she wasn't there, Wes probably would have drowned," Teresa said.

"I don't blame Dana for anything.

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In response to reports of contaminated milk-based infant formula manufactured in China, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today is issuing a Health Information Advisory to assure the American public that there is no known threat of contamination in infant formula manufactured by companies that have met the requirements to sell infant formula in the United States.

Although no Chinese manufacturers of infant formula have fulfilled the requirements to sell infant formula in the United States, FDA officials are investigating whether or not infant formula manufactured in China is being sold in specialty markets which serve the Asian community.

The FDA is advising caregivers not to feed infant formula manufactured in China to infants. This should be replaced with an appropriate infant formula manufactured in the United States as mentioned below. Individuals should contact their health care professional if they have questions regarding their infant's health or if they note changes in their infant's health status.

The following manufacturers have met the necessary FDA requirements for marketing milk-based infant formulas in the United States: Abbott Nutritionals, Mead Johnson Nutritionals, Nestle USA, PBM Nutritionals, and Solus Products LLC.

Also, one manufacturer, SHS/Nutricia, Liverpool, England, markets an amino acid based exempt infant formula that does not contain any milk-derived ingredients. We are asking state officials to work with the Agency to assist with the removal of any Chinese infant formula found on store shelves, and to warn members of the Asian community to avoid using Chinese manufactured infant formula.

It has been reported that a number of infants in China who have consumed Chinese manufactured infant formula are suffering from kidney stones, a condition which is rare in infants.

The Chinese manufactured infant formula may be contaminated with melamine. Melamine artificially increases the protein profile of milk and can cause kidney diseases such as those seen in these Chinese infants.

FDA requires that all infant formula manufacturers register with the agency and adhere to specific labeling and nutritional requirements.

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A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

"It's as plain as the nose on your face."

That's what mom always said when I was looking for something and it was innocently sitting in front of me all along.

Since reaching my prime years, I've lost many more things, forgotten words, have incomplete thoughts, lost or forgotten grocery lists and now I'm wondering where this paragraph is going.

When we are looking for something we usually ask for help or in my case it's a prayer to St. Anthony. When someone steps in to help, saint or otherwise, the item is quickly found and we feel relief and embarrassment as the item was surely where we left it but we simply forgot.

Trying to become more observant helps us to be less forgetful; Slowing down a bit, paying attention to our surroundings and repeating aloud where we are placing something will help us recall where we left it.

If we could take a moment and look around us once in awhile, we may notice a few details and remember items we've forgotten, be able to recall street directions, locate the correct grocery store aisle, and find where we parked our car.

Losing things and forgetting information can make one a bit nervous as we age. Fears of dementia set in, while in reality we have more on our minds, more distractions and our body chemistry changes a bit so forgetting is a natural process.

As we mature its not just losing things but it may include losing sight of who we are as a person or losing our faith or the loss of leaving behind a chapter in our lives. Any of these incidences can leave us feeling both lost and forgetful.

This past week, I took it upon myself to follow my own advice and focus on trying to be more observant so I could remember more. The people and events that took place this week turned into a gift of lessons.

I learned that the few things I have lost or can't remember are really not that important.

During this learning period I held the hand of a man dying from cancer.

I observed how warm his grasp was and his sense of calmness about his own demise.

I visited a friend in the hospital and witnessed a daughter who seemed to know what her mom needed simply by observing.

During this week an older woman was involved in a car accident near our home.

Once things settled down, I listened to her describe the accident; But, through it all, I observed what scared her the most weren't her injuries but not having her children living nearby to care for her.

I'll always remember the feeling I came away with in each of these scenarios and the lesson that helped me to slow down so I could remember what's important; not to fret about the little things I forget.

In times when we aren't remembering words or names and we lose track of a few items our self confidence may take a dip.

We may start wondering if we are in the right job, with the right spouse, living in the right part of the country and the list goes on.

The answer is: "It's as plain as the nose on your face."

We are where we are because of a plan that was designed long before we were more than a mere thought.

We are all here for a reason and lest you forget, items and words may be missing but you are not lost, you are worth remembering to someone and the rest you can forget.

Gayle Gennett's column appears bimonthly in Charlevoix Courier. She can be reached by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

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THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Before I get into this week'sCrying Towel, I must do the obligatories. The legal department says, don't listen to Gohs; The legal department says, this is satire, not intended as instructions on how to run your life; the legal department says (and for once I agree) don't come crying to use because your husband calls you from jail.

Happy Constitution Day!

What's that, you say? You didn't know it was Constitution Day?

Well, I don't blame you; So much of the U.S. Constitution is ignored by our leaders that it seems like a joke when I hear people tout the almighty-ness* of the document. *I just made it up.

But there must be some way to observe this special day which began back in 1787.

Granted, the Fourth Amendment ain't what it used to be: between being forced to remove your shoes at the airport, to being stopped and ticketed for refusing to wear your seat belt, we are not free from unreasonable searches and seizures; we are not secure in our persons, houses, papers and effects; we are free to move about so long as the governmental machinations do not catch us in their scope, but we are by no means free.

And then there is the First Amendment: we get fined by the FCC if we group certain letters and syllables together to form certain words; that's not freedom, that's thought control of the Orwellian kind.

Sixth Amendment guarantees of right to a speedy trial is not being kept from some whom the government declares terrorists; which would be fine, if the government hadn't let some of these so-called terrorists go free after holding them for many years without trial. If you think a human being is not privy to basic human rights simply because (s)he is not a U.S. Citizen, then you're off my Christmas card list.

Ah, but wait, there are some freedoms we have that other citizens of other countries do not: We may make fun of the president without fear of torture and beheading; we may practice most religions without fear of government reprisal.

This country has no caste system. I know, you socialists may argue that it is more difficult for a poor person to become comfortably well off, than a wealthy person of similar attributes, but I would argue there are few countries which have so many rags to riches stories as this one.

And, let us not forget, I am allowed to express my ideas, within reason, in this here column; for now.

So, maybe there is something to celebrate. I mean, c'mon, the founding fathers were some liberal-thinking, extremist, renegades. When they found themselves trapped under tyrannical trouncing, they rebelled.

Now, I'm not calling for riots in the streets, but a proper Constitution Day celebration would be remiss without what my main man H. D. Thoreau called "civil disobedience."

An unjust law is no law at all. You dig?

People break unjust laws everyday, it's our nature to seek out freedom no matter the consequences.

Maybe you won't wear a seat belt today; maybe you'll smoke something other than tobacco; perhaps you'll pay cash for those; just maybe you'll refuse to take off your shoes; and god forbid you give the bird to an authority figure; and you really shouldn't call into a live radio station and drop an F bomb.

And, while you're on the ground being clubbed and Tasered, with a 140-pound German Shepherd gnawing on your foot, just remember It's Constitution Day, baby.

When it's all done and you've had your fun on Constitution Day, remember that there are 364 other days of the year where your freedom, your right to the American Ideal of real liberty, is shackled by those in power. I suggest we come together as a nation and devise a way to elicit that freedom.

Benjamin Gohs can be found cowering under his desk, or e-mail him at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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LETTERS to the editor

WHAT A CONCEPT: FOCUS ON ISSUES

Editor:

It is time to end the silly season and focus on this election's issues, not gender, not race, not age.

Here are but a few of the differences:

- Taxes - Obama's plan lowers taxes for 95 percent of all taxpayers, eliminates income tax for 10 million working Americans and for seniors with incomes lower than $50,000, and ends the Bush administration's tax cuts for the super wealthy, which will be returned to middle and low-income taxpayers in the form of tax credits to pay for health insurance.

McCain proposes further cuts in the corporate tax rate 10 percent and to extend Bush's tax cuts for the rich.

- Education - Obama supports pre-school for all children, expanding head start, proper funding for No Child Left Behind, funds for teacher education and support, and making college affordable for all students.

McCain supports school vouchers, has no college-level programs and has not supported extending Pell Grants.

In the U.S. Senate, Obama led the fight to increase Pell Grants to $5,100 and legislation to support summer learning and teacher residency programs.

- Ethics - Obama has a track record on ethics legislation including bills to end no-bid contracts, restricting corporate jet travel by legislators and disclosure of contributions by lobbyists. Obama has refused campaign contributions from lobbyists and political action committees.

McCain has intensified his fundraising with lobbyists.

- Health care - Obama's public health care plan follows that of federal employees combined with monitoring private insurers through a national health insurance exchange to ensure fairness and accessibility.

Obama would reimburse employer health plans for catastrophic illness costs, lower prescription drug costs through overseas purchases and negotiating with drug companies.

McCain's plan calls for federal assistance for states to create high-risk pools to contract with insurers and provide $2,500 individual tax credits.

McCain has no plan that requires coverage for children.

Obama has co-sponsored bills for the Healthy Kids Act and SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) reauthorization as well as legislation on women's health issues in both Illinois and the US Senate.

- Military - Obama calls for an orderly transition in Iraq from the United States military to the Iraqi government. He calls new focus on Afghanistan where Al Qaeda and the Taliban thrive.

McCain, while acknowledging the resurgence of Al Qaeda and the Taliban still argues for more troops in Iraq.

Obama's record on Veteran's Affairs is strong; He has passed legislation to cut red tape at VA hospitals, to help homeless vets, to improve outreach to National Guard and reserves.

McCain skipped the most recent vote on the hill to provide better education benefits to vets, and has consistently voted against bills for veteran's health care.

As voters, it is our responsibility to be informed, to read, to learn, to cut through the nonsense.

One final note: some brilliant community organizers included John Adams, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin who founded our nation. Community organizing is the basis of a true democracy.

Sara Gay Dammann
Charlevoix

SEPERATE CREAM FROM CRUD

Editor:

What an election.

Crackpot bloggers make outrageous claims.

Talk radio personalities and ordinary people repeat them without shame like middle school gossips.

Repeated often enough, the lies will be accepted by enough people to affect the outcome of the election.

In four years we'll be wondering what happened and how we came to be so misled.

Meanwhile we can always attack the media for spoiling our fun by asking hard questions like: "But, is that really true?"

There is a non-partisan Web site that examines attacks on various candidates.

They are given a rating on a truth dial that goes from "pants-on-fire" meaning absolutely false to "true."

If you care about the outcome of the election, if you think a person who deliberately misleads the electorate is unfit for office, check it out: www.politifact.com.

Raechel Wright
Charlevoix

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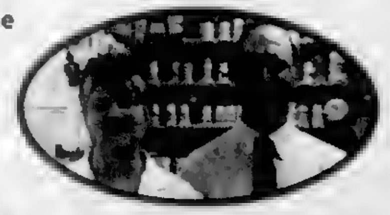

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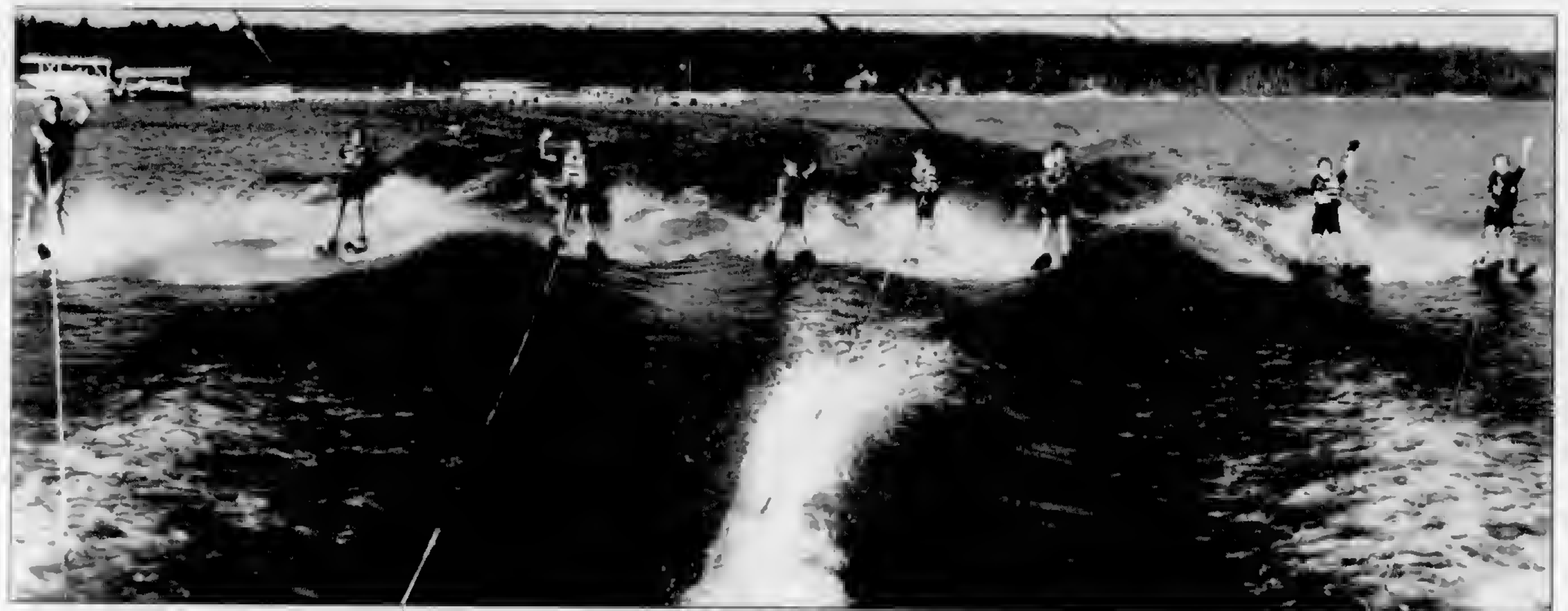

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8 is enough

The eight water-skiers seen here are all cousins. Each Labor Day, they take to Lake Charlevoix and show off their skiing skills with fetes including 360-degree turn-arounds and barefoot skiing. The cousins are Matt Scollin, Will and Kelsey Schultz, Chase, Alexandra and Heather Lee and Carlee and Dylan McCardel.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Fiber Design Group
(Meets the third Wednesday of each month)
Wednesday, September 17, 1:00 p.m.
Bring your fiber project and join friends and neighbors @ your library for this work session.

Writers Group
Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing.

Quilters and Friends
Thursday, September 18, 10:00 am
Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a monthly workgroup. Bring along your current fiber project and all the equipment you need (yes, even your sewing machine!) and enjoy the company of friends.

Story Time
Thursday, September 18, 10:30 am
(Birth to 5)
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts.

Gamernoons
Friday, September 19, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
Guitar Hero or DDR — your choice!

Sleepy Time Stories
Monday, September 22, 6:30 pm
(Birth – 8)
Come in your pajamas and bring your lovey to hear stories before bedtime.

Computer Basics 1
Tuesday, September 23 & 25, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
This class is designed to help the novice learn the basics. It will start at the absolute beginning: computer parts and terminology, driving a mouse, and using the Internet. Classes fill up fast. Call ASAP to register @ 237-7340.

Watch for the new educational lecture series about "Food, Fuel & Climate" coming at the end of the month.

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106 KHQ seeks coats for kids, adults

Local radio station 106 KHQ has teamed up with Skilled Manufacturing Inc., Master Dry Cleaners and Two Men and a Truck to keep kids warm this winter. Together, we're seeking donations of gently used or new coats and other winter items in all children and adult sizes from Sept. 22 until Oct. 24.

Anyone who would like to donate their winter clothing can drop items off at Skilled Manufacturing Inc., 3680 Cass Road in Traverse City or any of the Master Dry Cleaners locations.

Gently used winter clothing such as winter hats, coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, boots etc. in all children and adult sizes are all gladly accepted. Monetary donations can be sent to Skilled Manufacturing Inc. and will be used to purchase winter items.

The businesses will hold a Community Coat Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 8 at Skilled Manufacturing Inc. in Traverse City.

All donations will be available for families in need of warm winter wear free of charge during the community coat drive on Nov. 8.

For more information, please contact Marnie Warren of Skilled Manufacturing Inc. at (231) 935-9819.

Survey will target need for assistance

With increased unemployment and increased costs of fuel and food, local families are finding it hard to make ends meet. With increased demand for services and declining public funds, local human service agencies are finding it hard to meet the need for assistance.

Targeting the best use of Federal, State and Local funds to help area citizens succeed is the focus of a community needs assessment being planned by the Charlevoix Emmet Human Services Collaborative Body.

The current poverty rate for 2008 is $21,200 for a family of four. In this two county area, the median income for a family of this size is $43,000.

Two surveys will be conducted; one directed toward current human service clients and the other to key informants, identified as leaders from all sectors of the community. If you are interested in learning more about the survey or would like to assist in this endeavor please contact Lorraine Manary at info@char-em-hscb.org or 347-6701.

Surveys will be conducted during the two week period September 15 - 26.

Fun with logs

Ken Green of Lansing throws the caber in the Fourth Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games, Saturday, on Beaver Island. The caber is a 20-feet-long, 130-pound, pole that must be flipped end over end as part of the competition.

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Kal's Eye Photography

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Celebrate National Library Card sign-up month by bringing your Charlevoix Public Library card to participating Charlevoix businesses and receive a 20% discount on one item. The smartest card campaign takes place September 22 – October 5. Stop by the library to register: 220 W Clinton St.

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OBITUARIES

Marcus W. White: Sept. 24, 1936 - Sept. 8, 2008

Marcus W. White, 71, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital

Funeral was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, the Reverend Benton Heisler officiated.

Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Marc was born Sept. 24, 1936, in Charlevoix to Jake W. and Hazel I. (Cross) White.

He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1954, and on Jan. 21, 1956, he married Donna L. Ikens.

Marc was a supervisor for DME in Charlevoix, retiring in 1998 after 44 years.

He was a member of the Charlevoix Untied Methodist Church.

Marc loved to fish and hunt and was a member of the Charlevoix Hunting Club.

Marc is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Cathy (Ronald) Agnello; son, Mark (Joy) White all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, T.J. (Rhonda) Carey, Todd Carey, Susan Agnello, Kimberly Agnello, Emily White, and Marc White III; brother Jake "Chum" White of Charlevoix; sister, Ruth Currall of Lake Havasu, Ariz. Marc's sister Barbara White preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Visitation was 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Spiritual music a matter of taste

Some Christians finding solice in contemporary gospels

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Stephen Guthrie

In an Associated Press snippet tucked away under "Odd News" on Yahoo I ran across one more piece of evidence that the way people from the Christian traditions express their spirituality continues to change.

In Australia, long associated with the Anglican Communion, the traditional hymns of the faith are no longer the standard choice for funerals.

Increasingly, families are integrating popular songs that make a statement into services for their loved ones.

The most popular choice is Frank Sinatra's "My Way", followed by Louis Armstrong's version of "Wonderful World." But gaining ground is Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" and AC/DC's "Highway to Hell," the latter presumably to the dismay of the presiding clergy.

The old traditional hymns in a funeral were intended to set a worshipful tone that honored God and the departed and offered comfort to the family, but not any more.

Funeral directors report people choosing songs that reflect the character of the deceased, or make a statement about their beliefs or lifestyle, or that interject some levity into a traditionally solemn occasion.

Move over, Amazing Grace, and make room for "Hit The Road Jack," "Another One Bites The Dust," and "Ding-Dong, The Wicked Witch Is Dead."

All of this is just one more indication that there is no end to the number of different ways to come before God, and that no particular approach is "right."

Within the Christian tradition there is ongoing disagreement over just how to express ourselves in worship.

These differences are largely matters of style and not substance, and often our style preferences are derived from what we experienced and grew comfortable with in the past.

Thus, the worshipper raised in the old Lutheran tradition of singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" accompanied by an organ at a tempo close to a funeral dirge is at first repelled by the upbeat guitars and drums pounding out the latest praise song at an evangelical service.

The person raised in a Protestant denomination and accustomed to short sermons that get you done and out the door in 60 minutes flat is put off by the Pentecostal preacher that stays inspired in the pulpit right through Sunday lunch

There are Catholics who feel like they've never truly worshipped since the era of the Latin mass, and Baptists who only feel truly uplifted when their worship features southern gospel harmonies.

And so, as if genuine theological differences were not enough to split the larger Church into hundreds of denominations and independent congregations, we divide ourselves further into subsets based on what feels comfortable and what leaves us feeling "fed".

Meanwhile, the outside world wonders what all the fuss is about.

Here's a key point about our relationship with God that often goes overlooked when we focus our attention and emotional energy on making sure our worship suits our taste: worship is not about us.

Worship is not something we receive, it is something we give.

The Bible refers to it as a personal sacrifice.

We are not the audience for worship; we are the worshipping body and God Almighty, the presumed object of our adoration, is the audience.

We do not, or at least should not, come to a worship service with expectations that it will be an entertainment event. We

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Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

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Church School	9:00 a.m
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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Pastor: James D. Green	547-4100

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104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday School K - 8 and Adult	9:30 a.m
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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205 Clinton Street

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Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m
Reading Room Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m

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Evening Service	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5211

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
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Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m
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FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m
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June, July & August	10:00 a.m
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WEEKLY BRIEFS

BRIEFS

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East coast of Beaver Island. The Sheriff's Office and Beaver Island EMS located the overturned vessel and found three people sitting on top of it. The captain of the vessel was Larkin Pence, 52, of Plymouth, MI. The other two passengers were juvenile females from Mecosta. All three passengers were wearing personal floatation devices. The captain of the vessel stated that they had been overturned for approximately one hour before help arrived. Mr. Pence was wearing a wetsuit. The two female passengers were transported by water rescue back to St. James Harbor where they were treated by Beaver Island EMS for minor hypothermia and later released. Sheriff Lasater would like to commend Deputy Jake Wasylewski, Gerald Latreniere, Ken Bruland and Garret Cole with Beaver Island EMS and fire for rescuing the stranded boaters as well as Paramedic Steve Rose for treating the two young wom en for their injuries.

• FDA information sources

I. Safety and Food Packaging - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/foodpackaging081908.html

II. Ticks, mosquitoes and bees: here are tips for preventing and treating bug bites and stings - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/bugbites061908.html

III. Botox scams - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/botox081308.html

IV. FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations found physicians who put profit before patients when they injected them with fake Botox Cosmetic.

V. Vytorin cholesterol-lowering drug concerns - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/vytorin071808.html

VI. Report problems to the FDA - Your Guide to Reporting Problems to FDA - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/reporting_guide061008.html

VII. Product recalls - http://www.fda.gov/consumer/updates/recalls123107.html

• United Way

The Char-Em United Way kicked off its 2008-2009 Campaign

"Our campaign theme this year is 'Live United: Give Advocate-Volunteer,' which encourages people to become engaged in many ways and create lasting change in our community," said Board President Joanne Curtis. "We're excited to announce our campaign goal of $333,000, a 10 percent increase over what was pledged last year. The Frey Foundation is once again offering us a $20,000 challenge grant when we reach that goal."

Funds raised through the annual campaign support health and human service agencies in the community. Last year over $200,000 was invested in 34 local agencies. For more information, to schedule a presentation for your business, or to volunteer with United Way, call (231) 487 1006 or e-mail charemuw@sbcglobal.net

• Zonta Club

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is now selling tickets for its newest fundraiser the Date Night Raffle. There will be four winning raffle tickets chosen.

Each winner will receive dinner for two at one of four selected local restaurants. Tickets cost $10 and winners will be drawn on Dec. 10. Tickets are available at Round Lake Bookstore and Barb's Hallmark, or by calling Vel Kammerman at 547-4911. They will also be sold at Applefest in front of Central Drug.

• Zonta Winner

Shelby Lynn Goss, a 2008 graduate of Charlevoix High School, was named the winner of this year's Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship.

The Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a female high school senior who plans to pursue a math of science-related major in college.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields, excluding the medical field.

Goss was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because she best exemplified the spirit of and requisites for the scholarship.

She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. She was ranked two out of 112 students in her class, has taken advanced courses, particularly in the sciences and has participated in numerous community and school-sponsored volunteer projects and events.

Gold buyers to visit Boyne City, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Alanson

Gem and Diamond Specialist of Lapeer County, one of Michigan's largest buyers of gold and silver since 1983, will be visiting Boyne City, Petoskey, Charlevoix and Alanson to purchase the following for top dollar: old wedding bands, class rings, broken gold chains and bracelets, silver coins, dental crowns, diamonds and platinum. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. September 23rd at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn in Boyne City, September 24th at Charlevoix Inn & Suites in Charlevoix, in Petoskey at the Holiday Inn Express September 25th and in Alanson September 26th at the Crooked River Lodge. Free appraisal while you wait, instant payment, no appointment is necessary. Gold is at a recent high so this is a good time to sell broken or unwanted items. For more information, call (800)522-7829, (810) 724-7829 or cell# (313)510-0928.

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Northern Mich. Review lays off 11

Michigan's soft economy and growing business pressures struck another local employer Friday. The announcement came early from Northern Michigan Review president and publisher Doug Caldwell that 11 jobs would be eliminated, affecting the company's newspapers in Petoskey, Gaylord and Charlevoix, and The PhoneGuide.

"Economic factors, including steep increases in fuel and newsprint costs combined with slower local and national advertising revenues negatively affected our medial operations," Caldwell said. "Business conditions in the Gaylord-Petoskey communities shaped these plans. Our future forecast remain optimistic as the local community news leader in Northern Michigan."

While the contractions represent a short-term setback, the local newspapers continue to look for efficient and meaningful ways to expand their digital outreach while protecting their core print product. Employees in Petoskey and Gaylord will conduct more outreach into their communities in the near future, asking readers and non-readers, non-advertisers and advertisers abut the issues they face and the solutions they seek.

"Northern Michigan Review remains committed to provide the best in local information through this period of transition," Caldwell said.

Northern Michigan Review, Inc., is owned by Schurz Communication, Inc., based in South Bend, Ind.

Rock 'n' roll ain't noise pollution

MUSIC

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should not assign a score to a worship leader's choice of music, the vocal skills of someone presenting a special number, or the oratory style of the preacher.

In our mind we must not grade those who produce the service as though we were Olympic judges holding up score cards with numbers for technical merit, level of difficulty, and style.

If we shift our focus off ourselves and onto pleasing God in our worship, it begs the question what does God want or expect from us? If God alone is our audience what pleases Him?

The Bible reports that He does not desire sacrifice as in Old Testament times, and that legions of angels already sing of His glory.

It is doubtful He needs to hear His Word read back to Him, listen to a restatement of our doctrinal creeds, or hear the details of our latest program.

What can we offer to the God who already seemingly has it all?

Simply our hearts. Our broken, sinful, fearful hearts. Our grateful, contrite, loving hearts, acknowledging Him for who He is and what He does in our lives.

Whatever we do in worship, and however we do it, it needs to be the natural outpouring from the heart of the love we feel.

Whatever it looks like or sounds like for each one of us, only when it is the gift of our hearts will it be right.

Steve Guthrie directs Christian Counseling Services www.christian-counsel.net. Counseling and healing prayer by appointment at (231) 675-4682.

Faithful Servant appears periodically in the pages of Charlevoix Courier.

Local Republican HQ now open

Look for the large elephant. For more information, call John or Phyllis Haggard at 547-4046 (days) and 547-6600 (nights).

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A Support Group with Focus

Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support group that meets on **Thursday evenings, from 7-9p.m.** for 13 weeks (join anytime) at the "Servants Quarters," 100 Oak Street (Located next door to the Community Reformed Church, one mile north of the bridge.) DivorceCare for Kids meets on Thursdays, after school, at Central Elementary in Petoskey. (Bussing available)

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After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

Commissioners want your input on MI's new ORV law

Do you want 4-wheelers on your road?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The state may have passed a law back in July which allows off road vehicles (ORV) on highways and byways, but local counties and townships have a right under that law to exempt some of those roads from ORV traffic.

And, in the vein of good democracy, say county commissioners, your local governors want your opinion.

"Everybody gets a shot," said Chairman of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Christ Christensen (R-District 2). "We're looking to send this to the townships and their citizens; If you have concerns about ORVs or you have an opinion, voice it by contacting local supervisors and local boards."

Christensen's comments followed the commission's regular meeting on Sept. 10, wherein the board voted unanimously to give Charlevoix County citizens several months to opine before a public hearing on the matter is held in January or February, 2009.

ORV may now ride on road shoulders at speeds of up to 25 mph so long as they are wearing a helmet and have a valid driver's license and vehicle registration or, for children as young as 12, a certificate provided by the state.

"The state gave us the ability to list (exempt) up to 30 percent of the roads in the county, and we chose a lot less than 30 percent," he said.

"We're trying to get everybody involved."

He added, "Not everybody is going to be happy, but at least this way everybody has a chance to speak."

Residents may have their say by calling:

- Charlevoix Township - 547-4611
- Eveline Township - 582-3331
- Marion Township - 547-2154
- Norwood Township - 237-9566
- Peaine Township (Beaver Island) 448-2389
- St. James Township (Beaver Island) 448-2014

City residents contact their respective city councils, townships outside Courier coverage area contact their respective township.

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Program highlights food, fuel, climate

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Once cheap gas has been cited as a contributor to global warming, so you start buying fuel made of corn; then biofuel consumption causes the cost of food to skyrocket.

So, is there a way to win this global shell game?

"I really believe in Thomas Jefferson's (assertion) that an informed citizenry is the best way to protect democracy," said Annemarie Conway, the moderator and co-organizer of an upcoming series of talks on food, fuel and climate. "Our whole goal is to inform people on the issues from a nonpartisan place."

Professor of economics and public policy Alan Deardorff Ph.D. will give an overview of how food is bought, sold and transported throughout the world during the first in a series of programs at 6 p.m., Sept. 25 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Conway said.

"This series of three programs (includes) the globalization of food, the food-fuel connection and farming for our future," she said. "Corn, is it a boondoggle or is ethanol the wave of the future? These are the types of issues we need to understand, because (food, fuel and climate) are all interconnected."

Conway added, "We must explore them because they are really important topics that impact our politics of today. We should be researching this and getting a handle on where to proceed from here."

"The Food-Fuel Connection" program is scheduled for 6 p.m., Oct. 9 at Charlevoix Public Library, and noon, Oct. 10 at North Central Michigan College.

"Farming for our future" is scheduled for 6 p.m., Oct. 9 at the Charlevoix library, and noon, Nov. 7 at North Central Michigan College's library

Pre-reading to get yourself acquainted with the issues is available at the following Web sites:

The Food and Fuel Debate

- "Food vs. Fuel: Diversion of Crops Could Cause More Hunger" Environmental Health Perspectives Volume 116, Number 6, June 2008

Retrieved from www.ehponline.org/members/2008/116-6/spheres.html

- "High fuel and food prices: overview of causes and prospects" The Reporter 19 July 2008. Retrieved from http://en.ethiopianreporter.com/content/view/936/36/
- Michigan State University "With Cellulosic Ethanol, There Is No Food vs. Fuel Debate" Science Daily March 27, 2007

Retrieved from http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/03/070327113831.htm

- Samuelson, Robert. "Food vs. Fuel" Washington Post, Dec. 12, 2007: A29.

Retrieved from http:www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/12/11/AR2007121101834_pf.html.

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Esteemed antlers

Charlevoix Elks Lodge No. 2858 became the newest Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America on Sept. 6 at the Belvedere casino. The Five Michigan Elks Association Past State Presidents, past Grand Lodge officers and one past national president presided at a ceremony to institute the new Charlevoix Lodge which is now one of 2,200 lodges nationwide, joining the ranks of nearly a million members in this charitable order. The ceremonies are open to the public. The new Lodge will hold its regular meetings at the Leslie T. Shapton Post American Legion building in Charlevoix. Officers installed were Christopher Jones, Lodge President; John T. Hess, Bruce Beaudoin, Travis Blissett, Edward Rogalla, Tim LaBlance, Mark Knapp, Brenda Jones, John Hess Sr., Erik Swanson, Denny LaCroix and Rochelle Roerig. During 2007 Elks nationwide donated more than $200,000,000.00 in cash, products and services to benefit youth programs, veterans and countless charities. Elks-U.S.A. is a charitable, patriotic and fraternal organization open to all men and women over 21 years of age.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231)347-7890

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This fall, North Central Michigan College, in cooperation with Charlevoix Public Schools, the **Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix C**ounty Community Foundation, Charlevoix State Bank and the **Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation**, will present a series of lectures by experts on the related topics **of food, fuel and climate.**

The Globalization of Food

Alan Deardorff, Ph.D., professor of economics and public policy, University of Michigan, will offer an overview of the way food is bought, sold and transported throughout the world.

Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, September 26, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Food-Fuel Connection

William Knudson, Ph.D., visiting professor of applied economic analysis, Michigan State University, will analyze the increasingly complex relationships between food and the fuels that are used to plant, fertilize, transport and preserve our world's food supplies. The economics of using food for fuel will also be explored.

Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, October 10, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

Farming For Our Future

Toril Fisher, executive director of Farming For Our Future at Pond Hill. Her organization seeks to help people understand where their food comes from, how it is grown and how their food choices affect not only their personal health but the health of their community and the planet.

Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, November 7, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Future of Our Oceans

Céline Cousteau, international project coordinator of the Ocean Futures Society, daughter of ocean explorer and filmmaker Jean-Michel Cousteau and granddaughter of the legendary Jacques Cousteau. She is a respected symbol for a new generation that understands their responsibility to protect the natural world. She recently worked on a documentary for the Discovery Channel on the many shark species of the Great Barrier Reef. *Co-sponsored by the Petoskey News-Review.*

Wednesday, October 15, 7:30p.m., North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center

Michigan's Climate

Jeffrey Andresen, Ph.D., assistant professor of geography, Michigan State University and state climatologist for Michigan. The state climatologist is considered the expert in weather and climate information for the state and is the primary contact for in-depth interpretation of state-level climate information.

Also participating in the Thursday night program will be Jim Keysor and Dave Lawrence of the National Weather Service office in Gaylord to discuss the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)

Thursday, October 16, 6 p.m., Charlevoix Public Library
Friday, October 17, noon, North Central Michigan College

Winter Energy Outlook

Steven Transeth, one of three commissioners appointed by the governor to head the Michigan Public Service Commission. The MPSC sets utility rates in Michigan. He will review the Commission's appraisal of the expected supply, demand and cost for electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and fuel oil for the coming winter.

Friday, October 24, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

The Science of Food Processing, Packaging and Storage

Philip E. Nelson, Ph.D., winner of the 2007 World Food Prize, explains how the innovations he and his colleagues developed transformed the vegetable and fruit packing industry so that massive amounts of vegetable and fruit products can be stored and shipped around the world without refrigeration and without spoilage for long periods of time.

Friday, December 12, noon, North Central Michigan College Library

All programs at the Charlevoix Public Library are free.
The presentation by Céline Cousteau at NCMC is free.

Programs held at noon at North Central Michigan College Library cost $9 and include lunch.
Reservations are preferred for the lunchtime programs. Call 231-348-6602 to reserve your place at the table.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Cvx tennis whomps Grayling

Charlevoix beats Grayling 7-1

Charlevoix High School's tennis team continues to improve in their third match-up of the season.

"We are improving and have to hav some good practices," said coach Erik Lundieigen.

#1 singles Alex MacKenzie won 6-1,6-2

#2 singles JD Drenth lost 7-5, 4-6, 1-0

#3 singles John Hart won 6-2, 6-1

#4 singles Alex Meyers won 6-2, 6-1

#1 doubles Scott Silberhorn and Mike Pelon won 6-0,6-0

#2 doubles Matt Murray and Robbie Runblad won 6-1, 6-1

# 3 doubles John Saur and Logan Kline won 6-1, 6-0

#4 doubles Trent Bradley and Blake Shulman won by default

Austin Lobenhertz won his singles match 6-4

In their first match of the season, Charlevoix lost to Harbor Springs 6-2

In their second match, they had a win against Boyne City 6-2.

Charlevoix won split matches.

Number one singles Alex MacKenzie lost to Boyne City 6-7, 6-2 and 6-4. Lost to Harbor Springs 6-0 and 6-3.

"Basically, we split on the week," said Eric Lundieigen, Charlevoix tennis coach. "The season is really coming together and we look forward to the conference regionals and work toward our goal."

Blake Shulman, in the first singles exhibition, beat Boyne City 6-0 and 6-1.

Austin Lobenberz and Trent Bradley beat Boyne City 5-7, 6-3 and 6-1 in their doubles match. They lost to Harbor Springs 6-4 and 6-2.

Logan Kline and John Sauer beat Boyne City 6-0 and 6-0. They lost, however, to Harbor Springs by a score of 6-1 and 6-1.

Roddie Runblad and Matt Murray lost to Boyne City 6-3, 6-2, but beat Harbor Springs with sets of 6-4 and 6-4.

More doubles competition included Scott Silberhorn and Mike Pelon who beat Boyne City 3-6, 6-4 and 1-0. They also beat Harbor Springs 6-3, 2-6 and 7-6.

In singles action, Alex Meyers beat Boyne City 6-0 and 6-0. Blake Shulman played 4th singles against Harbor Springs and lost 6-2 and 6-2.

John Hart beat Boyne City 6-0 and 6-1 in singles competition but lost to Harbor Springs 6-2 and 6-2.

Finally, in singles, J.P. Drenth beat Boyne City 7-5 and 6-1 but lost to Harbor Springs 6-0 and 6-2.

Rayders top Grayling 42-20

Charlevoix 42, Grayling 20: The Rayders improved to 2-1 overall and won their Lake Michigan Conference opener as Clayton Mitchell ran for three touchdowns.

Grayling is 2-1 overall, 0-1 league.

Send us your sports news and photos

Due to time constraints, the Charlevoix Courier does not routinely cover sporting events.

However, the editor will consider photos and game highlights submitted by noon, the Friday before publication.

- E-mail photographs and game information to news@charlevoixcourier.com
- Drop photographs and game information off at the Charlevoix Courier office located at 112 Mason St. in Charlevoix
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DNR small game forecast

Most fall hunting seasons are right around the corner and Department of Natural Resources biologists say hunters will find plenty of opportunity.

Rabbits - Cottontail rabbits and varying or snowshoe hare can be hunted from Sept. 15 - March 31, statewide. Hunters may take a limit of five per day and 10 in combined possession

Outlook: Cottontail populations are good throughout their range and they remain among the most popular small game animals in Michigan. Last year hunters harvested about 366,000 cottontails

Squirrels Sept 15 through March 1 Hunters can bag up to five per day and have 10 in combined possession

Outlook Both fox and gray squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range Look for good populations in areas that had a good mast crop last year or in wood lots adjoining corn fields. Last year hunters took 514,000 squirrels.

Photo courtesy DNR

Ruffed Grouse - Season: Sept. 15 through Nov. 14. After the firearm deer season ends, the grouse season reopens from Dec. 1 until Jan. 1. The bag limit for grouse is five per day/10 in possession in Zones 1 and 2. and three per day/six in possession in Zone 3.

Outlook: The outlook for the upcoming season is good; last year hunters took 312,000 ruffed grouse and, as populations usually cycle over a 10-year period, populations are on an upswing. Grouse are most numerous in young forests, in young to moderate-aged aspen stands, and around tag alder thickets.

Areas with good fall berry crops often produce well. Grouse are most abundant in the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula. Grouse and woodcock hunters are asked to assist the DNR in monitoring grouse and woodcock populations by providing information about their hunts. The cooperator form can be found on the DNR Web site at www.michigan/dnr.

Woodcock - Sept. 20 through Nov. 3. The bag limit will be three woodcock per day/six in possession.

Outlook: Woodcock hunters may expect a season similar to last year, when hunters harvested about 118,000 woodcock. Although good numbers of grouse and woodcock can be found in all parts of Michigan, the highest densities are located in the northern two-thirds of the state. The west end of the Upper Peninsula should have good numbers of birds

See HUNT, page 15

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Pheasants - Season: Oct. 10 until 31 in the Upper Peninsula. The Lower Peninsula runs from Oct. 20 to Nov. 14. The late pheasant season in most of the southern Lower Peninsula will be open from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1 with a bag limit of two male pheasants/four in possession.

Outlook: Pheasants populations were down last year: hunters took nearly 65,000 birds, and there's no reason to expect to be up significantly, but there is cause for optimism. The best counties include Shiawassee, Livingston, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Huron, Ionia and Montcalm. Look for fields of warm-season grasses, especially farm fields that have been idled for a few years. Late season hunters should concentrate their efforts in cattail and shrub wetlands near picked agricultural fields.

Quail - Season: Oct. 20 until Nov. 14. Quail can be hunted only in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession.

Outlook: Although patchy in distribution and abundance, quail can be found throughout southern Michigan. Hunters killed an estimated 1,700 quail last year.

Wild Turkey - Oct. 6 until Nov. 14 in 12 management units including most of southern Michigan, five counties in the northern Lower Peninsula and the entire turkey management area of the Upper Peninsula The bag limit is one bird (either sex). A total of 59,050 licenses were available through a lottery, but leftover licenses will be available over the counter beginning Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. for individuals who did not apply for a fall turkey license.

Outlook: Turkey numbers should be excellent in all areas open for fall hunting.

Ducks - The season for ducks and mergansers, excluding scaup, is Oct. 4 through Dec. 2 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula); Oct. 4 - Nov. 30 and Dec.

6-7 in the Middle Zone (northern Lower Peninsula] Zone; and Oct.11 through Dec. 7 and Jan. 3 to 4 in the South Zone (southern Lower Peninsula). New this season is a variable limit on scaup (bluebills); hunters may take one per day for 40 days of the 60-day season and two per day for the

remaining 20 days. The bag limit is six ducks per day; no more than four mallards (one hen), three wood ducks, two redheads, one pintail and one black duck. There is no open season on canvasbacks this year. In addition, hunters may take up to five mergansers, no more than two of which may be hooded mergansers, daily. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. The youth waterfowl hunting weekend will be Sept. 20-21 statewide for licensed youths 10 to 15 only, who must be accompanied by an adult, who may not hunt.

Outlook: Duck populations and prairie pond numbers were high enough to allow for the maximum 60-day season under the federal adaptive waterfowl harvest strategy. However, Michigan mallard numbers were the lowest in recent history, so they may be in short supply during the early days of the season, but should improve as the migrants arrive. An increase in the daily bag limit for wood ducks, from two to three birds this fall, should provide additional opportunities for early season hunters, especially in isolated bayous and beaver ponds. The St. Marys River system in the eastern Upper Peninsula, Saginaw Bay, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie are great areas to hunt diving ducks, which usually begin arriving around mid October. Last year hunters harvested 375,000 ducks in Michigan.

Geese - Season: The early season is Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula statewide, except for Saginaw, Tuscola and Huron counties (Sept. 1-10). In the Upper Peninsula, this early season will be Sept. 1-10. The limit is five per day

The regular goose season in the North Zone is Sept. 22 - Nov. 5. In Middle Zone, the regular season is Oct. 4 - Nov. 10 and Nov. 27 - Dec.

3. In the South Zone, the season is Oct. 11 - Nov. 13 and Nov. 27 - Dec. 7 except in some Goose Management Units. The season is the same as the South Zone for the Saginaw and Tuscola /Huron GMUs. The season at Allegan County GMU is Nov. 8-10 and Dec. 20 - Jan. 30. The season at Muskegon County Waste Water GMU is Oct. 14 - Nov. 13 and Dec. 2-15. The limit is two per day.

Check the 2008 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for GMU boundaries.

The late Canada goose season is slated for Jan. 3 - Feb. 1 in all of the South Zone except the Allegan and Muskegon WW GMUS. The daily bag

limit is five except in GMUs, where it's two.

Outlook: Michigan's local population of giant Canada goose continues to supply more than 70% of the state's total Canada goose harvest. The early September hunts and the 30-day late season help control these local flocks through recreational hunting. Resident Canada goose populations are stable to slightly increased this year. The South James Bay Population of migratory Canada geese, which passes through the southeastern portion of the state, is very similar to last year and the five-year average. The Mississippi Valley Population, which generally migrates through the western portion of the state, however, is significantly below the five-year average. Last year, hunters killed 181,000 Canada goose in Michigan.

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Monday, September 8, 2008 – 12:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 210 State Street,
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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding All Council members except Councilmember Gabe Campbell were present

The following proceedings took place:

Council went into closed session to evaluate the City Manager, at his request.

Council scheduled a special meeting for Friday, September 12, at noon, to go over the evaluation with the City Manager in closed session, at his request, and to have open session to review the Manager's salary and contract

Council adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Local musician cuts second CD

BY A.J. HOFFMAN

Local musician Dwain Martin has recently released his second album.

Martin has been writing songs for over 20 years, and on his latest disc, "Road To Wonderland," he has enlisted the help of nearly 10 local musicians.

"It feels like an awards ceremony," said Martin. "(We) spent a lot of winter nights in that studio. They inspired me to bring it together."

Martin explained that, when he recorded his first disc, he did it mostly for himself.

"I had written about 50 or 70 songs, and with 'Water So Blue,' I was just getting them recorded for myself so that I could remember the melodies," he said.

The Wonderland disc, which concludes with two live versions of songs from "Water So Blue," is a compilation of 11 of his latest songs.

"Reason to Believe," and "Soma" are the two live recordings which Martin said were crowd favorites at local outings.

A few of the Torch Lake singer/songwriter's hotspots have included Short's Brewery in Bellaire, Boyne Street Music, Horizon Books and the Norwood Festival and Auction held last month.

Courtesy photo
Dwain Martin strums away during a studio session.

Martin's demeanor seems gentle and humble for a guy who has written just under 100 songs.

There is no rock star bravado and this reflects beautifully in the title of one of Martin's songs, "Namaste."

"Namaste is a Buddhist saying where they put their hands together and it means, 'the god-like in you meets the god-like in me.'"

Martin explained that the term "wonderland" in the title of his CD is what people used to refer to Michigan as when he was younger.

"Sometimes we forget that's what Michigan is," he said. "Sometimes you find yourself on a road back to home."

Martin said his music has matured since "Water So Blue," noting the two live tracks on the CD were written sometime around the mid-90s.

"This time around, I wasn't so much archiving as I was just recording and thinking, 'if I were to listen to this, what would I want to hear?'" he said. "This is a labor of love, and I wanted to do it right."

Martin said he wishes he could sum up the overall feeling of gratitude.

"Road To Wonderland" was recorded at Runyan Media in Central Lake and can be purchased at Revolution Bike and Gallery 704 in Charlevoix.

Martin said he would be happy to shelve his new disc in any shop willing to carry.

His next scheduled date is the Harvest Festival in Boyne City starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 4.

He will also be attending the open mic nights at the library being held between the months of October through May.

For more updates, visit www.myspace.com/dwainmartin

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Airport mgr. revs up for five-year plan

BY A.J. HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Bailey

Matt Bailey, manager of the Charlevoix Municipal Airport, knows what to do to generate more revenue and make improvements to the airport.

In his five year capital improvement program, spanning 2009 to 2013, Bailey has it all planned out.

"My goal is to bring more revenue into Charlevoix and make the airport self-sustaining," Bailey said. "I feel we'll be successful if we don't have to ask the citizens for any money."

Bailey said that in an age of pork-barrel and excessive spending at the governmental level, a five-year plan noting the specific improvements they expect to make is in order.

"I want the airport to improve because it brings more tourism and industry," he said. "Ultimately, that increases the general fund of the city as well."

Bailey explained that the airport gets $1 million a year from the state because they get 10,000 passengers a year. He said it was due mostly to Island Airways, Fresh Air Aviation and a couple of other local charter operations that they are able to garner the money.

"If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be getting that money," he said. "We're treated as (a) primary airport, like Detroit Metro, but we're a small primary airport."

Bailey also said they get a lot of business from Harbor Springs, Net Jets, Day Jets, Biz Jets and North Country Aviation out of Gaylord.

"We also get a fair amount of military aircraft coming in here to re-fuel," he said. "Another thing this airport supports is North Flight, or Med-Flights, which transports patients or medical supplies in a hurry."

In addition to commercial flights, the airport receives its fair share of corporate flights.

"It's amazing what a variety of stuff we get in here," Bailey said.

The first step in their five-year plan is called Master Plan Phase II, which is a requirement of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This step lays out all of the prerequisite planning for the rest of the five-year program.

The next step for the airport is to buy a small amount of property currently located in between U.S. 31 and the airport.

"The purchase of that property is meant to increase our safety area," Bailey said.

Item number three on the plan is to update the security fences and electric gates.

"During the winter time, these fences get pretty icy and just don't operate very well in the elements," he said. "We've already put a lot of money into trying to keep them functional. We just need to upgrade them because they weren't really made for the winter time."

Steps four and five of the program initiate expanding the current 4,500 foot long runway to 4,950 feet. Bailey said his intentions are to keep the runway under 5,000 feet.

"We're doing this for two reasons. The first reason is because the FAA doesn't like the end-around taxi-way and they want to correct that," Bailey said, explaining that an end-around taxi-way is a safety issue.

"Also, this will allow aircraft to have a greater takeoff so that they take on more distance and use more fuel."

Bailey explained that Charlevoix gets 20 cents for every gallon of fuel purchased at the airport.

"In doing this, it will bring in more revenue to the city as well," he said.

Steps six and seven are the site preparation for hangar relocation to the South hangar area and demolition of the North hangar/construction of the Southside hangars. "These hangars (on the North side) are aged and getting close to the end of useful life. The North hangar complex is 25 to 30 years old," he said.

Bailey said the relocation of these hangars are necessary because they currently in the obstacle-free zone, otherwise known as the runway protection zone (the RPZ) to the FAA.

"We have a waiting list of approximately 12 people waiting for hangar space here, and that would generate more revenue to the airport," Bailey said. "We're planning to build six to 12 hangars. Most of these people are local and would like to store their aircraft here but can't because we just don't have the space for them."

Items eight through 11 all deal with the land reorientation, construction, paving and lighting of a runway.

The grass runway is already being used by planes, but is not used during the winter time. "We're building this to deal with more diverse weather/wind conditions, that way we can use this all year around once it's paved," Bailey said. "It's better and easier on equipment to land on a hard-paved surface."

Finally, step 12 outlines terminal building expansion and renovation. "This is to get competing local business in the same building so there is a level playing field of competition," Bailey said.

"This in turn will directly benefit the community and users of the airport."

Photo by A.J. Hoffman

Charlevoix Municipal Airport Manager Matt Bailey is currently working on a five-year capital improvamant plan to ansure tha airport remains a fiscally solvent, user-friendly sourca of sarvica and commarce in tha area.

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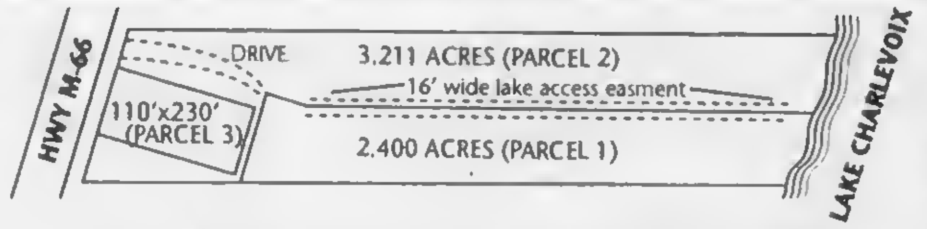

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1800s-style schooner to be built

SHIP

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Smith. "We're also going to try to set up cruises where we go to other harbors in the Great Lakes and be ambassadors of Charlevoix."

Smith also said that they're working closely with the Coast Guard to make sure that everything on the Challenge is built in cooperation with their regulations.

The donor of the initial contribution indicated that matching funds will be made available up to another $30,000.

"Boats have been built to the tune of four to five million dollars," said Stutzman. "With what we're doing, it shouldn't cost that much because Bob Schafer is personally going out to cut and donate all of the timber that's going to be used."

"We're hoping to avoid costly mistakes and get the Challenge built at a much smaller cost," said Smith.

Fred Hackl, Seaports Great Lakes board president has said that this is a "grass roots project" and will provide a wonderful incentive for increasing tourist visits while benefiting the community youth.

"We had the opportunity to see the Niagara this summer," said Tim Boyko, board member of Seaports Great Lakes. "All of the ships are a crowd-pleaser when they visit and generate a lot of interest. It would be great to have our own tall ship berthed right here in Charlevoix."

Boyko explained that this project will produce an authentic schooner, which is something that was essential to the economy in the late 1800s.

"It would dress up the harbor and though we have many tall ships in our harbor, its a big attraction," said Boyko. "That, along with the educational opportunity for young people, makes it a great thing to have."

Timbers for the ship's hull, deck and masts are being cut in the Upper Peninsula and will be hauled to Charlevoix for the building of the ship.

Shaping individual parts of frames and the vessel's keel is planned for the upcoming fall and winter, with an official keel laying next spring.

The project envisions building the replica schooner off of the original Challenge ship which once sailed during the 1800s. The vessel is projected to be built along the Pine River in Charlevoix.

The vessel, to be constructed and funded by volunteers of the community, will be used to represent Charlevoix and increase tourism as well as providing youth training opportunities.

"The Challenge schooner would be a fabulous addition to our wonderful city," said Boyko.

At press time, everyone involved with the Tall Ship Project was going through the final steps of approval from the city. Stutzman said they were very close to finalization.

There will be an informational meeting from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday Oct 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library. There, the Mackinaw will be on display as well as a five feet model of the Challenge.

A preliminary site survey of the schooner construction at Lake Michigan Beach park by (from left) Rob Straebel, city manager; Dave Clapp hatchery Manager; Mike Spencer, City Planner; Bob Schafer, shipwright; Tim Boyko, Great Lakes Seaports board member; and Gary Stutzman, Great Lakes Seaports board member.

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A fall clean up will be conducted Saturday, September 20, 2008.

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PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Council Chambers of Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St. will be open for the viewing of the presidential and vice-presidential debates. The debates start at 9 p.m. and will last 90 minutes.

Doors will open at 8:45 p.m.

Attendees are asked to leave campaign materials and apparel at home. There is room for approximately 90 people at this free event.

The debate schedule follows:

- First Presidential Debate, Friday, Sept. 26
- Vice Presidential Debate, Thursday, Oct. 2
- Second Presidential Debate, Tuesday, Oct. 7
- Third Presidential Debate, Wednesday, Oct. 15

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park is open from noon until dusk, weather permitting, on weekends.

CHARLEVOIX AREA COMMUNITY POOL FALL PROGRAMS

Mail completed registration to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 US 31 North, Charlevoix 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754. Brochures are available at the pool, or you can check out the programs online at www.charpool.org.

New This Fall: Aqua Aerobics evening class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday night open swim with the tanker.

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WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

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- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
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SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

SEPT. 20

Groomer fundraiser

A fundraiser with music by Charlie's Root Fusion and refreshments will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 20 at Mt. McSauba to help raise funds for a new groomer.

There will be prizes, dancing and new snowboard rails and boxes on display. Bring coolers, chairs and blankets. Call 547-3253 for more information.

Brennan Stebe has been preparing to become an Eagle Scout for eight years. His eagle project includes building jibs, rails and boxes for the snowboarders who enjoy Mt. McSauba each winter. His work will be on display during the groomer fundraiser.

Singles for Christ

Dinner at 6 p.m., Sept. 20 at J.W. Filmore's, 906 Spring St. in Petoskey. A movie, bowling or going to Zion for board games, cards and fellowship. Bring a snack and/or beverage for this after dinner event. R.S.V.P. by calling 347-3438 days or 347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com.

SEPT. 21

BI senior picnic

The 4th Annual Beaver Island Senior Picnic, sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008, from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. The Picnic will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3.00 for seniors 60 years and older, and $6.00 for persons under 60 years of age. Tickets are "first come, first served" and may be purchased by calling Jean Palmer at 231-448-2915.

The menu is barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit and cookie with assorted beverages. Good food, fun, music and lots of chances for door prizes. Come join us for the celebration of our seniors. Call 237-0103 for more information.

Casperson Reception

All are invited to a fundraiser for Tom Casperson (Republican) in his run for the U.S. Congress First District to defeat Bart Stupak.

The reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Grey Gables. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. There is a suggested donation of $25.00 per person and checks can be made payable to "Casperson for Congress."

No corporate checks please.

Sheriff Mike Bouchard will be a special guest at this event hosted by Sen. Jason Allen, Kevin Elsenheimer, John and Phyllis Haggard, Carol Perrin and Wes and Donna Dilworth.

RSVP by Sept. 19 to Wes Dilworth at (231) 582-6886.

SEPT. 25

Blood drive

From noon to 5:45 p.m., Sept. 25 at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street, there will be a blood drive.

Call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or drop in. Bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D

SEPT. 26

Stage equipment fundraiser

Dhaseleer Events Barn is hosting a fundraiser so it may purchase stage equipment and lighting fixtures at 7 p.m. on Sept. 26. Performers Charlie's Root Fusion and Darlene will provide music. Tickets are $15 at the door or buy in advance at Woolly hugger in Charlevoix. Visit www.blackcatconcerts.com for directions and information.

SEPT. 27

Northern Lights Celebration

St. Mary School will host "An evening with the stars" from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 27, at the school. There will be a live and silent auction, raffle, door prizes, open bar, dinner at 7:30 p.m.. Cost is $100 per person, RSVP by Sept. 13. Proceeds of this fundraiser benefit St. Mary School

OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

OCT. 2, 18

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society

The group has two events: "Christmas in October" potluck and "white elephant" silent auction to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 2.

They will also host the annual "Research and Resources" open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 18.

Events are free, open to the public and held in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library. Call (231) 582-9602 for more information.

OCT. 3

Beginning 7 p.m., Oct. 3, Family of Faith Ministries will present "First Friday at Family of Faith" a monthly old-time gospel and hymn sing, followed by a musicians jam session featuring a variety of music. The community is invited, and musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. 203 E. Upright St., Charlevoix; call for 547-4221 for more information.

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Events include:

Sept. 24 - "I Can Hear, but I Can't Understand"

Oct. 1 - "How to live to be 100... are you sure you want to?/ Reducing your Cardiac Risk"

Oct. 8 - "Preparing Your Gardens for the Winter"

Oct. 15 - "Reflexology, Your Feet Tell It All"

Oct. 22 - "Health and Cooking" John Sheets, Deli Manager of The Grain Train in Petoskey.

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

- Sept. 14 - Middle and high school youth groups are going to the Ropes Course at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha. Meet at 1 p.m. at the church. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 7. Call Justin Thomas at (517) 331-2665, Pastor Neil Wilson at 547-9122 or Dave Ulrich at 547-7648 for more information on this free trip.
- Sept. 21 – Middle and High School will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Michigan beach (depending on weather); bring lawn chairs.
- Sept. 27 – CROP walk
- Oct. 5 – Middle and high school will be meeting at 6 p.m. Talking about the Tower of Babel: Plan to get your hands messy.
- Oct. 12 – Middle and high school will be putting on a chili dinner following the 11 a.m. service. This fundraiser will fund upcoming youth activities, events and snacks. Arrive at 10 a.m. to help cook, serve and clean.
- Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.
- Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided
- Oct. 29 – All church Halloween party

Call (517) 331-2665 or 547-9122 for more information about any of the events.

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WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

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The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

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Fundraiser

Charlie's Root Fusion bass player Eric Jaqua takes the mic at the Mt. McSauba groomer fundraiser Saturday at the ski hill in Charlevoix. Crowds gathered thera to listen to music while enjoying refreshments and raffle prizes. The new groomer costs $228,000 the city is loaning $100,000 to the project and the balanca will be paid through fundraisers. Mt. McSauba manager Bo Boss said the Saturday fundraiser contributed over $2,000 to the project and they need to raise an additional $75,000.

Breasts are overrated:

"one body, one chance"

JULIE WITTHOEFT,
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

Natalie Jason, a 43-year-old Charlevoix resident, has a unique mantra.

"Breasts are extremely overrated — they really are," she said, eyes twinkling, bald head shining.

Jason's outlook on life followed a March 2008 breast cancer diagnosis followed by bilateral surgery and eight weeks of chemotherapy.

She discovered a lump in her breast in early March as she rolled out of bed.

"It felt like a hard knuckle," she said.

Jason is the third generation of women in her family faced with the disease — her grandmother and two aunts all suffered and she lost her mom, Mary Miles, to ovarian cancer in 1996.

"It wasn't a matter of if I'll get it, it was when," she said

With this in mind, after discovering the lump she headed to her family practitioner, Dr. Andrea Wendling at Boyne Area Medical, who immediately referred her to Craig Wendt, a general surgeon at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

In late April, Wendt removed a 9-millimeter mass and a second 2.5-millimeter mass, which later tested to be grade three cancer.

"I knew it was cancer, I just didn't know how bad it was. It would have developed if I'd ignored it," Jason said.

Dr. Wendt delivered her the news on May 7, two days before Jason was scheduled to graduate from North Central Michigan College with a medical assistant's degree.

He told her he'd removed the cancer but that it was invasive and may appear elsewhere in her tissue or lymph nodes.

Jason's answer was simple. The cancer won't show up in the usual places — the other breast or her reproductive system — because both are going.

"So, I graduated on Saturday, May 9, and had my breasts removed on Tuesday," she said.

The physical hit took an

Julie Witthoeft/News-Review

Natalie Jason, a 43-year-old Charlevoix resident, spent her summer battling breast cancer while starting a new career.

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Say no to mow! *Judge gets warning for mowing state land*

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Acting on a tip from a nearby property owner, DNR officials investigated a complaint and later issued a warning to Norwood citizen and 33rd Circuit Judge Richard M. Pajtas for mowing on state land.

However, Pajtas claims he has a right to maintain the two-third-mile-long, 15-feet-wide path on a southeast portion of the 2,678-acre park as a matter of necessity.

"Whiskey Creek, along with steep banks and swampland essentially sever the northern property from the southern portion of their property," wrote Pajtas' legal representation Kristyn J. Houle to the DNR in a letter dated Sept. 17.

She cited case law which states that a "party asserting the right to an easement need only show that the easement is reasonably necessary ... to the enjoyment of the benefited property."

However, Sue Rose, unit manager of Young State and Fisherman's Island Parks said mowing on the park is prohibited.

"It's a minor incident and we took care of it like any other incident," she said. "The case is closed. The grass will grow back."

Rose may consider the case closed, but Pajtas and his attorneys now away a response from the DNR to see if they will honor the easement he feels he deserves.

According to Pajtas, Michigan law dictates that a person shall not "destroy, damage, or remove any tree, shrub, wildflower or other vegetation or property without permission of the department," and he feels that, "Mowing grass does not destroy, damage or remove vegetation. If it did, you could not mow your lawn."

He added that, even if one were to stretch the rule to include mowing, "the holder of an easement has a right to reasonably maintain it."

The complainant, Pajtas' neighbor Wayne Wynkoop, is disappointed with the DNR's decision on the matter and feels Pajtas received special treatment. However, Rose said this kind of thing happens all over Michigan, and said it is always handled in the same way: Simply tell the party to stop doing what they are doing

"When I go back there and try to review wildlife cameras... and see

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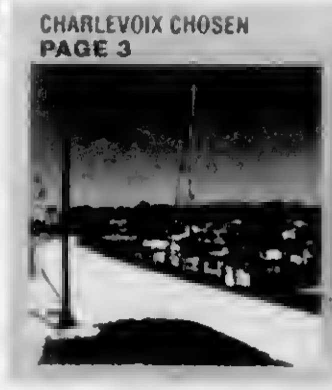

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DISTRICT COURT

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Cory James McSweeney, 25, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Andrew James Kohlbeck, 22, Charlevoix. Littering. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Katherine Ann Jennings, 27, Ellsworth. Disorderly/drunk. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

David Timothy Avendt, 45, Carsonville. Operator: no license/multiple license. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Gavin Justin Ford, 24, Harbor Springs. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 12 days on jail; to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 65 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Banar Allar Singleton, 45, Portage. Two counts of driving while license suspended. Pay $500 or serve 15 days in jail.

Donna Lynn Idolski, 42, Boyne City. Retail fraud, third degree. Pay $400 in fines and costs or serve 16 days in jail.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

James Arthur Goldsmith, 30, Boyne City. Controlled substance, delivery/manufacture. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for one day in jail; to serve one day in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $790 in fines and costs.

Jose Angel Tristan, 34, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property: $200 or more, but less than $1,000; Police officer resisting/obstructing/assault. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for 53 days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; $1,584.79 in fines and costs.

Michael David Grutsch, 35, East Jordan. Operating with the presence of a controlled substance; second offense notice; Controlled substance, possession of marijuana; operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Sentenced to 90 days in jail; credit for 77 days in jail; to serve 90 days in jail; $90 in fines and costs.

Dave Benjamin Lamb jr., 38, East Jordan. Two counts of attempted police officer resisting/obstructing/assault. To serve 24 months on probation; $695 in fines and costs.

Richard Henry Towns Jr., 35, Boyne City. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for 281 days in jail; to serve 365 days in jail.

Darin Christopher Glass, 42, Detroit. Two counts of controlled substance, possession of (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for four days in jail; to serve 150 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $470 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Clearview Roofing, 07797 Upper Bayshore Drive, Charlevoix, by Jeffrey Wiatrolik

Port Air Park Storage, P.O. Box 178, Charlevoix, by John D and Judith A Gordon

Hoover's Lawn Care, 00332 M75 North, Boyne City, by Stan Hoover

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dale Ray Haske, 29, and Lauren Kay Dupuie, 31, both of Boyne City

Randall Burton Bonter, 20, and Victoria Michelle Crum, 21, both of Boyne City

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Heather Beehan vs. Dean Beehan

Robert Sweet vs. Leann Sweet

Lori Urban vs. Thomas Urban

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harper Lee Lyons weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born Sept. 15 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Craig Lyons and Melissa Simon of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Roger and Debrah Simon of Central Lake and Ron Brown and Carol Dunson of East Jordan. Her great grandparents are Neva Dunson of East Jordan, Mildred Myszak of Bellaire and Frank and Donna Lyons of Brinley.

John Ryan Chamblee weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces was born Sept. 15 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan and Lyndsay Chamblee of Petoskey. His grandparents are Michelle and John Keshick, Sandra and John Watson, Christopher Kermit Walker and Robert Chamblee. His great grandparents are Philip and Nancy Walker, Arlene Foreman, Stanley Friedenstab and Bob Chamblee.

Richard Brian Bristol weighing 6 pounds 14 ounces was born Sept. 14 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Katherine and Richard Bristol of Boyne city. His grandparents are Kirk and Cindy Kujawski of Boyne City and Dave and Donna Bristol of Lucerne Valley, Calif. His great grandparents are Evelyn Newville and John and Pat Kujawski all of Boyne City and Art and Alice Bristol of Lucerne Valley, Calif.

Kaitlen James Losee weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces was born Sept. 12 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Amanda Losee of Central Lake. His siblings are Kendall and Taryn. His grandparents are Maurice and Lynda Gardner of Charlevoix and Mike and Susan Losee of Central Lake. His great grandparents are Luella Losee of Saginaw.

Logan James Tyson weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce was born Sept. 12 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Karen Lynette Tyson and James Reed of Petoskey. His sibling is Tyrone Miller. His grandparent is Mabel Jones of Grand Rapids and his great grandparent is Ida Welch of Petoskey.

Kerri Ann DeYoung weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces was born Sept. 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Faith and Jeremy DeYoung of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Emma and Tyler DeYoung. Her grandparents are Harold and Donna DeYoung and Eugene and Patricia Drenth all of Ellsworth. Her great grandparents are Henry and Kathryn Heeres also of Ellsworth.

Aubrey Jean LaVoie weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces was born Sept. 8 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Elizabeth and Richard LaVoie. The grandparents are David and Sue Coen, Robert and Sandra Stebe all of Charlevoix and Raymond and Sheila LaVoie from Boyne City. Her great grandparent is Dolly Coen of Charlevoix.

Zachary Michael Sineway weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces was born Sept. 5 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert and Tracy Sineway of Bellaire. His grandparents are Douglas and Sherry Sineway of East Jordon, Cynthia and Steve Sitzema of Charlevoix and Thomas and JoAnn Hazel of Interlochen.

Allie Lynn Wilson weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces was born Sept. 3 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Penny and Adam Wilson of Boyne City.

Latest of Olds legacy dies

BY A.J. HOFFMAN

Bernice "Bunny" Olds Roe Smith died on Tuesday Sept. 2. She was 80 years old.

Smith was the granddaughter of Ransom Eli Olds, the automobile pioneer, and Metta Woodard Olds. The Olds family had several summer cottages and properties in northern Michigan, especially in Charlevoix.

"(At the Belvedere Club) my great-grandfather, Ransom, owned the #39 house, that's the one with the turret on top," said Clela Nicole Gray, daughter of Smith.

Gray said that her and her family used to come up to Charlevoix every summer. "My mother spent all of her summers here except for the last three years she was alive," said Gray. "She just thought it was a beautiful spot."

As a renowned dog lover, Smith was once quoted as saying, "Dogs are only children in fur coats."

Gray said that her mother was a lifeguard at the Belvedere as a teenager. She also said that she once saved a 2-year-old from drowning when the child fell off of a ski dock. Gray said that for most of her life, her mother was a housewife.

As a youngster, Smith also enjoyed sailing and beach parties with her family in northern Michigan. "I remember always having lunch from the Belvedere Club, or bringing some food and having a picnic lunch with her during the summertime," Gray said.

Smith's grandfather, Ransom, once described northern Michigan as "God's heaven." According to Gray, Ransom also used to own a boathouse that sat in Round Lake. "It was later made into a condominium in the '70s or '80s," said Gray. "Its that long barn-like looking thing."

Smith donated to, among many things, the community pool. She also gave money so children from Beaver Island could come over to Charlevoix and take swimming lessons.

"She was a very loyal supporter of the historical society," said Dave Miles, Harsha House Museum Director. "She was a patron, and from what I know of her, she gave to a lot of different organizations."

Weather

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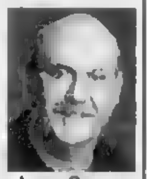

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Charlevoix chosen as a top lakeside town

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

It might not be a surprise to Charlevoix residents and visitors that the area is replete with lush natural assets and trademark up north features like the wide variety of quaint shops and waterfront parks.

The preceding facts were not overlooked as Yahoo.com recently featured the piece "America's Best Lake Towns" by Caitlin Kelly who writes for Lake of the Ozarks Convention & Visitor Bureau.com.

"I think it's appropriate," said Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Bemis. "We have a beautiful community and we are grateful to share it with whomever wants to come and enjoy it."

She added, "And, to have such great press at a national level, I think, is outstanding."

Charlevoix came listed second out of seven destinations, just after Priest Lake, Idaho and in the company of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; Lake Placid, Fla.; Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

"Shops, restaurants and galleries with lovely picture windows and awnings line Bridge Street, the main artery, well, more like capillary, of post-card-perfect Charlevoix, located where Lake Charlevoix drains through Round Lake into Lake Michigan," Kelly wrote. "A harbor-front park on one side of Bridge Street has a fountain and picnic tables, where families pause to savor treats like homemade chocolate black-walnut fudge from the original, family-run Murdick's Famous Fudge or a cone topped with a scoop of toasted coconut from Kilwin's Chocolates and Ice Cream."

Bemis is confident the Web mention of Charlevoix will have a positive impact.

"Tourism is one of the major industries here, and anything we can do to promote that and keep that strong ... is just another way the chamber helps promote our area," she said. "Michigan Meetings and Events Magazine (has) an article as well."

Visit http://travel.yahoo.com/p-interests-23486646 to see the full Yahoo.com article.

In a piece entitled "Million-Dollar Sunsets" by Julie Fracker, Charlevoix is listed along side Little Traverse Bay as an appealing destination.

"Charlevoix has earned a reputation as the "crown jewel" of vacation destinations because of its prized site between Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake," Fracker wrote.

Visit http://www.mimeetingsmag.com/ME2/Audiences/dirmod.asp?sid=&nm=&type=Publishing&mod=Publications%3A%3AArticle&mid=8F3A7027421841978F18BE895F87F791&tier=4&id=28E69D5F6CE1436BBE38713DC5EA2BD6&AudID= to see Fracker's full article.

HAPPY 100 *Nazarene church*

BY A.J. HOFFMAN

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene will celebrate the 100th anniversary of their denomination.

The celebration will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 5.

"All of the churches will be participating in communion and some of the same readings," said Gilmore. "Some of the same songs will be sang by each different congregation as well."

The church is located at 12023 Waller Road. Pastor Dan Gilmore said their congregation will join with 18,000 other Church of the Nazarene congregations in 151 world areas for the celebration.

The Church of the Nazarene has its roots in Methodism, drawn from the teachings of English evangelist John Wesley (1703-1791). The denomination was established in October 1908 in Pilot Point, Texas, the culmination of mergers of several like-minded groups. The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make Christ-like disciples in the nations.

"Our denomination has been real pro-active in practicing our faith and the fellowship has led us to re-examine our roots," said Gilmore. "Our goals have been to preach the gospel and focus on our missions. Its calling us back to that original vision."

Gilmore, who has been the pastor since 2002, said that over the years, at least 20 members of the congregation have gone on mission trips.

Eight people from their congregation went to Costa Rica and Nicaragua in April. "It was a youth trip with five teens and three sponsors. The group worked on a district headquarters facility in San Carlos," he said.

Translation of materials has been sent to every Church of the Nazarene across the globe. The plan is that all 1.6 million members of the church will celebrate in worship and communion in all 24 time zones of the world on the same day.

"Our congregation is excited to celebrate this anniversary with all of our denominational family around the world," Gilmore said. "We want to emphasize that the family of God never stops growing, and there is a place for all. In our society today, it seems that relationships often do not last very long. We invite our community to join us on Oct. 5 to see relationships that have remained strong for 100 years."

COURTESY PHOTO

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, parishoners will join with 18,000 congregations worldwide to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their denomination.

Locally, Gilmore said their church is a small congregation which has 39 members, but they average about 50 people in attendance a week. As an opener to get people geared up for the celebration, they had a cookout at the church on Sunday Sept. 7 and it was well attended.

Gilmore said that celebrating the church's centennial anniversary gives continuity to their message.

"I'm passionate about ou victory and belief in Christ Jesus gives us victory and th privilege to live above the worl at a time when the world ca get us down," Gilmore said.

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How to pick a prez

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

We are about to enter the most intense advertising season ever; And certainly the most comprehensive propaganda campaigns of the last four years.

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The money spent on such advertising dwarfs even that spent by pharmaceutical companies in pushing new drugs.

The rules of saturation advertising are well known. Repeat what you wish to be true often enough and loud enough, and many people will take it to be reality.

We don't so much vote for a president as buy one. We often buy the one most effectively presented, rather than the one who could be best at being president.

Eventually, we might learn to be wary of such manipulation, but I suspect we will succumb to the endless repetition of what ad-makers wish us to believe. Consider the number of times in the past few years that a new, widely advertised and approved drug (often costly) has sold billions of dollars worth of itself, only to have it established that it is ineffective or dangerous or less effective than the earlier and less expensive version.

The power of repetition was most clearly brought home to me by a study of the effect on pre-school children of broadcasting repeatedly the films of the fall of the World Trade Towers.

Many of them were terrified or even traumatized because they believed that each time they saw it, a new set of buildings was being destroyed.

That power of repetition works to some extent on all of us, not just children.

Basic propaganda theory tells us that even the most outrageous lie repeated enough times will become our reality.

It is not that we are stupid, or don't listen carefully enough, it is just the way we are built; Our brains evolved to enhance our survival in the era before mass media.

When we see or hear something happening, our first inclination is to think that it is happening right now.

We are inclined to see each repetition as a new event, and each repetition reinforces the sense of reality.

Political campaign propaganda uses that long-time mental capacity to alter our beliefs or change our behavior. In exactly the same way we can be convinced that this brand of soap or that kind of cigarette is better than others.

We can be made to believe that a military hero is a fraud. We can be made to believe that inexperience is a precious virtue. At least some people still believe that John McCain fathered an illegitimate black child, or that Iraq was directly involved in the Sept. 11 attacks.

All of those false beliefs are the product of intense repetition of outrageous lies.

At their best, ads widely broadcast during a presidential race could be educational, meant to inform rather than merely convince. What can be said about the deluge of ads we are about to face is that children should not be allowed to watch for fear or permanent corruption of their mental capacities.

And, that adults should pay as little attention as possible out of fear of losing whatever small grasp they have on reality.

If you must watch the presentation of candidates, it is a good idea to watch only live broadcasts, like the debates, not the endless repetition of prepared ads or the repeated broadcasts of something said by someone weeks ago. Try not to be manipulated by repetition. You only get to vote once: make it count.

WEEKLY POLL

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Next week's question: Do you know CPR?

Suffocating in the wind of change

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamine Gohs

Arguing with the wife over politics again.

She's thinking Obama is a cross between J.F.K., J.C. and F.D.R. I'm thinking if this guy gets elected we're all S.O.L.The wife says the "O" man is an agent of change; I say so is Ex-Lax.

Things quickly go south.

Yeah, he has a different skin color, and he's taller than John Kerry, but I'm not so sure he's the incarnation of all things new and better.

Before you call Al Gore's goon squad to pull me kicking and screaming out of my Liberal Media™ brand bunker, just have a look at Obama's "Blueprint for Change" and, as Dave Barry would say, I am not making this up.

He wants more campaign finance reform, because as a free American, you shouldn't have the freedom to give as much money as you like to the politician of your choice, and you certainly don't have a right to keep that a secret.

Obama plans to increase public financing and give free radio and TV time to politicians as well.

Obama's history shows his love of big government. He introduced the Patriot Employer Act of 2007, a boondoggle that bribes companies to "maintain or increase the number of full-time workers in America relative to those outside the US; maintain their corporate headquarters in America; pay decent wages; prepare workers for retirement; provide health insurance; and support employees who serve in the military."

The system is so bad that the only way to get a shortsighted American company to do the right thing is give them tax breaks.

Of course, this is the same guy who fought a $2 billion cut in corporate welfare for the U.S. Ag' Department.

He'll keep government solvent by doubling after school program funding, give incentives to companies which offer more flexible schedules, pump $1 billion into a program to help "low-income Americans succeed" and send $1.5 billion of your tax dollars to force employers to offer employees paid leave.

And, if that's not enough to cause a mutiny, Obama plans to stem the flow of emigration from Mexico by promoting economic development, at our expense, south of the border.

Whatever happened to the American dream of employing your own vision and ambition to achieve a goal? Let me know if you figure it out.

Obama wants even more of your tax dollars to go toward the medical industrial complex (hundreds of millions of tax dollars already go to your local hospitals), but he does so at our peril; Give this nation's medical facilities the same type of bottomless purse as has the military, and watch an unwieldy beast of financial burden and sub par services rivaled only by the federal government itself.

Don't fret, cuz he's got a plan to pay for it all.

By increasing income and Social Security taxes on the wealthiest Americans he will create a federal surplus unrivaled in modern times. Which is good, because reducing carbon emissions, creating green industry and saving the planet isn't going to be cheap.

The Polar Cap Act(*1) will provide for construction of air-conditioned flats powered by solar panels and happy feelings. The diminishing, overheated polar bear population will find refuge in these arctic condos until Al Gore's third year at Hogwarts when he learns the spell for reversing global warming.

Then, in a bold move not seen since Hillary Clinton brought sexy back to the pantsuit, Obama will convince the big three auto makers to convert from gas to electric.

The demand for solar, wind and nuclear will stimulate the economy; The military will be issued hugs instead of guns and ordered to care at will.

Overwhelmed by star spangled utopia, Al Qaeda will throw down their jihad and Obama will hire them to replace the Latino laborers now thriving under Mexico's stout peso; Al Gore, having invented an environmentally-friendly way of discovering oil, will spearhead the drilling in ANWR where he and government geologists will discover a real life leprechaun who, by law, turns his pot of gold over to the U.S. Treasury(*2).

At the end of the day, change is working to make Americans more free. Change is slashing and burning wasteful and criminal governmental enterprise. Change is reinstating personal responsibility by eliminating the Big Brother style of government. Change is refusing to bail out companies, and private citizens, who make poor choices.

Judging by the look on the wife's face, the most important change of all is learning to shut my mouth.

*1 This I made up.

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LETTERS to the editor

THANKS FOR C.A.R.E.-ING

Editor:

This is just a note to thank you and your staff (Charlevoix Courier) for the excellent article about the 2nd Annual CARE ENERGY Fair, held Sept. 6 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

We had many great presenters, a beautiful eco-fashion show, wonderful vendors, and a perfect day.

Thanks to all who came and listened to the great jazz and blissful musicians including the Northwest Academy Jazz Band.

Thanks also to the generous sponsors, members of C.A.R.E. and the WATCH Board of Directors.

Michelle Rick-Biddick
CARE Director/WATCH Executive Administrator

MY TWO CENTS

Editor:

I would like to add my two cents to Larry Freedman's editorial last week.

I do not think it would be that difficult to do many of the Traverse City "Friday Night Live" features in downtown Charlevoix.

Many of the fun features done in Traverse City could easily be done in Charlevoix. We have already seen examples this summer.

In fact, my children, grandchildren and I were treated to a street musician and a juggler when they were visiting over Labor Day weekend.

We enjoyed the lively atmosphere as we walked through town and think that a "Live from Charlevoix, It's Saturday Night" would be great.

Not on special event weekends during the summer, but all the other weekends.

I don't think that it should be limited to the summer.

Why not have the event at least once a month during the rest of the year; it could be changed/altered to the seasons and draw families into town in the early evening on Saturday.

Why not making this happen for children, teens and adults?

As a side note, East Park has turn out beautifully, the band shell is wonderful, the new docks and seawall are great, the harbormaster's facilities are outstanding and the Kids Fountain is just plain terrific and fun.

Renee' Durbin
Charlevoix

TRYIN' BRIAN

Editor:

Occasionally, a Charlevoix County employee shows such exceptional performance on the project that a public thank you is necessary.

That individual is Brian Kelly from the GIS (Geographical Information System) department.

His dedication and superior attention to detail allowed for our island community to achieve another successful year of shoreline Phragmites treatment.

Brian displayed innovative approaches as we mapped our infestations and

without his fine work, our shoreline with its sensitive and endangered species would be in jeopardy.

The Beaver Island community extends a BIG THANK YOU to Brian.

John Works, Jr., Supervisor Peaine Township

Don Vyse, Supervisor St. James Township

Pam Grassmick, Beaver Island Association

HONORING HELEN

Editor:

On behalf of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Board of Directors and Volunteers, I want to thank Ron Weislik and Cheri Hoffman for chairing the Eighth Annual Helen Open.

It is held each year in memory of that very special lady, Helen Weislik. This year's event was held on Aug. 17.

We are very appreciative of the extremely generous donations provided by community businesses and citizens. We received $19,000 for 2008 and a total of $97,000 since the event began in 2001.

We do not charge for our services, which include volunteer, bereavement and community outreach, and this money will be put to good use helping those in our communities.

I know how much work was put into this activity by those who worked, those who participated and those who donated.

I know that Helen is smiling down on all of you, and joins us in saying "thank-your."

Patricia A. Johnson, administrative coordinator
Charlevoix

Check Web for food recalls

As part of National Food Safety Education Month, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) today launched a new alert system to

notify consumers when food-related recalls and warnings are issued. Foodborne illnesses are a serious public health threat. Although the

exact number of foodborne illness in the United States is unknown, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates as many as 5,000

deaths and 76 million illnesses each year are directly linked to foodborne illnesses.

"Protecting Michigan consumers from foods which may be contaminated with potentially deadly agents or organisms is the department's

primary mission," said Don Koivisto, MDA director. "Thanks to emerging technologies, we are able to warn consumers almost instantly to

avoid or discard recalled food products, ensuring public health is protected and maintaining the viability of the state's food safety

net."

This new e-mail service is part of a cooperative project by the departments of Agriculture and Information Technology (DIT) in connection with the state's effort to better inform consumers when a Class I food recall is issued and protect public health.

A Class I food recall is a situation where the food has been deemed unsafe or unfit for human consumption and if consumed may cause serious

adverse health consequences or death.

The number of Class I food recalls affecting Michigan continues to rise. From Fiscal Year (FY) 06 to FY07, MDA noted a 56 percent increase in the number of Class I food recalls affecting Michigan consumers (FY06= 62 recalls; FY07=97

recalls).

"This is another great example of how we are working with state agencies to utilize technology for the benefit of our citizens across the state," said Ken Theis, MDIT director and CIO for the State of Michigan. "Our strong partnership with the Department of Agriculture has resulted in this potentially life-saving new service that will prevent unnecessary illnesses and help to protect the health of Michigan citizens."

MDA employees enforce Michigan's comprehensive food safety laws and regulate the food supply at the state's 17,900 food-processing plants,

retail grocery stores, convenience stores, markets, and fair concessions. In partnership with local health departments (LHDs), MDA

staff ensures the 31,000 state licensed restaurants are serving safe food to Michigan's consumers and visitors. Additionally, MDA and LHDs

investigate foodborne illness outbreaks and other food emergencies.

National Food Safety Education Month was created by the food industry in 1995 and is widely recognized by federal, state, and local

governmental agencies, the food and agriculture industries, and consumer organizations.

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Local residents awarded eddis for their commitment to the arts

CHRISTINA ROHN
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

The eighth annual eddi Awards at Crooked Tree Arts Center began as an evening of University of Michigan alumni bashing Michigan State University alumni.

Bob Forman, University of Michigan alumni and master of ceremonies for the event, had the crowd in stitches Friday evening as he performed joke after joke at the MSU graduates' expense.

COURTESY PHOTO

During award acceptance speeches, several State alumni eventually got their revenge.

Although this lighthearted joking was a constant throughout the award ceremony, eventually Forman and the presenters were able to focus on the task at hand — awarding individuals and organizations within the community for their outstanding commitment to the arts.

Eight awards were given out during the evening, which included a visual artist, performing artist, arts and cultural organization, arts in education, arts and cultural leadership, individual patron, benefactor and lifetime achievement.

Mary Ann Chew of Charlevoix seemed overwhelmed as she took the stage to accept her award for lifetime achievement.

The Charlevoix native was honored for her dedication to her hometown community. Chew has taught for the past 31 years at Charlevoix Public Schools. While there, she was assigned by the board of education to be the representative for the public library where she helped to develop Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

She has served for the past 30 years on the board of directors for the Charlevoix Council for the Arts and Charlevoix Art Fair. She was responsible for Charlevoix's participation in Crooked Tree's "Art In Public Places" project, and also had a hand in securing Tom Moran's large-scale sculpture of a Monarch butterfly to be permanently situated on the grounds of the Charlevoix library.

Chew said she was extremely humbled by the honor.

"My thanks to all of you who helped bring the joy of art, music and the theater to our community. It is my pleasure to be a small part of such an important job," she said. "I will treasure this eddi award. This evening will be a cherished memory."

One of the most memorable acceptance speeches of the evening came from Roy Harvey, recipient of the performing artist award.

It was impossible to deny him as he walked to the podium and immediately began booming his deep baritone voice, taking on the role of a sports announcer.

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Ross Stoakes Theatre!" he said with gusto. "I am truly honored and humbled to be receiving this award. As a performer and singer you don't need any awards or accolades. This is the greatest honor I've ever gotten in my life besides being married to my wife and having my children."

Other eddi Award recipients included Cynthia Rutherford for visual artist, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra for arts and cultural organization, Mary Beth McGraw for arts in education, Jane and Dick Lent for arts and cultural leadership, John Fershee for individual patron and the Association for Harbor Arts (AHA!) for benefactor.

Liz Ahrens, executive director of Crooked Tree, said she believes the evening was a great success.

"The energy in the room was at a heightened level all evening, between the winners being acknowledged and the sponsors who felt privileged to be a part of this community — it creates a great synergy," she said. "To me (the eddi Awards) are great. These individuals are receiving accolades for what they do naturally — to them, they're humbled by receiving these awards. Even though there's award winners, there's no competition."

Fall color season could be brilliant

A few trees in some parts of Michigan have already started to show their fall foliage, and AAA Michigan says this may be a harbinger of what could be an excellent fall color season if Mother Nature cooperates.

The current trend of vacationers staying closer to home, along with a cool summer with substantial rainfall early, points to a promising season statewide between now and late-October, when it ends in southern Michigan.

According to Dr. Bert Cregg, associate professor in the departments of Horticulture and Forestry at Michigan State University a hot Labor Day weekend and dry weather preceding it have caused many trees in the mid-Michigan area to shed leaves.

"The extent and brilliance of this year's fall color may depend on how quickly we recover from the current dry spell," Cregg said.

The key to brilliant color also depends greatly on weather conditions that prevail in September and October, he said.

Sunny days and cool nights are the best combination for a blockbuster season. Adequate soil moisture helps the trees to hang onto their leaves and increases the duration of the show.

Michigan is blessed with vibrant natural color, and leaf-peepers have plenty of places to enjoy it.

There are more than 18.6 million acres of forested land, two national shorelines, nearly 100 state parks and recreation areas, hundreds of local and regional parks, three national forests and state forests in both peninsulas.

Autumn travelers can enjoy the season in many ways; From leisurely canoe floats down rivers, pedaling mountain hikes, on horseback or enjoying local fall color cruises, to taking a traditional weekend drive to see Michigan's more than 160 waterfalls.

Fall color trips can be tailored to fit any budget; From hour-long treks through local woods to multi-day stays at a resort, with golf and spa packages included.

Other stops include tours of pumpkin patches, wineries, cider mills and fall festivals.

AAA recommends two adults traveling in Michigan budget $211.19 per day for lodging and meals.

Travelers can also seek discounts, and showing a AAA card, or other membership card, may help in obtaining discounts for meals, lodging and attractions.

When planning trips, remember that shoreline areas along the Great Lakes tend to have delayed peak color compared with inland forests because of lake-effect warmth. Valleys, hilltops and roadways often turn earlier because they are more likely to see cooler temperatures.

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Chamber orchestra's upcoming event in Charlevoix

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It's a String Thing with the Music of Vaughn-Williams, Saint-Saens & Mozart will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, at Charlevoix Performing Arts Center.

The string instruments are the heart of the orchestra and so we feature several of our Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra string talents. Ralph Vaughan-Williams-fantasia is a lovely short fantasy on the familiar Greensleeves tune and includes the "other" string instrument, the harp. Also featured is Bach and one of his best concerto for two violins featuring our concertmaster, Paul Sonner and assistant-concertmaster, Beth Weston. We also will play a virtuoso showpiece entitled "The Havanaise by Saint-Saens," a flashy, Spanish flavored piece.

Mozart's Jupiter Symphony, arguably the greatest symphony ever written in the classical style is a familiar piece and represents the culmination of a genre for Mozart.

For more information, or to get tickets (available for all performances at area book stores, Chambers of Commerce, Crooked Tree Arts Center) or by calling (231) 487-0010.

Expiring county committees

The following Charlevoix County Committees terms to expire Dec. 31, 2008 except as noted:

Joan Blanchard, Betty Pearsall, and Nels Northup, Commission on Aging; Keith Ogden, Road Commission; David Seeley, Jane Brannon and Ralph Harmon, Parks Committee; Larry Levengood, Michael Buttigieg and Nancy Ferguson, Planning Commission; John Mathers, Jr., Veteran's Affairs; Henry Erber, Transit Committee; Dennis Jason, Transportation Authority; Don Voisin and Mike Hansen, Northern Lakes Economic All; Bill Thompson, Fair Board; Arch Wright and Randy Frykberg, Brownfield Development. Authority; and Oral Sutliff, DHS Board, Oct. 31.

Call 547-7200 for more information on how to apply for the preceding committee seats.

Local man gets Kiwanis service award

Local Ike Boss recently received the Kiwanis Community Service Award for the work he has done with and for kids in the Charlevoix community.

Boss was recognized at a luncheon held by the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club in August for his life time of service to kids and the Charlevoix community.

Boss has been the Director of the Charlevoix Recreation Department and has been an integral part of many Charlevoix projects and activities.

It is his drive that has continued the Charlevoix tradition of having life guards at beaches in the summer, softball tournaments that brings hundreds of visitors to town, and continued development of the Mt. McSauba ski hill and summer camp. Under Boss's direction Charlevoix's beaches now have playgrounds, pavilions and bathrooms, our community has a fantastic skate park, the Mt. McSauba ski hill boasts ski runs for young and old, cross country ski trails, a sledding hill and the recently added play ground area for campers and locals to use

"It is with great honor that the Charlevoix Kiwanis presented this award to Ike Boss," Kiwanis Director Leah Olson said. "He has been coaching basketball, organizing softball, adding new facilities to our beaches and parks for as long as I can remember. And, he continues to be open minded to new sports and events that keep Charlevoix an active town."

Boss is currently working to raise funds for a new groomer for the Mt. McSauba park, has recommended improvements to the sledding hill and continues to grow summer sporting events.

ENGAGEMENTS

Brenna Lee Bergmann, daughter of Daniel L. and Susan R. Bergmann of Charlevoix is engaged to be wed to Chadwick Robert Cordner, son of John and Kim Cordner of Essex Junction, Vt.

Brenna most recently completed her last semester at University Alaska, Southeast in Juneau, where she majored in English and art. Brenna has been a Kappa Delta member since 2006. She spent her second summer in Juneau, Alaska, working for the Alaskan Fudge Co.

Chad attended the Landing School of Boat Building & Design in Kennebunkport, Maine, after graduation from Essex Junction High School. He currently resides in Essex Junction, Vt. After the couple is married, they plan to return to Juneau, and he will be employed by Blackfeather Boats.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Jacobitz: Sept. 30, 1921 - Sept. 16, 2008

Mary Ann Jacobitz, 86, of Charlevoix, formerly of Torch Lake, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Mary Ann was born Sept. 30, 1921, the daughter of Abraham and Esther VanStrien.

On July 25, 1942 she married Harvey Jacobitz who preceded her in death this past March.

Harvey and Mary Ann have three children, Michael (Pauleve Benio) of Adrian, Janet (Robert) Person of Ellsworth, Mark (Jonnie) of Muskegon and grandchildren Melissa Kincaid, Danny Person, and Esther, Michael, Jennifer and Jon Mark Jacobitz

Mary Ann was a member of the Eastport Baptist Church where she was an Awana leader and she had served as a volunteer with the Torch Area Ambulance Service.

She also volunteered at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She enjoyed crafts, swimming, beach combing and being with her family.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 22 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with Pastor Jerry Troyer officiating.

Interment is in Atwood Cemetery, Banks Township

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Center, 06906 Norwood Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Constance M. Pischner: Sept. 26, 1937 - Sept. 15, 2008

Pischner

Constance M. "Connie" Pischner, 70, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian Burial was at noon, Thursday, Sept. 18, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Jerry Hunko co-officiated with the Reverend Patrick Cawley.

Burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Connie was born Sept. 26, 1937, in Charlevoix, to Frank and Marion (Brown) Oleksy.

She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1955, and became a Registered Nurse after graduating from Aquinas St. Mary's Nursing School in Grand Rapids. Connie married Roger John Pischner on Sept. 30, 1961.

They made their home in Charlevoix where Connie worked as a registered nurse at the Charlevoix Area Hospital for over 33 years.

Connie was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, and served as a Eucharist minister.

Connie loved her children and adored her grandchildren, and spent her time with them playing cards, going to the beach and being with friends.

Roger preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 2000.

Connie is survived by her children, Francis (Pam) Pischner of Naples, Fla., Michael (Amy Jo) Pischner of Charlevoix, Lisa (Steve) Kindt of Ossineke, Amy (Chris) Putman of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Natalee (Zach) Pischner-Rickelman, Lacee, Krista, Nicole, Kelsey, and Jonathon Pischner; Nathan, and Kimberly Kindt; Kourtney and Austin Putman; brother, Thomas (Evelyn) Oleksy; sister, Katherine (Ray) Ahraczinskas; brother-in-law, Barry (Marylee) Pischner of Beaver Island and Grand Rapids.

Connie's sister, Mary Terese, also preceded her in death.

Contributions may be made to Saint Mary's School Angel Scholarship Fund for Tuition.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary was recited at 8 p.m.

June S. Risdon: June 16, 1918 - Sept. 19, 2008

Risdon

June S. Risdon, age 90, a Negaunee resident since 1994, died at 11:30 a.m. On Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 at Marquette General Hospital where she had been a patient since Aug. 25, 2008. She was a resident of Eastwood Nursing Center for four Years.

June was born June 16, 1918 in Springfield, Ill., to Clarence and Frances (Gass) Stevenson, was a graduate of Highland Park High School, Class of 1935, and a graduate of the Detroit Conservatory of Music. She lived many years in Birmingham, Mich.

She was pianist, taught piano, and had served as the president of the Detroit Junior Symphony. Her passions were music and antiques. She was also involved in many business interests during her working career. Mrs. Risdon greatly enjoyed the ministry and friendship of the Rev. Terry Cathcart.

Surviving are one son, Edmund C. (Barbara) Risdon of Birmingham; two daughters, Pam (Donald) Hagel of Charlevoix and Stephanie Risdon of Negaunee; three grandchildren, Sheryl (Mike) McClary, Ryan (Terra) Hagel and Edward Thess, two great-grandchildren, Tatum and Flynn McClary. She was preceded

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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Kyp Hankins	**547-6430**

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

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104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K - 8 and Adult	9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

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Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	[illegible]
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	[illegible]
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4271**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Church Office	**547-4121**

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
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Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	[illegible]
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	[illegible]
Pastor Duane O'Dell	**231-347-6651**

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US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

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Saturday Night Mass	[illegible]
Faith Formation Wednesdays	[illegible]
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DEATH NOTICE

Christopher Wilson, 94, of Livonia, died Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at his home at Sunnybank in Charlevoix. Cremation handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A memorial celebration of his life will be held in Livonia at a later date.

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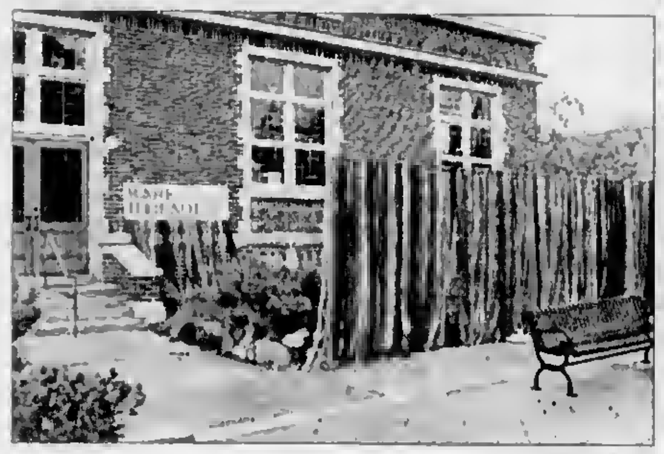
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With eight-foot fringes flying in front of the Jordan River Art Center, "Rare Threads on the Fringe" opened to art patrons, members and fiber artists.

The exhibit will continue though Oct. 12 at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan.

Workshops are planned on the weekends through Oct. 11.

There are still some openings.

Information and registration concerning the workshops or arranging for groups to attend the exhibit can call Walworth at (231) 599-3065.

It was standing room only in the main gallery with many in the lower gallery experiencing hands on needle felting for the entire afternoon when the exhibit originally opened.

Fifty Eight artists were selected to show their most recent fiber art, over 100 works, wall hangings, clothing, accessories, animals, dolls, jewelry and three-dimensional sculpture.

A great variety of materials were used from wool, velvet, felt, cotton, organza, silk, leather, natural fibers, and even, recycled tea bags, bike inner tubes, neckties, sweaters, buttons and safety pins.

Techniques were just as varied and could be found on many works.

They were quilting, weaving, stitchery, beading, knitting, appliqué, quill work, dying, painting, silk screen, stamping, photography, embellishment, and calligraphy.

In the lower gallery was the display of needle felting created by students, grades 3 through 6 from in-school workshops.

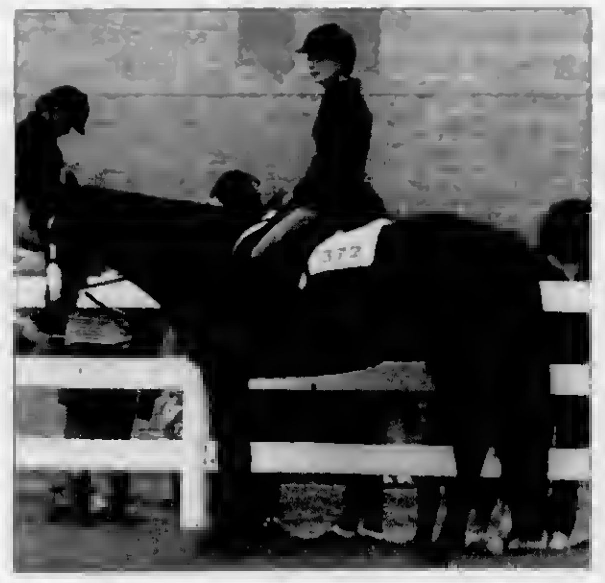
Schools which participated were: Alba, Bellaire, Concord Academy Antrim and Boyne, East Jordan, Ellsworth, and St. Mary's Charlevoix.

In addition book tassels "On the Fringe" were created at the Charlevoix Public Library during the summer reading program.

Many patrons created their own needle felting project Stonehenge was on hand to demonstrate their yarns and roving.

Roger Lilak, musician, entertained the guests.

Refreshments were served by the committee: Sylvia Walworth, curator of the exhibit, Sandi DiSante, Kathleen Glynn, Beth Raddatz, Marcia Waara and Babs Young.


Jessica Bills and horse Willy wait on the rail for the Hunter Under Saddle Class to start. Bills and Willy ara seen at the State 4H Horse Show which was held at Michigan State University.

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The Fussy Baby: How to Bring Out the Best in Your High-Need Child

Sears, William, M.D. and Martha Sears, R.N

Faced with a baby who demands to be held, nursed and comforted much of the time, new mothers may begin to doubt their own intuition, even as they long for a few hours of uninterrupted sleep

Look for new information on colic (the "hurting baby"), gastro esophageal reflux, and the challenges of breastfeeding a fussy baby, along with updated references, reorganized chapters and lots and lots of mothering tips. Parents/Caregivers

Nighttime Parenting

Sears, William, MD

Parenting is a full-time, 24-hour-a-day job. Nighttime Parenting was written to make that job easier and to help the whole family: mother, father, baby; sleep better.

It helps parents understand why babies sleep differently than adults, offers solutions to nighttime problems, and even describes how certain styles of nighttime parenting can aid in child spacing and lower the risks of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Parents/Caregivers

The Little Hands Art Book: Exploring Arts & Crafts with 2 to 6 year olds

Press, Judy

Over 90 different crafts to create. Crafts are categorized within: glue, paper, paint, clay and dough, markers, crayons, recycled and found art and recipes for homemade art supplies.

Examples, "muffin cup bird," "clay octopus" and "woven berry basket." Parents/Caregivers

Bones and the Birthday Mystery

Adler, David A.

Bones and his parents got Grandpa a special birthday present, but by the time they make it to his party, the gift is gone. How could it have disappeared? Will detective Jeffery Bones be able to solve the mystery? Beginning Readers – Level 2

Splat the Cat

Scotton, Rob

It's the first day of school for Splat the cat and he's worried he won't make any friends, but after being there and with some help from his teacher, Splat decides he will return tomorrow. Ages 4 to 8

- Games to Play with Two Year Olds

Silberg, Jackie

Ordinary, everyday routines can be turned into fun learning experiences with this revised and expanded edition of the best-selling games book for parents of two-year-olds. (Caregivers/Parents)

- The Family Book: Amazing Things to Do Together

Woodroffe, David

Provides over a hundred things to do with your family, including games, tricks to perform, puzzles, activities, and lifesaving advice. (Ages 9-12)

- When the Labels Don't Fit: A New Approach to Raising a Challenging Child

Probst, Barbara

Probst presents fresh tactics for dealing with difficult children, using temperament as a basis for understanding and intervention. Guiding parents through a temperament questionnaire, she maps 11 core traits, including energy source, attention and sensory sensitivity. She then offers practical strategies and tools parents can use when a child's social or physical environment clashes with his temperament. (Caregivers/Parents)

- Tiger Moth, Insect Ninja

Reynolds, Aaron

Young Tiger Moth is a ninja-in-training, a martial arts warrior who fights evil in the streets and classrooms of the bug world. With the help of his best friend, pillbug Kung Pow, he works for truth and justice, while still hoping to finish the fourth grade. (Ages 8-10)

- The Pencil

Ahlberg, Allan

A lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog, and other items but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes, and when he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins. (Ages 4-8)

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Northern Lights

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Story Time
Thursday, September 25, 10:30 am
Birth to 5
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts

Gamernoons
Friday, September 26, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
Guitar Hero or DDR – your choice!

Open Mic Night
Thursday, October 2, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc., at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all.

Watch for the new educational lecture series about "Food, Fuel & Climate" coming at the end of the month.

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2008 Juried Fine Art Exhibition

W.O.W. (Works on Whatever) the Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2008 Juried Fine Art Exhibition opened on Saturday, Aug. 30 and presented awards to six Michigan artists.

The juror for this year's exhibition was Cynthia Rutherford of Harbor Springs, Michigan. "This is a "statement show", smaller than some in years past, but with the powerful message that "Art allows no definition" states Rutherford. "In today's world there is considerable overlap with art and technology. Works on Whatever, W.O.W., is a challenge to the artist to discover a surface that was just asking to become art."

Awards for the W.O.W. exhibition were presented to: Mary Bea McWatters of Petoskey, First Place Award for "Bike & Ride" sponsored by Crooked Tree Arts Center, Peter Balestrieri of Bellaire, Second Place Award for "G. W. Bush at 100" sponsored by Kit Carson Paint & Wallpaper, Diana Call Gilmore of Harbor Springs, Third Place Award for "Evolving" sponsored by Ben Franklin Crafts. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Cherie Correll of Lake Ann for "Salvaged" Kathleen B. Tomasek of Indian River for "Remembering Tony" and Patrick Wise of Huntington Woods for "Open".

The W.O.W. exhibition will be on display at Crooked Tree Arts Center until Nov. 22.

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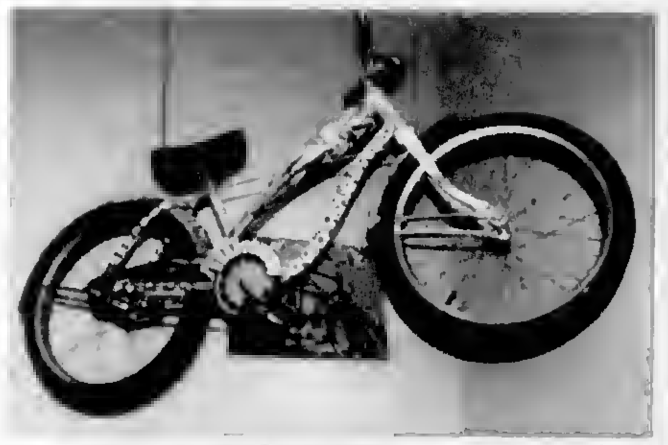

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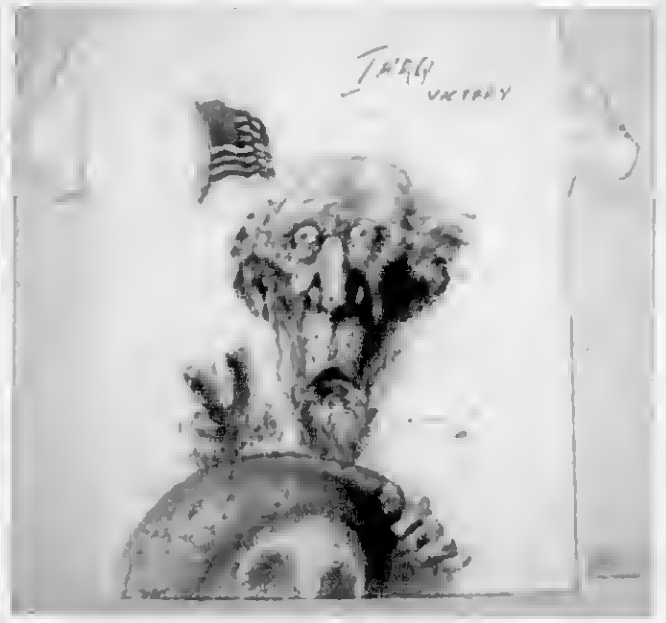

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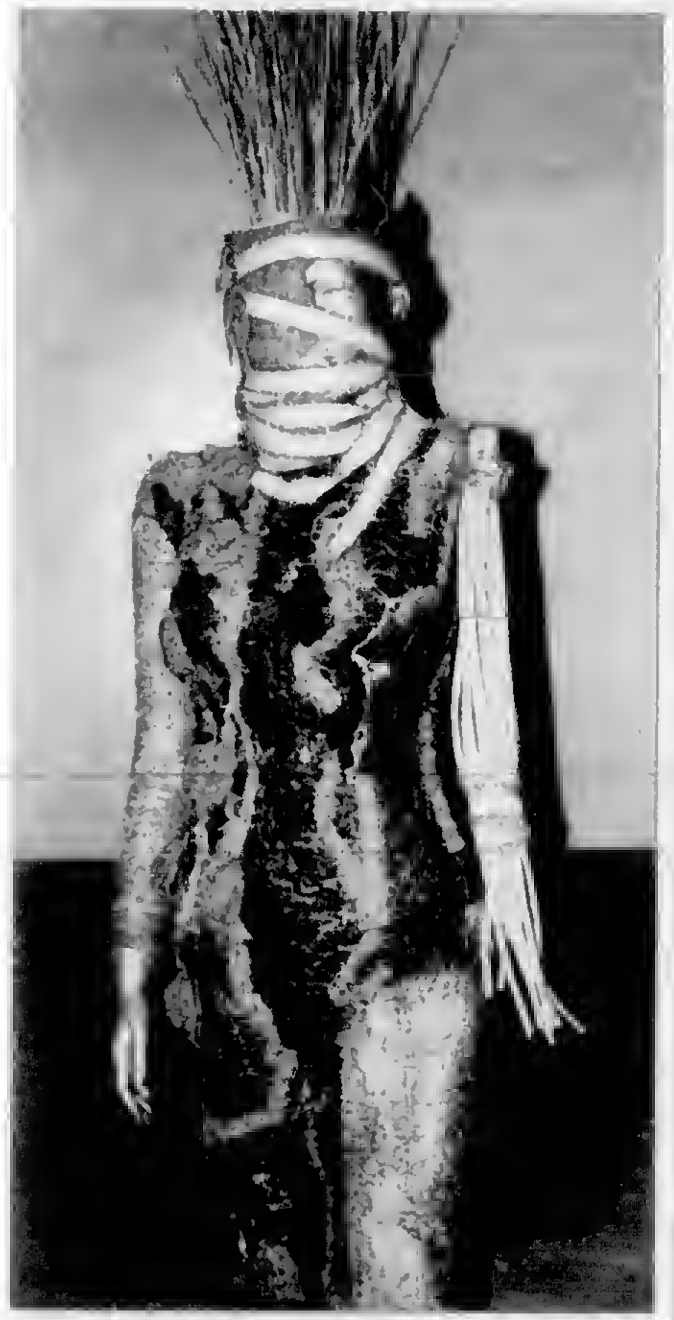

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CTAC trip

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The Crooked Tree Arts Center Day Away trip is taking registration now. There are still available spaces for the trip. On Dec. 3 participants leave for one night to the Detroit area, staying at the Marriott near the Somerset Mall in Troy. Thera will be a tour of the newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts on Wednesday and opportunity for shopping at the holiday decorated Somerset Collection that evening. Thursday there will be a tour of the national historic landmark the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio in Midland on the return trip.

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Rally for cure

Tha Rally for the Cure golf event, held at tha Charlevoix Golf Club on Tuesday, Sept. 16, raised $1,057.00. to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Komen has invested nearly $1 billion to fulfill the promise Nancy G. Brinker made to her dying sister, Susan G. Komen to do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

The winner of the Rally's closest to the pin contest on hole #3 was JoJo Allarding of Eastport.

Thirty-eight golfers teed off at 9:30 a.m. in the shot-gun event.

There were 48 registered entrants. Additional funds were collected by selling mulligans and "move-up's". Golfers were able to pay $3 to move forward to the gold tees on the two par threa holes.

Mulligans were allowed on all holes except the par three holes.

Each hole had a contest with prizes, plus a tow gross and a high gross score prize and many donated door prizes.

The rally organizers thank all volunteers: the ladies who helped set up, the men who worked on determining the winners of each hole, during the event and many friends and businesses who provided gifts and sponsorship to the event.

A potluck luncheon was held at the Club efter the event.

Anyone wishing more information about hosting or joining a rally may call (800) 327-6811 or e-mail to info@rallyforthecure.com.

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"... and in this corner"

BY A.J. HOFFMAN

Violence. It's one of the essential factors in sports. Well, some sports anyway.

The sounds of a grown man whimpering, growling in pain are coming from my computer. My editor is concerned and asks what I'm watching.

"It's a guy who just got his jaw broken," I tell him. "The guy was already knocked out, but the ref didn't call the fight fast enough, so the other guy hovered over him and sent a closed fist right to his jawbone."

As I've gotten older, I'll admit, I think I've become a bit of a wuss. Back at home, my friends go to a local bar/college hangout to watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) fights on giant television screens.

One of their favorite fighters is Chuck Liddell. Since I am relatively new to UFC, I have only seen his last three or four fights live.

Each time I've seen him, he's lost. However, my friend Will assures me that the "Iceman" is the most brutal of all men walking the face of the planet.

I'm kind of a Jens Pulver guy myself. He's a lightweight and I'm a wannabe fan, so my friends tell me he doesn't really count.

But he's so easy to root for. He's a scrappy little mixed martial arts guy who looks like your best friend. He's always real cordial in interviews, which is appealing to me because I'm a journalist; he gives credit where credit is due, and he's not the chest-pounding "I'm the man" type of athlete.

The sport is incredibly violent, and for some reason, when I watch the fights today, I don't seem to enjoy them as much as I should.

When someone gets knocked out, I cringe and hope they're going to be okay. I know, this isn't the manly thing to do. But keep in mind, when a guy gets hurt in football, everyone genuinely cares about his well-being.

In football, if a man needs a stretcher, even the opposite team will join in prayer with their opponents, because, "we just don't want to see anyone get hurt."

It's an act of concern that we just don't see in any kind of fighting.

I guess there's no sympathy is cage fighting for a very special, unspoken reason. Because we all know that if you're dumb enough to think that you can be an Ultimate Fighter, you probably deserve to have your brains smashed in or get your jaw broken.

When I was young, I loved action movies. Especially the "Die-Hard" movies with Bruce Willis. I still enjoy a good slasher movie every once in awhile. I can even find fun in the really bad Vin Diesel films as well.

Somewhere along the way, between childhood and now, I changed. I got a bit softer and the urge to drink blood wasn't so prominent anymore.

Watching the fights, which occur about once a month on pay-per-view, or on a daily basis on the VS. channel, I see how soft I've gotten.

How lame have I really become? And why did this happen?

I think it happened after seeing Ali, both the movie and the real-life former champion in his current state. Have you seen Muhammad Ali lately?

I read an interview with one of his daughters and she said he enjoys crossword puzzles. That's about all the man can do anymore. He can't speak, he can hardly move and it's all because his fighting days finally caught up to him.

Questions have risen about whether Liddell should retire after his latest loss to Rashad Evans, where he was knocked completely out. Some say Ali didn't retire soon enough.

Sadly, maybe the experts are right about Liddell. The UFC is far more violent and the fights take place much more frequently.

There is no wrap up or solution to this mass appreciation of violence in the octagon.

I enjoy the fights themselves, but I guess I'm going to have to learn to enjoy seeing someone pummelled to the point that I know it's going to cause permanent damage, or come back to haunt them when they're old men.

Three medals for Charlevoix in Petoskey Cross Country Invitational

ALANSON — The Petoskey girls won the 11th-12th grade race and Harbor Springs senior Tecumseh Adams won the boys' 11-12 race Saturday at the annual Petoskey Cross Country Invitational at Camp Petosega.

The Petoskey girls placed four runners in the top 10 and six Northmen earned medals in the girls' 11-12 race. Petoskey finished with 31 points, while runner-up Harbor Springs finished with 87.

Adams continued his torrid season pace, winning the boys' 11-12 race in a blazing 15 minutes, 45 seconds, breaking the course record, 16:28, set by 2007 Petoskey graduate Patrick Liederbach. Benzie Central edged South Lyon, 67-68, to win the team event.

Michaela Carnegie won the girls' 9-10 race in 19:20, leading Benzie Central to the team title. The Huskies edged second-place Harbor Springs, 30-59, while Petoskey placed third with 122.

Traverse City West won the boys' 9-10 race with 63 points, while Charlevoix finished second with 83. Blake Yard of South Lyon was first in 17:15.

The top 20 runners in each race earned a medal.

9-10 Boys

Petoskey had two runners earn medals, including Michael Drake, who sparked the entire squad with a 17:45 clocking, good for a fourth-place finish.

"Michael Drake was in the first race and he ran incredibly well, broke 18 (minutes), and that just got the whole team pumped," Petoskey coach Katie Kolb said. "I think we only had one kid not get a personal record for the year. They all shattered (their PRs) by a minute and some even by two or three minutes."

Petoskey's Ryan Bozell placed 19th in 18:38.

Charlevoix had three medalists in Eric Buday, Andrew Plude and Kirk Acharya. Buday was second in 17:45, Plude was ninth in 18:11, and Acharya was 13th in 18:23.

Harbor Springs' Ben Kloss placed sixth in 18:04.

Benzie Central was third with 100 points, followed by South Lyon, 105; Petoskey, 142; South Lyon East, 170; Harbor Springs, 204; Traverse City Central, 210; Cheboygan, 231; Alpena, 273; and T.C. St. Francis, 374.

9-10 Girls

Harbor Springs had four medalists en route to its second-place finish, while the Northmen were third with 122.

For Harbor, Maddie Buntin was fourth in 20:51, Katie Hoffman placed seventh in 21:20, Kendall McCarthy placed 10th in 21:54, and Rachael Brushaber was 12th in 21:58.

Three Northmen, Rachael Schappacher, Natalie Burke and Andrea Mooradian earned a medal. Schappacher was 15th in 22:25, Burke was 16th in 22:26, and Mooradian was 19th in 22:51.

Boyne's City's Joslyn Moore placed eighth in 21:48.

In the team standings, Cheboygan, 141, was fourth; followed by Charlevoix, 160; Manton, 161; Alpena, 197; Boyne City, 260; Lake Leelanau St. Mary's, 270; and East Jordan 284.

11-12 girls

Molly Touran led a strong contingent of Petoskey runners as she placed second in 20:04. Also for the Northmen, Tia Penfold was fourth, 20:44; Margaret Liederbach was fifth, 20:47; Kat Cartwright was ninth, 21:16; Amy Bieganowski was 11th, 21:27; and Alex Taylor was 13th, 21:39.

Devin Ramsey of Benzie Central won the race in 18:48.

Alivia Murphy led Harbor Springs with a sixth-place finish in 20:49, while Caitlin Reeves was eighth, 21:11; and Jessica Hall placed 19th in 22:30.

Two other area runners, Amanda Manthei of Inland Lakes and Erin Haley of Boyne City, earned medals. Manthei placed 15th in 22:13, while Haley was 18th in 22:29.

Alpena, 98, finished third, followed by Benzie Central, 121; Westland John Glenn, 164; Charlevoix, 175; Suttons Bay, 221; Boyne City, 233; Cheboygan, 251; and Inland Lakes, 301.

11-12 boys

Adams' win helped Harbor Springs to 96 points and a third-place finish in the team standings. Petoskey, 128, was fourth, followed by T.C. West, 156; T.C. St. Francis, 211; Suttons Bay, 243; Westland John Glenn, 278; Charlevoix, 292; and T.C. Central, 312.

Three other Harbor runners — Allen McCarty, Jacob Brushaber and Mike Sydow — earned medals. McCarty was fourth in 17:01; Brushaber placed 18th in 17:53; and Sydow was 19th in 18:01.

For Petoskey, Robbie Pemberton placed seventh in 17:19, and Nate Ismond was 13th in 17:38.

Charlevoix's Alex Buday placed third in 16:46.

Rayder volleyball wins 3, loses 2 in local match-ups

CHARLEVOIX

Potter led Charlevoix with 75 kills, 33 digs and five blocks, while setter Jenna Way finished with 34 digs, four aces and 90 assists.

In pool play, the Rayders beat Harbor Light, 21-14, 14-21, 16-14; beat Onaway, 23-22, 21-14; beat Sault Ste. Marie, 22-20, 21-19; and lost to Boyne City, 17-21, 16-21. The Rayders then fell to Petoskey, 9-25, 18-25, in a semifinal match before falling to Boyne in the consolation match.

Also for Charlevoix, Lauren Mielke had 20 kills, 42 digs and four aces; Taylor Storm had 36 digs; Tanya Wynkoop had 18 digs; Shauna Spencley had eight kills, three aces; and Bobby Moulter had six kills, five blocks.

SOCCER

Harbor Light 8, Charlevoix Northwest Academy 0

HARBOR SPRINGS — Christopher Simon had three goals and Curtis Clark had two goals and two assists to lead the Swordsmen on Friday, Sept. 19.

Also for Harbor Light, Drew Dean had a goal and an assist, Ryan Conrad had a goal and two assists, Nathan Cook scored a goal, and Zach Loesch had one assist.

Ben Cole earned the shutuout in goal. David Doucette and David Klevorn were Harbor Light's defensive standouts.

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Charlevoix volleyball

CHARLEVOIX — Chris-ina Johnson and Kaylee lewitt each earned a spot on he all-tournament team, leadng Harbor Light Christian o the championship of the harlevoix Volleyball Inviaional on Saturday, Sept. 20.

"I'm very pleased with the ffort of the girls," Harbor Light coach Heidi Hewitt said. "Christina Johnson really stepped up her game and Kayee played pretty consistently across the board."

The Swordsmen finished 6-1-1 on the day, and topped the host Rayders, 21-18, 21-19 in the title match.

Johnson finished with 28 kills, 17 aces, 60 assists and 33 digs, while Kaylee Hewitt had 63 kills, seven block kills, nine aces, 68 digs and finished at 92 percent in serve reception.

In pool play, Harbor Light defeated Elk Rapids, 21-12, 21-13; Rudyard, 21-7, 21-14; Inland Lakes, 21-8, 21-14; and East Jordan, 21-18, 21-14. The Swordsmen split with Traverse City St. Francis, 21-18, 13-21; and lost to Charlevoix, 18-21, 18-21.

The Swordsmen then topped St. Francis, 19-21, 21-12, 15-7 in a semifinal match.

Also for Harbor Light, Elizabeth Britton had 13 kills, nine aces; Lindsay Walker had 10 kills, 57 digs; Mariah Lambert had nine kills; Aimee Burns, 13 kills, 43 digs, 24 assists.

The Swordsmen overcame a sub-par serving day, making just 86 percent of their serves.

"That was probably the key for us," coach Hewitt said. "We kept returning balls until somebody else made a mistake or we put the ball away.

"We played collectively as a team, you saw the unity on the court. Our chemistry was there and that was really nice to see. We flowed well. We made up for our unforced errors in other areas."

Shauna Spencley led Charlevoix, 28-9, with 44 kills and 16 aces, while Tammy Potter added 18 kills, 12 blocks and 36 digs.

Also for the Rayders, Jenna Way had 114 assists, 38 digs; Taylor Storm had 71 digs; Lauren Mielke, 53 digs; Tanya Wynkoop, 30 digs; and Isis Hang added seven kills.

In pool play, the Rayders beat Elk Rapids, 21-16, 21-10; Rudyard, 21-16, 21-16; Harbor Light, 21-18, 21-18; Inland Lakes, 21-16, 21-11; and split with East Jordan, 19-21, 21-11; and St. Francis, 21-17, 19-21. The Rayders then topped East Jordan, 21-4, 21-14, in a semifinal match.

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GLADIATORS

T.C. St. Francis 47, Charlevoix 8

PNR SPORTS

The Gladiators scored on six of their first seven possessions in building a 40-0 halftime lead as they improved to 3-1 overall, 2-0 in tha Laka Michigan Conference. Clayton Mitchell scored Charlevoix's touchdown on a quarterback sneak. Mitchell set up tha scora with a 58-yard pass to Jon Putman.

Tha Raydars are 2-2, 1-1.

Cross Country results

Charlevoix's Alex Buday placed second in 17:01 in the boys' race, while Harbor's Allen McCarty was third in 17:29. Harbor's Michael Sydow, 17:53; Jacob Brushaber, 17:59; and Ben Kloss, 18:02; finished fifth-seventh, respectively. The Rams' Nick Cooper and Nate Schiefer were 11th and 12th, respectively.

The Rayders' Eric Buday placed eighth in 18:07, Andrew Plude was ninth in 18:16, and Kirk Acharya placed 10th in 18:38. The Rayders' Neil Salisbury was 13th and Doug Reynolds was 18th.

T.C. St. Francis placed third in the boys' Class C race with 79 points, followed by Roscommon, 111; Mancelona, 139; and Boyne City, 144.

Zeek Beck was Boyne's top finisher, 16th.

In the girls' race, Harbor's Caitlin Reeves was third, 21:34; Katie Hoffman was fourth, 21:36; Jessica Hall placed sixth, 22:21; and Grace Carbeck was 10th, 22:32. The Rams' Rachel Brushaber was 11th and Nicole Love placed 12th.

For Charlevoix, Molly Jeakle placed 13th, and her teammates — Katie Withrow, KC McCary, Ellise Smolenyak, Hilary Way, Krista Pischner and Annie Dipert — placed 15th-20th, respectively.

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Depot Award

The Charlevoix Historical Society honored its Volunteer of the Year, Paul Hoelderle, who is seen being presented with a photo from before the turn of the century, by group president Mona Bergeon.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Edmond G Egan and Mary R Egan, Husband and Wife to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007 and recorded February 28, 2007 in Liber 792 Page 562 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Five Cents ($76,151.05) including interest 8.821% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on October 10, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 15, Nicholls Second Addition to the Village (now city) of South Lake (now incorporated in the city of East Jordan), Michigan. Commonly known as 207 Garfield, East Jordan MI 49727.

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Dated: SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

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Jane E. Brannon
Charlevoix County Clerk
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steven P. Voice and Rebecca S. Voice, husband and wife of Charlevoix County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Progressive Mortgages, Inc dated the 21st day of March, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of March, A.D. 2003, in Liber 528, Page 279 of Charlevoix Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Amtrust Bank fka Ohio Savings Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $83,248.79 (eighty-three thousand two hundred forty-eight and 79/100) plus accrued interest at 9.1% (nine point one) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 24th day of October, A.D., 2008, at 11:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Boyne City, in the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, Michigan: A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 6 West, described as follows: Commencing at a point East of the southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T of the plat of SOUTH BOYNE ADDITION 166 feet; thence running North to the 1/4 line of said Section 35; thence East on said 1/4 line 32 feet; thence South to Main Street; thence West on Main Street 32 feet to the place of beginning. ALSO DESCRIBED AND ASSESSED AS: Section 35 Town 33 North Range 6 West, Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 commencing 166 feet East of the Southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T of SOUTH BOYNE ADDITION, East 32 feet; North 149.7 feet to the East and West 1/4 line; West 32 feet; South 149 feet to point of beginning. Commonly known as: 413 East Main Street PPN: 051-335-078-00.

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Dated: September 24, 2008

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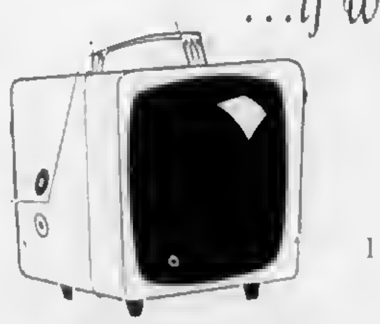

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not just deer, but John Deere's (tractor), people riding horseback and four-wheelers on trails created by that individual. I have concerns," Wynkoop said. "If you let one person do that and give them nothing but a warning; what if everyone else adjoining the state park does that? How will that impact the park in general?"

Pajtas feels Wynkoop's claims are less of concern for the park, and more like sour grapes.

"We live next door to Wynkoop's limestone quarry and have opposed it as contrary to the zoning ordinance," Pajtas stated, in a photocopy of an undated e-mail sent to a local TV news station. "In retaliation, Wynkoop has filed an unfounded complaint against me for using my tractor and riding my horse on a trail/lane on state land."

In addition to prohibition of ATV and passenger cars and trucks, horseback riding is strictly forbidden at Fisherman's Island Park.

Wynkoop first noticed the activity while viewing digital images captured by two wildlife cameras he placed in the park, a legal action according to Rose, to prepare for hunting season.

"Under the ruse of photographing deer, he has secretly photographed me, my wife, my children, grandchild and friends who walk that trail daily," Pajtas wrote. "My wife has avoided the area in fear of her own safety."

Wynkoop hopes the rest of the community will take notice of what he feels are multiple violations.

"A man in his position should be held at a higher standards," he said. "At a minimum the same standard as everyone else."

Nonetheless, Pajtas maintains his right to the implied easement which Houle described "clearly intended" by the previous property owner.

According to Houle, there must be clear indication by the state and former property owner that Pajtas is not privy to the easement, and, that no such provisions were ever stated or enforced.

COURTESY PHOTO

Here is an image of a tractor which is seen driving on Fisherman's Island Park in an area where motor vehicles are prohibited. The DNR says they warned tha individual involved not to mow the grass or ride horses and motor vehicles through the park, but the case could ba far from over.

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emotional toll. Jason had dedicated three years of her life to cleaning jobs while she worked toward her degree and now felt trapped.

"I couldn't do anything but cry. I was so angry," she said. "I spent three years cleaning toilets to get a nice job. I'll be damned if cancer would take that away."

Before graduating, she had done her last clinical with Dermatology Associates in Petoskey and interviewed there.

The same day she was scheduled for surgery she received a job offer from Dermatology Associates. She informed the team of her physical condition, expecting a "too bad" response.

Instead, they replied, "Can you be released for work?"

This was a turning point for Jason.

"I could have spent the whole summer laying in bed feeling pity for myself but there were people out there that saw something beyond cancer, beyond hair, beyond breasts. They saw something and said, 'No matter what, we want you,'" she said.

In mid-June, during a four-round , eight-week intensive bout with chemotherapy, Jason walked into her dream job. With the help of her "team of angels," including friends, family, former employers and community members, she missed only three days of work during those eight grueling weeks of chemotherapy.

Jason protects her life, professional aspirations and desire to watch her daughter, Avery, 15, graduate and become a wife and mother with ferocity. She's planning a hysterectomy in December so the cancer can't make a new home in her reproductive system, a common place for breast cancer to spread.

"I'm beating you to the punch. You're not getting me," she said. "I choose life."

With no breasts, no reproductive system and no hair Jason said the strength she has gained and the sisterhood she's developed with close friends have made her more of a woman today that she was two breasts ago.

"It was a hell of a summer. I'm not super woman, but I'm determined," she said.

To other women fighting for their lives, Jason says to remember, "You are in control."

To women who haven't felt cancer's hold, she says, "Know your body, do regular self breast exams and don't let anyone tell you you're all right if you feel like something is wrong."

"You've got one body. You've got one chance," she said.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis September 10, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the August 27, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #08-073, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #08-074, Grandvue Operating Transfer, authorizing the Treasurer to make the transfer as outlined.

Motion approved Resolution #08-075, Support on House Bill NO. 5398, the Clerk to forward copies to those parties listed.

Motion approved Resolution #08-076, Air Conditioning Units.

Motion approved Resolution #08-077, Award Proposal.

There will be a Committee of the Whole on Friday, September12, 2008 to review budget requests.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Official Notice

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING CITY/TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held in the following City/Township on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Electors who wish to vote in the general election must be registered to vote no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008.** If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person:

At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting any of the following clerks.

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for the location, days and times.

This election is for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

President of the United States
United States Senator
1st District Representative in Congress
105th District State Representative
Members of the State Board of Education
Members of the University of Michigan Board of Regents
Members of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Members of the Wayne State University Board of Governors
Justice of the Supreme Court
4th District Judge of the Court of Appeals
Incumbent/Non-Incumbent
33rd Circuit Judge of the Court Incumbent
90th District Judge of the Court Incumbent
County Commissioner – Districts 1 thru 6
County Prosecuting Attorney
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
County Register of Deeds
County Drain Commissioner
County Surveyor
City Mayor and Councilmember's (City of Charlevoix)
Township Supervisor (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Clerk (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Treasurer (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Trustee (to fill vacancy, if any)

And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 08-1: A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

PROPOSAL 08-2: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

BAY TOWNSHIP

ROAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL ONE MILL FOR TWO YEARS

COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL ONE MILL FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP

FIRE PROTECTION PROPOSAL O.7 MILL FOR FOUR YEARS

ROAD REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION WORK PROPOSAL TWO MILLS FOR FOUR YEARS

MELROSE TOWNSHIP

ROAD MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTURCTION PROPOSAL ONE MILL FOR FOUR YEARS

PEAINE TOWNSHIP

ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOUR MILLS FOR FIVE YEARS

VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOLS

VANDRBILT AREA SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES .75 MILL FOR 4 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk or the Township Clerk listed below.

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231-547-7200, ext 12

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Council Chambers of Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St. will be open for the viewing of the presidential and vice-presidential debates. The debates start at 9 p.m. and will last 90 minutes.

Doors will open at 8:45 p.m.

Attendees are asked to leave campaign materials and apparel at home. There is room for approximately 90 people at this free event.

The debate schedule follows:

- First Presidential Debate, Friday, Sept. 26
- Vice Presidential Debate, Thursday, Oct. 2
- Second Presidential Debate, Tuesday, Oct. 7
- Third Presidential Debate, Wednesday, Oct. 15

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park is open from noon until dusk, weather permiting, on weekends.

Charlevoix Area Community pool fall programs

Mail completed registration to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 US 31 North, Charlevoix 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754. Brochures are available at the pool, or you can check out the programs online at www.charpool.org.

New This Fall: Aqua Aerobics evening class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday night open swim with the tanker; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. an expanded Thursday night Women's Recreational Swim.

Call the pool at 547-0982 for additional information on fall programs.

WEEKLY AT LIBRARY

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Saturday Night Alive

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

SEPT. 25

Blood drive

From noon to 5:45 p.m., Sept. 25 at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street, there will be a blood drive.

Call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or drop in. Bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

SEPT. 26

Stage equipment fundraiser

Dhaseleer Events Barn is hosting a fundraiser so it may purchase stage equipment and lighting fixtures at 7 p.m. on Sept. 26. Performers Charlie's Root Fusion and Darlene will provide music. Tickets are $15 at the door or buy in advance at Woolly bugger in Charlevoix. Visit www.blackcatconcerts.com for directions and information.

SEPT. 27

Northern Lights Celebration

St. Mary School will host "An evening with the stars" from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 27, at the school. There will be a live and silent auction, raffle, door prizes, open bar, dinner at 7:30 p.m.. Cost is $100 per person, RSVP by Sept. 13. Proceeds of this fundraiser benefit St. Mary School.

OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

OCT. 2, 18

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society

The group has two events: "Christmas in October" potluck and "white elephant" silent auction to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 2. They will also host the annual "Research and Resources" open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 18. Events are free, open to the public and held in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library. Call (231) 582-9602 for more information.

OCT. 3

Beginning 7 p.m., Oct. 3, Family of Faith Ministries will present "First Friday at Family of Faith" a monthly old-time gospel and hymn sing, followed by a musicians jam session featuring a variety of music. The community is invited, and musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. 203 E. Upright St., Charlevoix; call for 547-4221 for more information.

"Snap Shot Sessions" offered at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Sept. 24 - "I Can Hear, but I Can't Understand"

Oct. 1 - "How to live to be 100... are you sure you want to?/ Reducing your Cardiac Risk"

Oct. 8 - "Preparing Your Gardens for the Winter"

Oct. 15 - "Reflexology, Your Feet Tell It All"

Oct. 22 - "Health and Cooking"- John Sheets, Deli Manager of The Grain Train in Petoskey.

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This - Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

OCT. 11

Bier Art Gallery will be hosting an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 11, six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse.

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

- Sept. 21 – Middle and High School will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Michigan beach (depending on weather); bring lawn chairs.
- Sept. 27 – CROP walk
- Oct. 5 – Middle and high school will be meeting at 6 p.m. Talking about the Tower of Babel; Plan to get your hands messy.
- Oct. 12 – Middle and high school will be putting on a chili dinner following the 11 a.m. service. This fundraiser will fund upcoming youth activities, events and snacks. Arrive at 10 a.m. to help cook, serve and clean.
- Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.
- Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.
- Oct. 29 – All church Halloween party

Call (517) 331-2665 or 547-9122 for more information about any of the events.

OCT. 15

Tax increment financing workshop

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 15 in Charlevoix at Charlevoix Public Library community room A, a Tax Increment Financing Workshop will be held free of charge.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a public financing method, often used by municipalities, which has been used for community improvement projects and redevelopment. Each workshop will cover:

- What is a TIF?
- What Public Acts authorize it?
- How does it work?
- Pros and cons of using TIF.

Call (231) 582-6482 to complete the required registration, or e-mail jan@northernlakes.net.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kinart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

Thanks for reading the Charlevoix Courier

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at St. Mary Church located at 1003 Bridge St. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the conference room near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information, call 547-8651.

CHURCH GROUPS

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-9203.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

HOSPITAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10:30 a.m., the second Monday of the month, 11 months per year, in Charlevoix Area Hospital's conference room near the cafeteria. Call 547-8651 for more information. The July meeting is a potluck picnic at Lake Michigan Beach pavilion.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

HISTORICAL GROUPS

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Laura Stebe (left) and Charlevoix recreation director Ike Boss (right) of Charlevoix sell raffle tickets to Chris and John Crinnion of Petoskey at the Mt. McSauba groomer fundraiser Saturday at the ski hill in Charlevoix.

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE

Charlevoix County has openings on several County Committees for the year beginning January 1, 2009. If your are interested in either being appointed or being reappointed to any one of the following committees please respond in writing to the Charlevoix County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The Committees with openings are: Commission on Aging, Road Commission, Parks Commitee, Planning Commission, Department of Human Services Board, Veterans Affairs, Transit Committee, Transportation Authority, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board, Brownfield Development Authority and the Fair Board. Please submit your response in writing NO LATER THAN September 30, 2008.

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Mixed bag

over support of medicinal marijuana ballot initiative

NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Michigan voters will decide whether or not to legalize medicinal marijuana in a state wide ballot initiative this November.

Although polls show there is growing support for the move, getting people to speak openly about the subject can be a bit more difficult.

According to a September poll by the Michigan Resource Group of Lansing, 67 percent of voters said they would support the proposal, while 29 percent said they opposed it. If passed, the law would permit physician approved use of marijuana for patients with "debilitating medical conditions" including cancer, Glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, as well as other conditions approved by the Department of Community Health.

Those patients permitted to use marijuana would be given an identification card and the right to grow marijuana plants in an enclosed, locked facility. The last portion of the law would also permit care givers and patients the right to used medical reasons as a legal defense in marijuana prosecutions.

Joshua Snider, a 30-year-old Petoskey resident, advocated for the use of marijuana as medicine for a variety of medical conditions. Snider said his own mild temporal epilepsy was improved with occasional use of marijuana.

Besides working as a pain killer and an appetite stimulant, Snider asserted that marijuana also has antispasmodic qualities.

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Signs, signs, everywhere there's signs

Relief could come to business owners feeling left out of the directional loop

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Owners of some businesses located off Bridge Street are optimistic as the city planner prepares to present proposed sign ordinance revisions to city planning commissioners.

At issue is whether to allow off-premises signs and portable signs and how, if at all, they will be lighted.

"I have a lot of people who come into the restaurant and ask me how to get to the library, where the beaches are, how to get to the historical society," said Racchel Wright, owner of the Alcove Cafe which is located just off Bridge Street on Park Avenue. "There is a contention by certain business owners (on Bridge Street) that, because they pay the high rent there, they should have an advantage in terms of signage, and allowing off Bridge Street businesses to have signs on Bridge Street is unfair."

She added, "Anything good for one business in town is really good for all businesses: A rising tide lifts all ships."

Charlevoix City Planner/Zoning Administrator Mike Spencer will present the proposal to the Charlevoix City Planning Commission at the 7 p.m., Oct. 13 meeting with a public hearing expected in late October or early November.

"The proposed revisions are (intended) to allow businesses greater flexibility for advertising, clarify language and make the regulations easier to understand, administer and enforce," Spencer wrote in an e-mail response to questions. "The planning commission and council (the planning commission will make a recommendation to the city council after public input is taken) will evaluate under what circumstances to allow banners for advertising. The variance procedure will also be evaluated for compliance with state laws and to provide logical criteria to evaluate variance requests."

City council could review the recommended amendments as early as November or December: not a moment too soon according to business owners who have been waiting nearly two years for an answer.

"It's been a long and hilarious adventure," Wright said. "Nobody wants great big signs; nobody wants it to look like a strip mall. We want something in keeping with the quaint, friendly look of the town."

Tony Duerr, owner of Pine River Books, agrees with his fellow side street business owners.

"This is supposed to be a central business district, not a Bridge Street business district," Duerr said. "I think wayfinding is something that is not done well, and that is kind of a separate issue, but visitors must be able to learn where the beaches are, where the Earl Young houses are, where the historical museum is, where the library is."

Duerr said he, too, has heard the argument that businesses on Bridge Street pay higher rent and therefore deserve more consideration from the city.

"Bridge Street has all the advantages: when the hanging petunia plants are done, it's on Bridge Street; when sidewalks are washed, it's on Bridge Street, when park benches are set out, it's on Bridge

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Stem cell research

up to a vote this November

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

[Editor's note. Ballot proposals can often be complex and, sometimes, even misleading. The following piece is intended to be informational and free of pleas to vote either way.]

Stem cells: What are they?; Where do they come from?, and for what are they used?

Since Michigan voters will decide whether proposal 2, a measure to allow stem cell research, goes forward, Charlevoix Courier sat down with Marcia Baum, Executive Director of the Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research and Cures, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization devoted to educate people on the issue of stem cell research.

"Our position of education is very clear: we do not take a position on any legislation, candidate or ballot initiative," she said.

On their site www.stemcellresearchformichigan.com you will find links to opinions supporting stem cell research from the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, and you will find links to opinions from Focus on the Family, the Catholic Church and the Christian Coalition who are

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Stem cell research could aventually help people like Nicholas, 9 (left) and his 13-year-old brother Gabriel Coury. The brothers have juvenile diabetes and live with their family in Caledonia.

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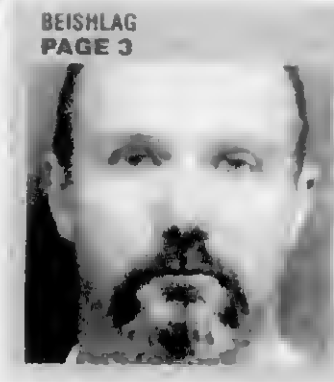

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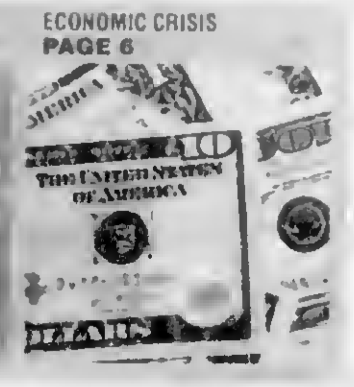

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DISTRICT COURT

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John Steven Marsh, 42, Charlevoix. Attempted interfering with electronic communications, domestic violence. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day in jail; to serve 270 days in jail with 94 days held in abeyance, to serve 24 months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, $500 in fines and costs.

Scott Douglas Jewell, 34, Petoskey. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow, second offense. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Chloie Jene Stead, 18, Alanson. Operating minor with any blood alcohol content. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Michael Allen Hull, 48, Millersburg. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work, to serve nine months no probation, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend Impact weekend within 90 days.

Lee Edward Harcourt-Thomas, 23, East Jordan. Use of cocaine. Serve 365 days in jail; to serve 33 days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $900 in fines and costs.

Cory James McSweeney, 25, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Brian Scott Naponi, 38, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; serve 90 days on an electronic monitoring device; 363 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes, $1,730 in fines and costs.

Jason Daniel Washegisic, 19, Charlevoix. Operator no license/multiple license. Credit for four days in jail; to serve six days in jail, 80 days held in abeyance; not to operate a motor vehicle; $200 in fines and costs.

Andrew James Kohlbeck, 22, Charlevoix. Littering. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Thomas Lee Bennett, 22, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs.

Katherine Ann Jennings, 37, Ellsworth. Disorderly/drunk. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Michael Paul Adach, 31, Macomb. Open intoxicant; contempt of court. Serve 40 days in jail; to be released after 20 days and upon payment; $1,000 in fines and costs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emma Leigh Bullard, born to Brandon and Stephanie Bullard of Thomasville, N.C. on Sept. 17, 2008 at High Point Regional Hospital.

Emma weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and has a big brother Brandon Jr. Grandparents are Denny and Jeanne Way of Charlevoix; Randy and Lesa Bullard and Robert; and Janice Elkes of N.C. Great grandparents are Doug and Lorrie Way of Charlevoix; Dave and Dana Cadwell of N.C.; and Jack and Lois Bullard of Ohio.

Public hearing

'Council to renew DTE Energy agreement'

An agreement which will renew a contract between the city and DTE to allow the energy company access to public lands is scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 6 in Charlevoix's City Council chambers.

City clerk Carol Ochs said the public hearing on this matter was originally held earlier this summer, but due to a technical requirement, the city was forced to wait for an unspecified number of days before they could make a decision.

"They're simply redoing what they already did," Ochs said. "It's just telling them (DTE) they can use right-of-ways to have access to their lines. If we use (public properties) for anything other than public, we typically put an agreement in place to preserve the public's rights."

She added, "It's not exclusive, so if another energy company came in, we would offer them that type of agreement too."

When the measure is likely approved, it will last five years with the option to renew.

Ochs said the city does not charge DTE a fee for this courtesy.

"They would just pass the fee on to the consumer," she said.

You may obtain a copy of the agreement at city hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix or call 547-3250 for more information.

Home invasion on city's northside

Police in Charlevoix are investigating a home invasion that took place on the city's north side late Sunday.

Police chief Gerard Doan said the incident happened at about 11 p.m. at a home on Cherry Street. Doan said the homeowners, who were at home and awake at the time, discovered a young man had entered their home through an unlocked patio door

The man fled out a back door and through the back yard when confronted by the homeowners. The suspect, who police said made off with some cash and possibly some credit cards, is described as white male in his late teens or early 20s, about 6-foot tall, medium build, medium-length sandy blonde hair, no facial hair, wearing a green shirt and dark blue pants.

Police called in a K-9 officer and his dog from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office, but they were unable to track the suspect.

Doan asks anyone with information on the incident to call the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258 or 9-1-1, and reminds area residents to lock the doors to their homes.

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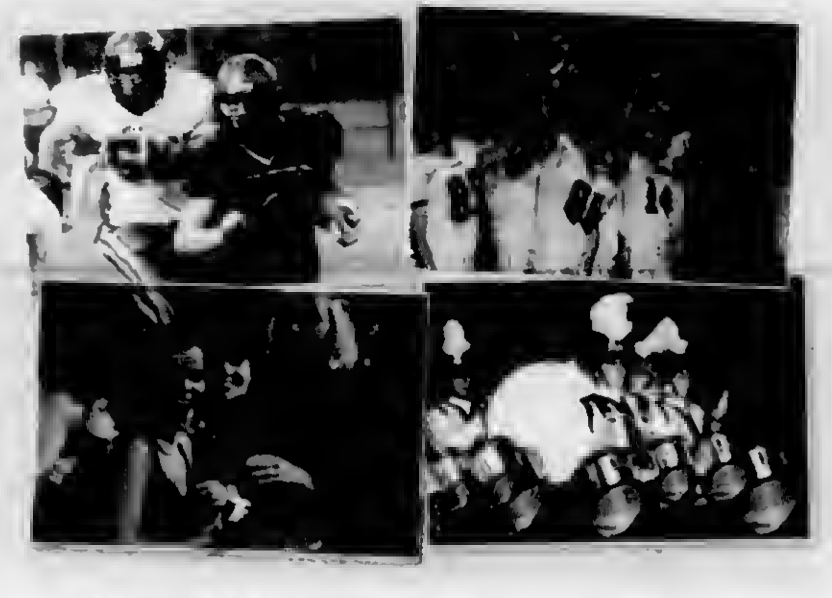

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Voter registration deadline nears for Nov. 4 election

Residents will vote for president, state House and local seats

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that Monday, Oct. 6 is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 4 general election.

"Michigan residents have an opportunity to be heard in this presidential election," said Land, the state's chief election officer. "If you are not yet registered to vote, I encourage you to sign up now. Your vote is your voice, and in this election, you have the opportunity to be heard at every level of government."

Ballots will include the presidential race, state House contests, local races and statewide and local proposals.

To register, people must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. They must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand deliver the application to their local clerk, are age 60 or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, voters may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. Residents also will be able to find information on voting by absentee ballot, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. They can also find a map to their local polling place.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Registered Michigan voters who have moved within 60 days of the election may still vote at their previous address if they did not register to vote at their new address by the close of registration for this election. This also applies to voters whose homes have been foreclosed upon. Voters in default on their mortgages but living in their homes may still vote without restriction.

Clerks are required to provide accessible polling places for all voters, including voters with disabilities. In addition, the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal will be available at all polling locations to assist voters with disabilities in marking their ballots.

Residents are again reminded of the voter identification requirement on Election Day. They will be asked to present photo identification at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a brief form stating that they're not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university
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Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Beishlag waives preliminary examination

STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

A former Cheboygan County man facing criminal sexual conduct charges in Charlevoix County has been bound over to face trial on reduced charges.

Aaron Beishlag, 39, now of Harrison waived his preliminary examination Thursday after prosecutors agreed to reduce the charges from first degree to third degree criminal sexual conduct. Both charges involve sexual penetration with a person between the ages of 13 and 15, but the first degree has the added element that the defendant was in a position of authority and used that authority to coerce the victim into the sexual activity.

The first degree charge carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison. The maximum for the third degree charge is 15 years.

The charges stem from allegations that for an eight-month period from June 2003 to February 2004, Beishlag, then 34, had a long-term sexual relationship with a girl who was 14 at the time.

Under Michigan law, engaging in sexual penetration with anyone under the age of 16 is a felony, regardless of the victim's consent.

Beishlag was originally charged with crimes in both Cheboygan and Charlevoix counties because the incidents were alleged to have happened both at Beishlag's home in Cheboygan County and at his father's home in the Charlevoix area.

On June 20, following a four-day trial, a Cheboygan County jury found Beishlag guilty on two counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct. His trial on the Charlevoix County charges was set to begin three days later, but prosecutors dismissed the charges before the trial began to spare the victim from having to testify again.

However, at Beishlag's Aug. 28 sentencing hearing, Cheboygan County Circuit Court Judge Scott Pavlich granted a defense motion to set the jury's verdict aside and declare a mistrial.

Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara re-issued the Charlevoix County charges against Beishlag after learning that the Cheboygan County verdicts had been thrown out.

"I am pleased that the defendant waived his preliminary examination so the victim would not have to testify," Fanara said.

Beishlag is free from custody after posting a $5,000 surety bond. He is scheduled for arraignment and a scheduling conference in circuit court on Oct. 3.

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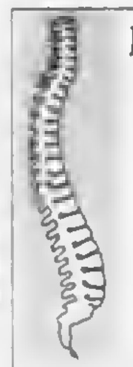

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Don't worry, be happy

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

"Don't worry, be happy": a well used slogan whose essence has been studied scientifically; I'll delve into this a little further but first I need to mention that some days it does take a little effort to be happy.

The state of happiness is not a requirement for daily living but actively seeking to be in a better mood does improve your health and mental well-being.

If you turn on the television after working all day and view broadcasts of homes lost in floods and hear updates on the economic plans debated in Congress you wonder what can you possibly be happy about.

Purchasing a new boat or selling one creates a euphoric feeling at first but that feeling quickly fades and the aura of bliss leaves us.

Some of us have a tendency to spend money to feel good.

As long as its not emptying the entire household savings you are among many who do the same.

Others may think they would be happier if they made more money, found the perfect person to spend their life with or could lose twenty pounds, then they could finally be happy.

This couldn't be further from the truth.

The science of happiness has been studied by a professor sometimes referred to as the "happiness professor."

Dr. Sonya Lyubomirsky completed her research and has come up with these facts: 50 percent of happiness in genetic, 40 percent is intentional and 10 percent is circumstantial

Being happy has more to do with how you act and think.

Research by Lyubomirsky revealed individuals who wrote down once a week what they were grateful for experience a positive attitude which in turn brings happiness.

This research also recommends practicing forgiveness, tolerance, becoming more involved in your church and savoring positive moments.

Essentially being happy for what you do have.

When I first moved to northern Michigan some 30 years ago I had a tendency to drive family and friends around to see the lovely homes in the surrounding area.

They would usually mention that it must be nice to live in one of these beautiful homes overlooking the lake and the lives of the occupants must be picture perfect.

My usual reply was, "what they live in doesn't necessarily make them happy."

It's interesting to note that happy people usually experience more success in their lives because of their positive attitude and sometimes this can lead to making more money.

Wealthier individuals who have been interviewed for studies on their degree of life satisfaction report they are happiest when they can become involved in philanthropic activities.

The act of sharing and caring brings them happiness, not having money for money's sake.

We have been blessed with many happy philanthropists in our area thus I may also add to my usual comment "yes, money buys beauty but the beholder is responsible for their own happiness."

So, if you are feeling sad and you have realized it's not in your genes to be in a better mood, you need to review your circumstances.

You can change how you feel by your own actions.

Suggestions from research indicates that marriage does not bring happiness but a married life improves greatly when you clearly cheer your partner on for

their successes they achieve.

The act of hugging improves your over all feeling of wellness and happiness.

For senior citizens, reminiscing about past events emotes happiness and they are doubled when this information is shared with family and close friends.

Aerobic workouts can be almost as effective as medication, so it's important to take some time out of your week to increase your heart rate.

Having a job that is meaningful where time passes quickly because you are doing something you like also increases happiness.

Happiness isn't getting everything right, it lies in the way you live and look at the world.

Volunteering in the community creates a feeling of satisfaction which, in turn, can make you feel better about yourself.

Pursue something you enjoy and happiness catches up with you.

A new program at the University of Pennsylvania provides educators and health professionals the ability to earn a Master of Applied Positive Psychology.

Positive interventions can supplement traditional interventions that relieve suffering.

So, even in these times which most consider nothing to be happy about, put a smile on your face and your feelings will change to meet your thoughtful look.

Gayle Gennett's column appears bimonthly in Charlevoix Courier. Contact Gayle via e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Sure signs of the apocalypse

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Perhaps I should have heeded the hints: the stack of Watchtower booklets left on my porch every Saturday; the plague of pill bugs hiding under the couch; the phonetically spelled warnings in my alphabet soup.

They say there are no atheists in foxholes, and I can assume that also applies to the apocalypse.

Now, I don't want to unnecessarily worry anyone, but I have begun to notice some strange happenings.

Granted, I've been known to blow things out of proportion in the past: I've self-diagnosed no fewer than 839 heart attacks, six different kinds of cancer, emphysema, asthma, perforated intestine, paralysis, stroke, full-blown diabetes, SARS, typhoid, dysentery, rickets, Epstein-Bar, lupus and sickle-cell leukemia. But this time it's different, and the end of days is near.

It all started at the grocery store. Not the stereotypical venue for cataclysm, but according to my old testament readings the devil appears where you least expect him.

I noticed something was wrong when, while looking for a shaving razor, I found a moisturizing hand cream for men.

At first I thought it was placed there by a lazy shopper making a last-minute cut from the shopping cart, but upon closer inspection the label read "For Men."

First it was pastel clothing, then they said we could cry, but a skin hydration system was certainly the devil's work.

I ran screaming, warning my brothers to stay out of aisle five. I continued shopping, but threw away the wife's list and bought only gender affirming stuff like red meat, beer and an auto trader.

Passing by the cereal aisle, I glimpsed a toddler speaking in tongues after his mother refused to buy Lucky Charms. I swear he looked right through me.

Frantic to escape Satan's boutique, I cruised to the checkout.

Gridlock!

The shopper to cashier ratio was roughly 37:1.

"Act casual, Gohs" I told myself.

From six carts back I squinted to read September's National Enquirer.

"Hmm, Kevin Spacey is gay. A Huskee named Pachee swallowed a fork and lived to bark about it. Brad and Angelina are having trouble," I spoke aloud, trying to convince any demons within earshot that I was merely a mild-mannered shopper.

"Can't let them know you're on to them, Gohs."

The line slowly edged forward until I was second, but there was no cashier.

I looked up to see if the lane was still open. The large square light was on, but it read "Self-Serve."

"Self-serve checkout?" I thought. "What's next, self-serve dry cleaning; self-serve taxidermy?"

I wanted the hell out of this three-dimensional Escher painting but if I bolted they would have known that I knew.

"Steady as she goes."

The woman ahead of me had a cart full of vegetables and fruit. She just stood there, waiting for a cashier to materialize until a stern looking woman in a grocery store uniform and overpopulated key ring stepped forward.

"It's self serve, there is no cashier," the warden grunted.

Veggie lady eyed the contraption. It was like a chimp' trying to work an adding machine. I expected her to start beating the register with a turkey bone out of frustration.

She turned to me, her eyes pleaded for help. Ashamed, I averted my eyes. Like a fellow cow to slaughter, there was nothing I could do.

Then the machine spoke. It told her to scan her items and place them on the conveyor belt. She put an eggplant on the scanner. Nothing happened.

The machine spoke again. It said help was on the way, but this time it sounded angry.

The warden appeared, shook her head in disapproval and then pushed a series of the beast's buttons.

I could sense the rest of the herd behind me shifting, anxious. A nervous "moo" escaped my lips.

In an instant veggie lady was gone. Like a modern-day Edmond Dantes, she was whisked away to a prison island for angering the machine.

Then it was my turn. I humbly prostrated myself before the machine, determined to get free if only to tell veggie lady's story.

I scanned my items: Steak; beep. Beer; beep. Auto trader; beep. "I'll eat your soul"; beep.

Some of you may be thinking automation is not the end of the world, but for my sake; for veggie lady's sake, I'm seriously considering getting my butt to church.

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LETTERS to the editor

THANK YOU

On behalf of the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all who helped make the fundraiser for Mt. McSauba on Sept. 20 a success.

A special thank-you to Charlie's Root Fusion, who gave of their time and talent.

Thank-you to Brennan Stebe and volunteers, for their time and effort on building the boxes and rails for the terrain park for his Eagle Project, which were on display.

Thank-you to all the businesses and persons who donated to the raffle prizes: the generosity shown was immeasurable.

Thank-you for supporting Mt. McSauba and the grassroots effort to raise funds for a new groomer.

Without this groomer, the ski hill will not open and the season will be forfeited.

Thank-you to the fundraising committee for your tireless effort to promote and raise funds for this much needed piece of equipment.

For further donations and inquiries please contact the recreation department at 547-3253.

Another fundraising event is planned for Oct. 18 at Judy's Restaurant.

All donations are tax deductible.

We would also like to mention that all donations received that evening were made in memory of Connie Pischner. She was a longtime supporter of Mt.McSauba and the recreation department who recently passed away.

Her warm smile and generosity will be missed.

Ike Boss, Charlevoix City Recreation Department

THE RIGHT WOMAN FOR THE JOB

Editor:

Let's consider a man who had a job, didn't want it anymore, applied for another job and was told by his superiors that he couldn't have it and he'd better go back to where he'd been before.

Saying he'd do it for them, apparently not really what he wanted to do, he did go back.

This reluctant person is a politician, the one with the oversized signs along the Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego and Cheboygan roadways.

There's another hitch about this reluctant job seeker: He can't get the job he didn't want unless many people vote for him.

Given the circumstances, why would any responsible voter cast a ballot for him when a woman who is highly-qualified, organized, bright and responsible wants to serve as Representative for District 105 in the Michigan Legislature?

Connie Saltonstall is that woman.

She has served as a Charlevoix County Commissioner, a Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education member, and is currently a board member on the Charlevoix Commission on Aging, Hospice of Northern Michigan, and Northern Community Mediation.

She is also a retired school teacher and former successful small business owner.

Her diverse background assures that she will bring to Michigan the know-how to foster better health care, bring about lower drug prices and institute better educational opportunities.

Most importantly, she will work to return new job opportunities to Michigan.

Connie Saltonstall will lead the way to rebuild the Michigan economy.

Patti Fox
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MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK OCT. 5 - 11

Editor:

Mental Illness Awareness Week is Oct. 5 through 11. That same week, our presidential candidates will hold a town hall debate, in which up to a quarter of the audience are likely to have experienced a mental illness.

That's because one in four adults lives with depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental illnesses every year. That's almost 60 million Americans.

Mental illness does not discriminate between Republicans and Democrats. It can strike anyone at any time.

Mental health is part of health care and it is essential that it be included in the nation's health care reform debate.

Mental illness affects children. It affects people of color.

Two million Americans live with schizophrenia; twice the number of those with HIV/AIDS. One in five veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, almost 300,000 troops, will experience major depression or post traumatic stress disorder upon returning home.

Unfortunately, two-thirds of people who live with mental illnesses do not receive treatment.

But, treatment works; recovery is possible.

Between now and Election Day, every candidate needs to talk about these facts.

For more information, visit North Country Community Mental Health at www.norcocmh.org or you can contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at (800) 950-6264 or visit www.nami.org.

Alexis Kaczynski, director of North Country Community Mental Health

WEEKLY POLL

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No 17 votes 36%

Yes 30 votes 64%

Next week's question: Do you support the bailout?

What's the smartest card in your wallet?

The smartest card in your wallet of course is your library card.

If you don't already have a library card, register for one this fall, then use your Charlevoix Public Library card to receive a discount at local Charlevoix businesses during the smartest card campaign: Sept. 22 through Oct. 5.

Local businesses have joined together with the Charlevoix Public library to help promote Library Card Sign-up Month by encouraging residents to register for their own library card.

First-grade students who attend school in Charlevoix will visit the library during the campaign and receive their own library card.

The students will also be given a tour of the children's area as well as a quick story-hour.

This will give students an opportunity to see the library, check out their own book and meet the staff.

Once you have your card in your wallet, visit one of the participating businesses and show them your library card to receive your 20-percent discount on one item. One discount per store only; discounts may vary slightly at each business.

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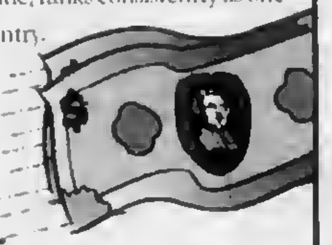

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CORRECTION

In The Notice for Last Day of Registration
The language for Pealne Township proposal that ran on 9/24/08 in the Courier should have read as follows

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The economic crisis, the election and us

Forum comes to Charlevoix

The current economic crisis and how it affects families in northern Michigan will be the subject of a series of free public discussions scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Conducted by nationally known economist Sam Williamson and financial advisor Charles Saad the discussions will be an opportunity to hear from and question two experts. The format will be informal with brief presentations and considerable time for questions.

"We're looking for a real dialogue between ourselves and with the public," says Williamson. "Our hope is to help clarify these economic issues, particularly as people try to sort out the coming election."

The series of dialogues will address such questions as: How does the current economic crisis affect me? What can I do to protect my family and our future? What are the economic issues to consider in this election? What should we look for in the candidates? What are the real differences between the two candidates' positions? How would the election of either candidate impact our families, our economy?

The programs are sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Change and supporters of the candidacy of Barack Obama.

A recent study conducted by the Associated Press found voters say, "They are hurting on a personal level from the country's economic woes, and, like everyone else, they say the economy is the top issue. Most haven't decided who would best solve their problems as president. Simply put: Most of these voters are looking for a better life and a leader to help make it happen."

Williamson and Saad see the discussions as interactive and will encourage members of the audience to participate and ask questions.

Sam Williamson, Professor Emeritus of Economics from Miami University of Ohio and a visiting professor/lecturer at universities around the world, specializes in economic history, pensions and the economics of Social Security. He has published over a dozen articles in journals such as The American Economic Review and The Journal of Economic History as well as book chapters and reviews. He was cofounder of the Cliometric Society, creator and former executive director of EH.Net, the economics history services website. He is also founder of Measuring Worth, a public service for calculating worth over time.

Charles Saad has been a financial advisor and investment broker with Dean Witter and was a Senior Vice President of Investments with Wachovia Investments. Saad is now a writer living in Harbor Springs and founder of "The World-Wide Coalition for Peace, a non-profit organization "dedicated to the achievement of peace through thoughtful, respectful dialogue on the many challenges and conflicts we face today."

The economic discussions are free public affairs events.

Day of caring HUGE SUCCESS

The 5th Annual Day of Caring succeeded in connecting over 700 volunteers in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties with 50 service projects needed by non-profit community agencies, schools, cities and counties.

This event promotes teamwork and gives people a taste of volunteering, while making a difference in the community.

The Day of Caring matched teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit organizations in need of hands-on help.

Project sites ranged from the Alanson Food Pantry to the YMCA and geographically from Pellston to East Jordan. Volunteers cleaned, painted, weeded, cleared brush, worked with seniors, built shelves, washed cars and much more.

With 700 volunteers donating an average of three hours each, the hours provided to non-profit agencies totaled 2,100 or a full-time equivalent staff person.

Since the estimated value of a volunteer is $19.51 per hour, the Day of Caring provided nearly $41,000 of person-value to the community on Sept. 16.

"The Day of Caring is a logical tie-in with United Way and our 2008 Campaign LIVE UNITED," said Julie Voci, Char-Em United Way's administrative/program assistant. "Not only do the non-profit agencies in our community need financial support, they need volunteers as well. We are happy to help connect agencies with all available resources to help them meet the community needs. As United Way increases its involvement in community volunteer coordination, we hope the Day of Caring will lead to year round volunteer engagements for the individuals who participated."

Char-Em United Way recently began its fall campaign and is conducting work site fund-raising drives in approximately 50 local businesses, as well as raising funds from the general public.

Funds are invested in community health and human service programs which meet United Way's mission of improving the lives of people in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

For more information, contact United Way at (231) 487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org

Bible study

A 10-week study is planned for area Christian singles at 4 p.m., Sunday afternoons beginning with Oct. 5.

A book by Chuck Swindoll "Character Counts Building A Life That Pleases God" will be the topic of the study.

Singles are asked to bring their Bibles, a notebook for journaling and an open mind and heart to learn what the Bible says about character in our lives.

The concept, character, stirs up a variety of feelings: admiration, confusion or even guilt.

Our character dictates the kinds of decisions we make and determines how we will treat those around us.

Godly character is a stabilizing force, keeping us anchored in Christ.

The meetings will be held at 384 Lind Drive, Traverse City.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Movement & Music
Wed., October 1, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
K – 3rd Grade. Come play! Use your whole body to explore music and movement.

Writers Group
Wednesday, October 1, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing

Story Time
Thursday, October 2, 10:30 am
Birth to 5: Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts

Open Mic Night
Thurs., October 2, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc. at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library.

Gamernoons
Friday, October 3, 3:00 - 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7 • Guitar Hero or DDR your choice!

PAWS for a Story
Saturdays in October, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Dogs love to hear your stories! Children who can read are welcome to read to one of the library's service dog volunteers!

Computer Basics II: Managing your Computer
Mon., October 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
This session is for the beginning computer user and will include a description of the Windows XP desktop, taskbar, start menu, and will describe how to create new files, new folders, and how to organize your computer.

Sleepy Time Stories
Monday, October 6, 6:30 pm
Birth – 8: Come in your pajamas and bring your lovey to hear stories before bedtime.

Books with a Bite – The Lightning Thief, by Rick Riordan
Tues., October 7, 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Tween Book Club: Grades 5-7 Get together with your friends to discuss this year's hottest series. Snacks provided.

On the Road to Game Design
Tues., Oct. 7 & 14, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm
Workshop for Teens, 13-18. Bring your portable device to this workshop to learn how to make and design games. Instructor, Jacob Waterman, President and Programmer of RED Paperclip Games.

Smartest Card Campaign continues through Oct. 5 – stop by one of the participating businesses for your discount!

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The Mona Shores Fiddlers

Tim Staudacher, Mona Shores High School Orchestra director, formed the Fiddlers in 1996. The group will perform at the Charlevoix Oktoberfest.

The Fiddlers will perform at noon and again at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday of the festival.

The group was started to create an alternative style for string players that revolved around the performance of folk music from various cultures.

The group performs throughout the West Michigan area for numerous private parties and charity events each year.

The 2003 Fiddlers traveled to Tennessee for a performance at the Murfreeshoro Arts Center in conjunction with the annual Uncle Dave Macon festival. The group also performed various concerts as part of the Mona Shores Orchestra tour of China during the summer of 2005, including a performance on the Great Wall of China. In 2006 the group released its first CD entitled "Fiddlers First."

The Fiddlers host a yearly Fiddle Festival that features the group and a guest artist. In the past the Fiddle Festival has featured Ruth and Max Bloomquist, The Oat Bran Boys, Fonn Mor, a popular Celtic band, and the Canadian based fiddle group Barrage. The 7th annual Fiddle Festival will be held November 1st, 2008 featuring the exciting Bluegrass of Detour.

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United they stand

Four members of the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom gathered at East Park Sept. 21 to join other peace groups world-wide to observe the U.N. International Day of Peace. From left to right are JoAnne Beemon, Barbara MacArthur, Raechel Wright and Phillip Crooks.

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Kids Activities
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pumpkin painting, bounce house, Crazy Richard
And games for all ages. Lots of great prizes.
To enter, bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the Charlevoix Area Food Pantry

LIVE MUSIC
11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Pine Lake Winds,
Fiddlers of Mona Shores,
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OBITUARIES

Marguerite Ahlberg: Sept. 30, 1929 - Sept. 22, 2008

Marguerite Ahlberg, 78 year old, Worland resident, died on Sept. 22, 2008 at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

She was born on Sept. 30, 1929 in Toledo, Ohio to Andrew and Ida Johnson Shields.

When she was 3 the family moved to Charlevoix, Mich.

Two years after graduating from high school, she came to Wyoming to work and be with friends.

She met her husband, Marty Martinez and they made their home in Buffalo, Wyo. for several years.

After divorcing she moved to Worland where she raised her family.

She met Bart Ahlberg in Worland, and they were later married and continued to make Worland their home.

Marguerite owned and operated the Triangle M Trailer Park and Apartments which she ran until she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

In the past two years this disease has kept her from doing the things she loved.

Her hobbies included, writing poetry and being privileged of having several poems published nationally; she loved the outdoors spending time in the mountains, watching birds, and stamp collecting.

Ahlberg

She was preceded in death by her parents, her three brothers, Andrew, Melvin, Peter and two nephews.

She is survived by her son, Kevin (Ronda) Martinez, daughter, Cathie (Ron) Hill, her granddaughters and grandson, Amber and David Ray, K'Lee, Shandyi and BreeAnna Martinez and her great-granddaughter Mackenzie Ray all of Worland, Wyo.; Her sister, Elverta Sutton of Walled Lake, Michigan, sister in law, Anna Valdez of Casper, Wyo. and many nieces and nephews of Wyoming, California and Michigan, all of whom were very special to her.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2008 at the Bryant Funeral Home Chapel and Pastor Shaun Matako officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation in care of Bryant Funeral Home PO Box 524 Worland, WY 82401.

Jeanne Heininger: died on Sept. 27, 2008

Jeanne Heininger of Charlevoix passed away Saturday afternoon, Sep. 27, 2008, at the Hospice Highland Cottage in Petoskey. She was 89

Jeanne was born in Illinois and grew up in Jamaica and in Illinois where she attended university and received her bachelor's degree. She received an added bachelor's degree in Library Science from Wayne State University and was awarded her Masters degree in library Science from the University of Michigan.

Jeanne was a teacher and librarian in the Ann Arbor public school system. She spent her life in Ann Arbor and Charlevoix, on her property in Antrim County, and in Aspen Colorado.

Her husband Kenneth Heininger and her sons and their wives survive her - J. Matson Heininger and Debra A Hobohm, and David Heininger and his wife Lisa Heininger.

Jeanne will be missed by her many friends and family.

There will be no memorial service at her request. Contributions in Jeanne Heininger's memory may be made to the Friends of The Library at the Charlevoix Library.

DEATH NOTICE

Virginia S. Bridge, 79, of Belton, formerly of Charlevoix died, Sept. 21.

God hates sin, loves sinner

FAITHFUL SERVANT
BY STEPHEN GUTHRIE

The most satisfying ministry work I've ever done is the three years I served as a chaplain at Northern Michigan Hospital. Chaplaincy brings one into the midst of profound pain in the lives of those who sick and injured and afraid, and that is at once a privilege, a responsibility and a challenge.

One afternoon I was called to the mental health unit at Lockwood and asked to meet with a woman who had admitted herself, pleading for help and protection from her own hand.

She had been crying uncontrollably for days, moaning and wailing bitter tears from deep within. Overcome with cumulative remorse for a child she had aborted a decade earlier, guilt and shame over the death of that unborn baby had caused her collapse.

The abortion had seemed an expedient decision at the time. Only later did she come to regard what she'd done as having killed her own child, and she was horrified at what she now believed was an affront to God of such magnitude it was beyond His capacity to forgive.

That afternoon I used God's word to show her forgiveness is part of the package with Jesus Christ, that He came to bind up the broken heart and not condemn.

We read God's Word together and she was able to see that the God of the Bible is not some angry old man bent on tallying up our mistakes until He has enough points to condemn us. Rather, He is a God of a thousand second chances, intent on reconciliation and restoration.

I was able to show Her that no mistake of ours, regardless of how heinous it may seem to us, is beyond His capacity to forgive.

We prayed together, and when that peace of the Lord came upon her, that peace which makes no sense but is nevertheless real to the human spirit, I watched her change before my eyes. Tears of remorse were replaced with tears of gratitude and relief. Tears of the sort we cry when someone we love is restored to us after a long and painful separation.

That afternoon, the healing of the wounded heart promised by Jesus Christ became real to a guilt-ridden child of God. She had known of Jesus, even known a little about Jesus, but the afternoon she met Him up close and personal.

That woman's remorse was a vivid illustration of how debilitating guilt and shame can become in the aftermath of our mistakes. It is surprising how consuming this particular form of self-loathing can become.

In the counseling office we separate guilt and shame, two emotions that are toxic to the human spirit. We know things follow this predictable progression: sin leads to guilt, which produces shame, which leads to self-condemnation and a sense of worthlessness, including worthlessness before God.

Guilt springs out of our innate sense of right and wrong and is evidence of our conscience at work. In a larger sense, though, guilt is accountability for wrongdoing, found throughout the Bible and our legal system. Shame is the byproduct of guilt. Self-condemnation is something we do to ourselves.

Mistakes and sin are part of the human experience, and guilt is part of a universal law of accountability. Shame, though, is the wild card that can draw us closer to God or drive us away. We will explore shame in the next column.

If we err and experience guilt it can lead to genuine sorrow. The result of that godly sorrow is repentance, literally a 180 degree turning from bad back to good. God, in His forgiveness, takes something bad and uses it for good to bring us closer and build up our relationship.

For the person who rejects God and the restorative work of Jesus, their burden of guilt and shame is carried largely by choice. When a person elects to go it alone in life with the naive belief their strength, wits, or wallet are sufficient, they reject any need for God and forego any help He might offer, including His forgiveness.

But what struck me that day at Lockwood and continues to amaze me is how we followers of Christ – we professed believers – drag this load of guilt and shame through the day as though we had no savior and no basis for forgiveness and reconciliation.

For the follower of Christ, lugging that load of guilt and shame through life is simply unnecessary.

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"It works a lot better than any other prescribed medicines," he said. "A lot of them can make you pretty sick, they mess with your stomach."

Snider is an outspoken advocate for marijuana and helped collect signatures to get the measure on the statewide ballot, he said it is not uncommon for people to shy away from speaking about marijuana in public.

"All of it is fear," Snider said. "Right now it's dangerous to use it under the current law."

While the current ballot initiative would allow patients with glaucoma to use marijuana, Dr. Tim Jarvi, an ophthalmologist in Petoskey, is not convinced that marijuana is better other pharmaceutical treatments already on the market. While marijuana can reduce ocular pressure, Jarvi pointed out that it also decreases blood pressure and therefore makes it more difficult to pump nutrients into the eye through the optic nerve.

"It's impractical," he said. "Even if it was legal we wouldn't use it."

Dr. George Wagoner, a retired obstetrician and gynecologist in Manistee, admitted that he had no scientific experience with marijuana. But during his wife's unsuccessful battle against severe ovarian cancer in 2007, he said they turned to the illegal drug and found it helped her cope with the pain better than anything else.

Wagoner said his wife developed intractable nausea and vomiting during her chemotherapy and that other pharmaceutical drugs were ineffective.

"When my wife inhaled the smoke twice, she said the nausea was gone," he said. "It took practically none to be effective. I think everyone in her situation should be allowed to do this legally."

However, there are those, even with a personal knowledge of cancer, who do not support the current ballot initiative's scope.

Bob McCullough, a 74-year-old Petoskey resident, is in remission from multiple myeloma and said he understands the need for medicinal marijuana, but was uncomfortable with people being given the legal right to grow it. He said that would open up the possibility of people selling it illegally for profit.

"There is such a strong desire for this stuff, I think it needs to be done through a pharmacy," he said. "I would like to see it made available, but only a month's supply at a time. That way a doctor would know if you are starting to abuse it."

Although marijuana is illegal under federal law, and classified as a schedule I drug, 12 states have passed medicinal marijuana legislation. In 2005, Traverse City passed a city ordinance to make the prosecution of medicinal marijuana cases the lowest priority. However, both the offices of the county and city prosecutors referred requests for comment to one another, preferring to stay mum rather than weigh in on the taboo subject.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater deferred a request to comment to his successor, Don Schneider, after admitting he was not familiar with the ballot language. Although Schneider had yet to read the language, he said his first reaction was that legalization of medicinal marijuana would compound the issue of prescription drug abuse and marijuana use further.

"I think there's always the potential for it to be grossly misused," he said. "There are some doctors, although they are few and far between, that lack integrity and will give a prescription for anything."

SIGNS

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Street; when there are festivals, they're on Bridge Street; when trees are lit, it's on Bridge Street," he said. "Very little is done with DDA and city resources that promotes businesses down the side streets."

Duerr added, 'We all pay taxes and the DDA captures tax revenues from us the same as it does with those on Bridge Street."

Duerr was careful to emphasize that he is not trying to "pick a fight" with Bridge Street, but wants to see equity for all DDA members.

Duerr and Wright are asking for small signs, one being posted on the wall of a business at the corner of Park Avenue and Bridge Street, of which permission has been given, that could be read by pedestrians at various locations along the strip.

Though Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. believes some concessions will be made to allow off-premises signage, the issue is more complex than that.

"It's not just downtown that we're dealing with," he said. "Any changes we make would apply for anything in the city limits."

Carlson said there must be a balance found between promoting businesses and avoiding clutter while respecting Michigan Department of Transportation regulations on what types of signs can be installed near state highways.

"I think council has proved to be a pretty strong supporter of business and they will continue to," Carlson said. "It's just a matter of how far we can legally help."

Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority member John Taylor said he feels off-premises signage should be allowed.

"We were just being asked for our opinion. We weren't setting policy," he said, adding that proposed ordinance changes are easier to understand and apply.

"I see it as being a good thing for everybody," Taylor said. "We want people to shop in downtown Charlevoix and we don't want our town to be truly cluttered with all kinds of signs."

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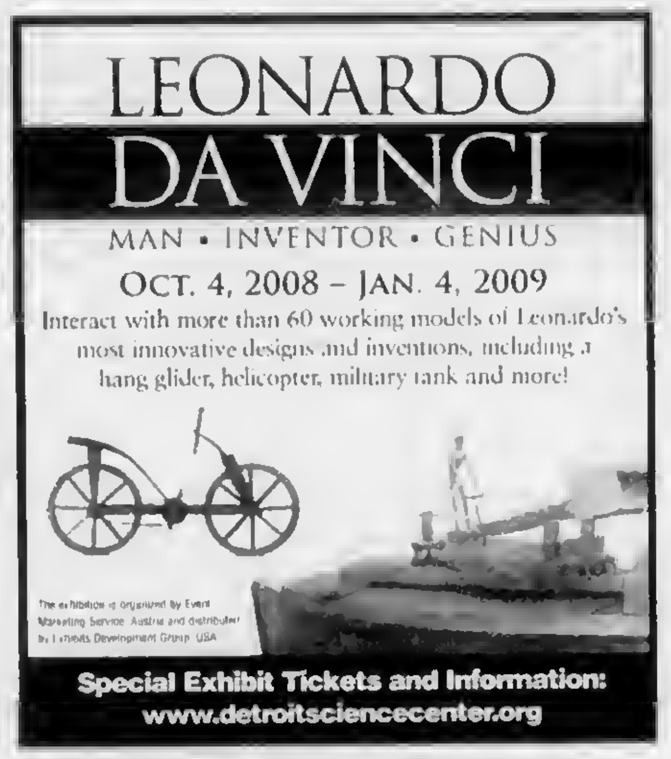

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix 20, East Jordan 15

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix outlasted a game East Jordan squad, which reached the Rayders' red zone before time expired.

"We'll take it any way we can get it," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said. "East Jordan is a tough, physical football team, and we knew they weren't going to quit."

Charlevoix is 3-2, 2-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. East Jordan is 0-5, 0-3.

Charlevoix quarterback Clayton Mitchell ran in two short touchdowns, and threw for another, a 15-yarder to Jon Putman.

Brandon Darrah led Charlevoix's defense with eight tackles, while Brock Yenglin had an interception. Bill Ivan blocked a punt.

East Jordan quarterback Teddy Snowden was 10-for-21 passing for 84 yards. He scored on a 6-yard run in the fourth quarter. The Red Devils' other TD came after Nate Peters blocked a punt and Michael Becker took it in for the score. The Red Devils also scored on a safety.

Neil Schneider led East Jordan's defense with 13 tackles, while Darryl Bingham had 10 and Ehren Sladick, eight.

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Runner up

Charlevoix finished in second place Saturday at their Charlavoix Invitational. Thay were the top saed after pool play but lost to Harbor Light in the final gama.

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On his heals!

JJ Wachler, sixth-grader of Charlevoix, runs for a touchdown during Saturday's Pop Warner (pee-wee) game against Pellston. JJ is the son of Glen and Ellen Wachler of Charlevoix. Charlevoix 1 beat Pellston 20 to 0.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Crew gets certified

The Crew has recently all become scuba certified under the instruction of Murray Kilgour. The Crew is making plans for a Scuba Adventure at SeaBase in the Florida Keys in July of 2009. There are still a few slots available for any young adult ages 14-20 that would like to join us. Contact Crew Advisor, Lynda Stolt if interested in SeaBase or if you would like more information about the Crew. We have been raising funds for this adventure through can drives, Bosman's burger sales, the Depot brick project, and weeding petunias. Watch for more ways you can help support one of these young adults as they prepare for an adventure they'll never forget.

The Charlevoix Venture Crew is a very active group for young men and women ages 14-20. The Crew is run by the young adults with adults alongside to advise. Their activities are limitless. If they desire to do something, go somewhere, learn something, they can make it happen. They can EXPERIENCE IT through the Venture Crew.

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Charlevoix Ventura Crew 11 participated in a Red Cross certified "Wilderness First Aid Training" in August. Tha training took place over two days, nine hours each day, of intense training at Camp Greilick in Traverse City.

SAFE in Northern Michigan

SAFE — Substance Abuse Free Environment — in Northern Michigan is a coalition of area organizations that seeks to reduce substance abuse among young people. Participants include probate and juvenile court representatives, law enforcement, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Community Offering Alternatives to Substance Abuse (COATS), Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA), Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES), Harbor Hall, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and substance abuse professionals. It is an over-arching body created to encourage collaboration among the participating groups that partner with families, communities and schools in prevention efforts against drug and alcohol use among youth.

"We are looking to expand our representation, specifically seeking community, agency and school personnel from Charlevoix County to join our cause," said SAFE co-chair Tricia Graham. "Although we are targeting Charlevoix County, we would welcome additional members from Emmet County, too," she said.

SAFE envisions a community where youth do not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, and live in a home where teens and their parents have open lines of communication to talk about smoking and drugs. SAFE also envisions a community that rallies behind the initiative to wipe out tobacco, drug and alcohol use and supports preventive and rehabilitative programs for young people.

"Our major objective is to identify resources and increase public awareness of issues in our communities," according to Terry Newton, SAFE co-chair.

SAFE was born out of the identified concern about peer substance abuse by their peers of the Youth Advisory Committee of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. SAFE is funded by the foundation and operates as a workgroup of the Charlevoix Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body.

SAFE is in the process of contracting with an epidemiologist to analyze available data to direct the group's activities. A data-driven focus will help assure successful impact on an issue that continues to place area youth at risk.

To learn more about SAFE in Northern Michigan or to become involved in the organization, contact Lorraine Manary at 347-6701.

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Members of SAFE in Northern Michigan, a partnership of area organizations that seeks to reduce substance abuse among young people, include (front row, from laft) George Lewis, Lorraine Manary, Gary Cusack, David Jones, Terry Newton, and (back row) Maureen Radke, Susan Pulawski, Tricia Graham, Maria Helveston, Clyde Payton and Jim Rummer. Area organization seeks volunteers to promote anti-drug, alcohol messaga among youth. An area organization that promotas anti-drug and alcohol use among youth is looking to add members from Charlevoix County.

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STEM CELL

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against stem cell research.

- What are embryonic stem cells?

They are generic or foundation cells which become bone or blood or even various organs.

- Where do they come from?

Sperm and egg are mixed in a petri dish and five days later a formation the size of a ball-point pen tip called a blastocyst is formed; from that blastocyst are extracted microscopic stem cells.

- Types of stem cells

The two types of stem cells are adult and embryonic. Adult stem cells are found in bone, blood, and some bodily organs. The reasons scientists are studying embryonic stem cells is because adult stem cells only work on certain applications. Scientists believe they may eventually be able to manipulate embryonic stem cells to repair or replace nearly any part of the body, from damaged brain tissue to dead heart muscle.

- How are stem cells used?

"Adult stem cells have been used to fight and treat some diseases like blood cancers," Baum said. "However, scientists in all these 45 to 50 years have not been able to find stem cells in all organs of the body where repair is needed."

She added, "The theory is embryonic stem cells can be directed or coaxed to be any of the cells in our body because they're unprogrammed

- What does current Michigan law state?

Michigan is one of five states which prohibits stem cell research which of a "live human embryo, fetus or neonate for non-therapeutic research, if... the research substantially jeopardizes the life or health of the embryo, fetus or neonate" and offers the embryo no therapeutic benefits. Law breakers face up to 10 years in prison and $10 million in fines.

- Proposal 2 would "expand the use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law" so long as the embryos:

—are created for fertility treatment purposes;

—are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;

—would be discarded unless used for research;

—were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

—ensure that stem cells will not be taken from human embryos after 14 days of cell division

—prohibit the sale and purchase of human embryos for stem cell research;

—prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research

"Men can produce a nearly unlimited amount of sperm and women usually produce around 30 to 40 eggs. Once the blastocyst is formed and implanted to make the child in the woman, the rest of those are discarded," Baum said. "This proposal would allow them to be donated for research."

- How much will Proposal 2 cost you?

"This proposal does not ask for one penny," Baum said.

Embryonic stem cell science has been around for nearly 10 years.

The other states which prohibit stem cell research are North and South Dakotas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

What do you think about embryonic stem cell research?

E-mail your opinion to news@charlevoixcourier.com or call 547-6558 (extension 4424) to voice your opinion and your perspective could be included in the follow-up piece on stem cell research.

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New photography studio open on Marion Center

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

After years of honing her portraiture skills while working as a web designer and photojournalist, M. Chris Leese has opened a photography studio.

Open by appointment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Photography by M. Chris Leese, located at 1600 Marion Center Road is ready to document your graduation, family outing, boating adventure, business and more.

"I have been working in Web design for 12 years and photography for five," she said. "I think that having a great uncle and four of his brothers who were all photographers was a definite influence."

Now that Leese's daughter works with her on photo shoots, there are five generations of her family which worked as photographers.

"I have found photojournalism and portraiture is more of a passion than a job," she said. "I'll go anywhere they (customers) want. The more creative, the better for me."

Leese works alongside her husband and business partner Alan who helps run www.pleasurehorse.com an e-zine devoted to all things equine in the pleasure horse world.

"People were buying more and more pictures from there every year, so I felt the call for it and decided to open the studio," she said.

Leese continues to be mentored by great uncle Jim Robbins, an International Photography Hall of Fame honoree.

Robbins, now retired, flew to Charlevoix from Florida to work with Leese during her grand opening last weekend.

Leese specializes in coffee table style photo books.

"I follow the whole family to the beach or on the sailboat and take a gazillion shots and compile a book," she said. "So, instead of a scrapbook with plastic pages, it's a nice beautiful book with glossy pages."

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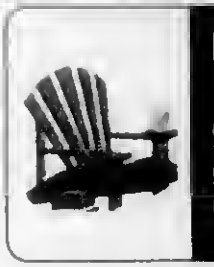

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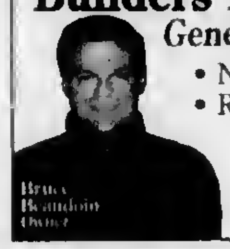

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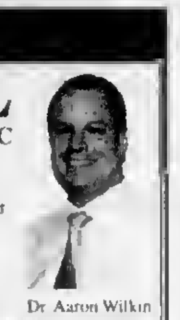

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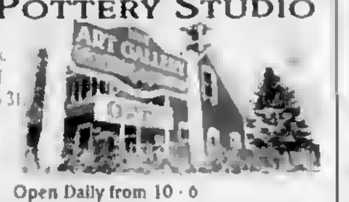

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steven P. Voice and Rebecca S. Voice, husband and wife of Charlevoix County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Progressive Mortgages, Inc dated the 21st day of March, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of March, A.D. 2003, in Liber 528, Page 279 of Charlevoix Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Amtrust Bank fka Ohio Savings Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $83,248.79 (eighty-three thousand two hundred forty-eight and 79/100) plus accrued interest at 9.1% (nine point one) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 24th day of October, A.D., 2008, at 11:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Boyne City, in the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, Michigan: A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 6 West, described as follows: Commencing at a point East of the southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T of the plat of SOUTH BOYNE ADDITION 166 feet; thence running North to the 1/4 line of said Section 35; thence East on said 1/4 line 32 feet; thence South to Main Street; thence West on Main Street 32 feet to the place of beginning. ALSO DESCRIBED AND ASSESSED AS: Section 35 Town 33 North Range 6 West, Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 commencing 166 feet East of the Southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T of SOUTH BOYNE ADDITION, East 32 feet; North 149.7 feet to the East and West 1/4 line; West 32 feet; South 149 feet to point of beginning. Commonly known as: 413 East Main Street PPN: 051-335-078-00.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 24, 2008

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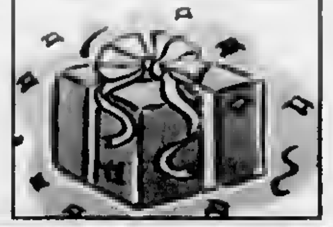

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Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Council Chambers of Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St. will be open for the viewing of the presidential and vice-presidential debates. The debates start at 9 p.m. and will last 90 minutes.

Doors will open at 8:45 p.m.

Attendees are asked to leave campaign materials and apparel at home. There is room for approximately 90 people at this free event.

The debate schedule follows:

- Vice Presidential Debate, Thursday, Oct. 2
- Second Presidential Debate, Tuesday, Oct. 7
- Third Presidential Debate, Wednesday, Oct. 15

CURRENTLY

Charlevoix Skate park is open from noon until dusk, weather permitting, on weekends.

Charlevoix Area Community pool fall programs

Mail completed registration to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 US 31 North, Charlevoix 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754. Brochures are available at the pool, or you can check out the programs online at www.charpool.org.

New This Fall: Aqua Aerobics evening class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday night open swim with the tanker; from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. an expanded Thursday night Women's Recreational Swim.

Call the pool at 547-0982 for additional information on fall programs.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

• Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.

• Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.

• Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

• Wednesdays in October

4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Movement and Music (for K-3rd grade) come play and explore music, movement and your body.

• Thursdays in October

6:30 to 8 p.m., Latin Dance Workshop - Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor, Dirk Esterline. ($20 fee)

• Thursday, Oct. 2,

7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Open Mic Night - Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc. at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all.

• Monday, Oct. 6,

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Computer Basics II: Managing your Computer - This session includes a description of the Windows XP desktop, taskbar, start menu and will describe how to create new files, new folders, and how to organize your computer.

• Thursday, Oct. 9

From 10 a.m. to noon, Ask the Tech Guy - Roger Gowell, CPL Technology Assistant, will lead this question and answer session. Come with software or hardware questions and if you have a laptop, bring it along.

• Saturday, Oct. 11

At 3:30 p.m., Saturdays at the Movies: Fairy Tale: A True Story - Join other families for a fun afternoon with popcorn and the big screen.

• Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 13 and 15

From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Computer Basics II: Microsoft Word for Beginners - This session includes how to use the basic features of this word processing program.

• Mondays, Oct. 13 and 27

At 6:30 p.m. - Sleepy Time Stories (birth – 8); Come in your pajamas and bring your lovey to hear stories before bedtime.

• Saturday, Oct. 18

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Introduction to Digital Photography (NCMC $29 fee)

• Saturday, Oct. 18

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wings of Wonder Family Fun Day - Join us for a raptor craft and an hour with live raptors.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

At 7 p.m., When Evil Came to Good Hart - Northern Michigan author Mardi Link will detail the research on a 40-year-old cold case that went into her new book, "When Evil Came to Good Hart." The book is a new look into an old story: the cold case file of the murders of a wealthy Detroit area family in their northern Michigan cabin in 1968.

• Thursday, Oct. 23

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Cyber Security and Safe Computer (NCMC $29 fee)

• Saturday, Oct. 25

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Make Your Own Recipe Book - Make a charming recipe book for yourself or as a gift with paper artist Beth Allan. ($10 fee)

• Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 28 and 30

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Web Page Design Basics (NCMC $59 fee)

• Saturday, Nov. 1

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Native American Heritage Day - Come to hear and see Native American storytellers and craftsmen spin their tales and crafts.

All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists of Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

Take a bite of beaver
with Island food festival

A full day of events is planned, starting with an eight-mile bike ride (a shorter distance for youngsters) at 8 a.m. Sign up at the Island Boodle registration area (free will donation requested) and you'll be back in time for the annual Island Boodle, the 5 K Walk/Run along beautiful Paradise Bay. Registration forms/fee schedule for the Boodle are available online at the Chamber Web site or at the Shamrock the morning of the event. Both the bike ride and the Boodle benefit the Island Sports Boosters. After the Boodle, awards will be given to the top runners in various categories of the Walk/Run.

The Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival will be held at Holy Cross Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in providing wonderful and tasty "Bite-sized" portions of food should contact Steve West at the Chamber.

Once again, tables can be reserved for a $30 fee, which assists the Chamber with festival expenses. The Community Center will also be utilized, with additional tables inside (and out if the weather is good) for Bite of Beaver food vendors and artisan booths. Venders are asked to bring along their extension cords and to be ready for a hungry crowd when the doors open at 1:00 p.m. Beer and wine will be available at the event, along with the ever-popular apple press making homemade cider! The students at Beaver Island Community School will again be involved in the Bite of Beaver Island poster contest, with prizes for various age groups.

The Apple Pie Contest will be held during the festival, with the top two pies being auctioned with proceeds going to the baker's favorite Island charity or organization.

Pies, with the baker's name on the bottom of the pie tin, should be dropped off at the Hall kitchen no later than 1 p.m. Judges will do their samplings at 2:30 p.m. with the winners being announced, and the apple pie queen or king being crowned at 3 p.m.

The Harvest Dessert Contest is new: Participants are asked to bring their dessert to the Hall Kitchen no later than 1 p.m. Put your name on the bottom of your dessert and please bring one copy of your recipe to band in with your dessert. A prize goes to the first-place winner.

Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Charlevoix ahead of renewable push

NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

With Michigan power going green, the cities of Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Charlevoix are already moving in that direction following a recent agreement to buy landfill gas.

Although lawmakers in Lansing made an official move toward renewable energy with its adoption of a renewable portfolio standard of 10 percent by 2015, city officials said their work within the Michigan Municipal Electrical Association preempted the state mandate.

"We are proactively getting involved," said Petoskey's director of public works, Michael Robbins. "We know where the industry is going and we're doing our part to find those sources that fit our needs."

Don Swem, Charlevoix's electrical department supervisor, said the recent agreement with the Granger landfill project should do enough to meet the RPS mandate. Swem mentioned a program where customers may buy green power voluntarily at a higher, "green rate."

"That may pay for any increase because of renewables," said Swem. "I don't know what effect on rates yet, but I don't expect a big effect at all."

Noah Fowle can be reached by e-mail at nfowle@petoskeynews.com

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OCT. 2

Business workshop

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club & Resort, the Northern Michigan Employer Forum Committee will host a workshop on employment laws like workers compensation and health benefits. The $20 registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch. Register by Sept. 19 by visiting www.employerforum.org or calling (231) 439-5213 or (989) 785-4054.

Charlevoix Democrats

At 5:30 p.m., Oct. 2 at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City, there will be a dinner followed by a 7 p.m. campaign discussion. Reservations are unnecessary, but there is a fee for dinner. The rest of the meeting is free and open to anyone.

The campaign office, located at 805 Bridge St., is currently open Friday and Saturday afternoons, and the hope is to recruit enough volunteers to staff the office seven days a week through October until the election, organizers report.

OCT. 2, 18

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society

The group has two events: "Christmas in October" potluck and "white elephant" silent auction to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 2. They will also host the annual "Research and Resources" open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 18. Events are free, open to the public and held in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library. Call (231) 582-9602 for more information.

OCT. 3

Beginning 7 p.m., Oct. 3, Family of Faith Ministries will present "First Friday at Family of Faith" a monthly old-time gospel and hymn sing, followed by a musicians jam session featuring a variety of music. The community is invited, and musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. 203 E. Upright St., Charlevoix; call for 547-4221 for more information.

"Snap Shot Sessions" offered at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Oct. 1 - "How to live to be 100… are you sure you want to?/Reducing your Cardiac Risk"

Oct. 8 - "Preparing Your Gardens for the Winter"

Oct. 15 - "Reflexology, Your Feet Tell It All"

Oct. 22 - "Health and Cooking"- John Sheets, Deli Manager of The Grain Train in Petoskey.

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This - Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

OCT. 3, 4

Rummage/bake sale

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 3 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 4, the Atwood Christian Reformed Church will be holding its fifth annual rummage sale/bake sale. Household goods, produce, baked goods and more will be offered. Atwood church is located on US-31, 10 miles south of Charlevoix. Proceeds will go toward the church building fund.

OCT. 7

Historical Society's Harvest Potluck

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual Harvest Potluck at 6 p.m., Oct. 7 at the Depot. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass plus serving utensil, and their own table service and silverware. The Society provides napkins, beverages and drinking cups. Balladeer/guitarist Eric Ernst will provide the after meal entertainment. The public is invited to attend. Call 547-0373 for more infomation.

OCT. 11

Bier Art Gallery will be hosting an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 11, six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse.

Free mammogram

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital offers free mammograms from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for women 40 to 64 who have no insurance/underinsured. Call (800) 248-6777 by Oct. 9 to make an appointment.

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

• Sept. 21 – Middle and High School will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Michigan beach (depending on weather); bring lawn chairs.

• Sept. 27 – CROP walk

• Oct. 5 – Middle and high school will be meeting at 6 p.m. Talking about the Tower of Babel; Plan to get your bands messy.

• Oct. 12 – Middle and high school will be putting on a chili dinner following the 11 a.m. service. This fundraiser will fund upcoming youth activities, events and snacks. Arrive at 10 a.m. to help cook, serve and clean.

• Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

• Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.

• Oct. 29 – All church Halloween party

Call (517) 331-2665 or 547-9122 for more information about any of the events.

OCT. 15

Tax increment financing workshop

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 15 in Charlevoix at Charlevoix Public Library community room A, a Tax Increment Financing Workshop will be held free of charge.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a public financing method, often used by municipalities, which has been used for community improvement projects and redevelopment. Each workshop will cover:

- What is a TIF?
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The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6130.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

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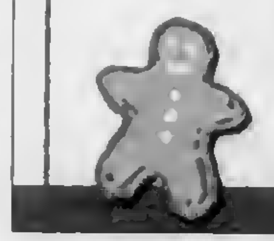

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Apple Fest' turns 30!

MAGGIE PETERSON
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Apples will be taking center stage during the 30th annual Charlevoix Apple Festival this weekend.

"A lot of people call this the homecoming. It's just one of those fall festivals that's community-oriented and family-oriented, and really unique to our area," said Charlevoix chamber executive director Erin Bemis.

The festival runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 to 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

Area growers and local orchards will be lining Bridge Street, offering 30 varieties of apples as well as fall harvest items. There will also be hot food items for sale by area nonprofits.

Friske Orchards owner Richard Friske said they have been involved with the Apple Festival for about 25 years.

"It's a big, kind of a hometown thing for us, that's a lot of fun and an excellent retail opportunity," he noted.

He added that they will have about 15 varieties of apples for sale in quantities up to a bushel, as well as their homemade apple cider, apple pies and other baked goods. They will also have a doughnut fryer set up on site again this year, turning out apple doughnuts.

Friske said he likes that apples have stayed the focus of the event throughout the years, and he plans to return to the festival in the future.

"It truly is an apple festival ... No matter what other attractions they bring in, apples stay the focus of the whole thing," he noted.

Also on Bridge Street will be a tent with commemorate festival Apple Festival T-shirts for sale. This is the first year for the T-shirts, and there will be a limited quantity available.

Kids activities will take place in East Park, and include face painting, a petting farm and pony rides. Twister Joe will be roaming throughout the park 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Entertainment will be in the bandshell, with Al Frost taking the stage with relaxing classical and finger-style music 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Ellis Boal joins Frost noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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On your mark, get set...

Dog owners send their pets on their way during the wiener races in Charlevoix's East Park as part of the first annual Oktoberfest.

Jeremy Kuhn/News-Review

Charlevoix Public Schools nepotism policy challenged

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Charlevoix High School chemistry teacher Todd Klinger wanted nothing more than to be the Rayder's athletic director.

But, despite having applied for the position three times: in 2006, 2007 and 2008, the Charlevoix Public School Board's 2002 nepotism policy prevents him from being considered for the job.

"In 2006, Doug Drenth was named (athletic director) while Gary Grundman was the high school principal. In 2007, I was going to be recommended to the school board for the job by Mr. Janik (Chet Janik, Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent) and was told to start working. However, I worked for one week before I was told by Mr. Janik that the board would not support me for the job due to the nepotism policy even though the job structure was going to be set up that I would report to Mr. Janik," Todd Klinger wrote in an e-mailed response to questions. "At this point, I withdrew my name for the position without knowledge that I could fight for the job. In 2008, I was denied a chance to interview for the job due to the nepotism policy."

Klinger said he has wanted this position for years because of an "immense interest in athletics."

"In our structure, the athletic director reports to the high school principal and Todd asked for clarification whether he would be eligible or not because he is married to Suzanne Klinger (Charlevoix High School Principal)," Janik said. "He requested a waiver from the board of education ... and the board voted not to grant him a waiver."

The first vote was 5 - 2, with board member Christine Michaud and former member Diane Kilkenny the lone yes votes.

The most recent vote was 6 1 with Michaud again supporting Todd's request.

Janik

The policy states that the board shall not hire any teacher or other employee over 18 if said person would be supervised by a member of their immediate family.

However, according to Suzanne Klinger there would be little if any difference between the current situation and if Todd was allowed to be the athletic director.

Klinger

"Todd and I have worked together for 16 years professionally, and there has never been an issue between us," she said. "I think what's tough in this situation is the nepotism policy is applied in one situation Todd works in this building with me, but he is not allowed to be released as the athletic director in the same building."

Similar to a court case, both

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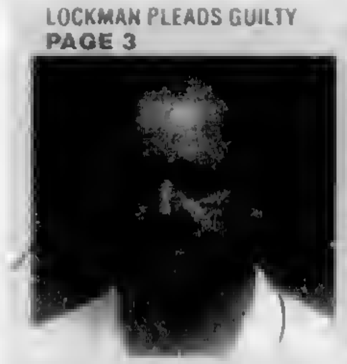

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Christopher Michael Anderson, 28, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Jeremiah Thomas Sands, 22, Boyne Falls. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Robert Allen Clubb, 50, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Credit for 10 days in jail with 73 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; not to have contact with the victim: $1,055 in fines and costs.

Katherine Sara Devers, 48, East Jordan. Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors with an occupant less than 16 (child endangerment); no operator license on person. Credit for five days in jail; to serve 12 days in jail; 328 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work; submit to one year on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,635 in fines and costs.

Will Timothy Troutwine Jr., 29, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Carny Jo Neusbaum, 31, Charlevoix. Two counts of selling/furnishing alcohol to a minor. Credit for one day in jail; to serve five days in jail; 39 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Lorne John Chiera, 58, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; 42 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; $1,135 in fines and costs.

John Heric Bennett, 46, East Jordan. Entry without permission. Credit for one day in jail; 89 days held in abeyance; to serve six months on probation; $400 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Richard Zwiers, 28, Wayland. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for eight days in jail; to serve 22 days in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve 18 months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend Impact weekend within 150 days; $1,480 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Dean Arnold, 38, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing. Fines and costs totaling $1,000.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Falia Photography, 15976 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, by Sonja Omland

E-Z Storage, 450 Griffen Road, East Jordan, by Scott and Terrie J. Skop

Berg Farms, 09626 Old 31 West, Charlevoix, by Daniel S. Berg

Lakeview Powerwashing, 03188 Sumner Road, Boyne City, by Ken Goike

Outwest Clothing, 1021 Magee Road, North, Boyne Falls, by Julie and Anthony Cabama

M & E Company, 213 West Lincoln St., Charlevoix, by Matt Evans

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dennis Duane Ealy, 46 and Rhee Abelgos Barren, 26, both of Boyne Falls

Newton Charles Sage, 30, and Brooke Ellen Hendershott, 24, both of Boyne City

Courtney BeDen Timmons, 26 and Megan Ann Whipp, 26, both of Albany, New York

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew James Grogan weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces was born September 25 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Rachel McDonough/Grogan of Beaver Island and Andy Grogan from Northport, Alabama. His grandparents are Jim and Diane McDonough of Beaver Island, Jimmy and Lynn Grogan of Northport, Alabama and Skip and Ginger Lockyear of Jenson, Michigan. His great grandparents are Edna McDonough of Beaver Island, Ralph and Stephanie Lockyear, David and Lois Posma all from Grand Rapids.

Kevin Lockman PLEADS GUILTY

to receiving, concealing stolen cash

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Kevin Dale Lockman, husband of imprisoned embezzler Karla Sue Lockman, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing between $200 and $999 of the money his wife stole from her former employer Northern Preferred Title Company in 2005.

Kevin made the plea, Thursday, Oct. 2, before 90th District Judge Richard May.

Authorities earlier this year claimed Kevin knew the nearly $30,000 he spent on attorney fees for his wife's defense between June and November, 2005, were a portion of the more than $850,000 thought to have been taken by Karla Sue.

Kevin was originally charged with receiving and concealing stolen property of $20,000 or more and faced up to 10 years in prison and nearly $90,000 in fines and costs, but the new maximum penalty he faces is up to a year in jail and/or a $500 fine.

However, that has yet to be determined by a judge; According to district court officials, no sentencing date has been set.

Neither Lockman's attorney Robert Banner or special prosecutor Charles Koop of Antrim County returned calls by press time.

Karla Sue currently serves a five to 10-year sentence at a women's prison in Washtenaw County after being found guilty in August, 2006 of two counts of embezzling more than $20,000.

Kevin remains free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Fire destroys seasonal home

BAYSHORE — Fire officials say an electrical problem appears to have caused a fire that destroyed a seasonal home in Charlevoix County's Hayes Township early Thursday. Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Curt Thompson said firefighters were called to the Roger and Joyce Gonda residence at 7531 Nine Mile Point Road to a report of a house on fire. The fire was reported to 9-1-1 at about 4:15 a.m. by a neighbor. Thompson said firefighters arrived to find the two-story home fully engulfed in flames, with flames already coming through the roof. No one was home at the time of the fire. Thompson said the owner's were at their full-time residence in Brighton and had not been at the Hayes Township resident for some time, He said it took firefighters about 30 minutes to put the but fire crews remained on the scene until about 8:15 a.m. Thompson said although some of the home is still standing, the structure is a total loss. The owners had insurance on the home. Thompson said he was back at the scene today, Friday, with an investigator from the insurance company. He said the preliminary investigation points to an electrical problem as the cause of the fire. Thompson noted that Thursday's fire was the department's first major structure fire since it took delivery of a new engine about a year ago. He credited the new engine's compressed air foam system for significantly reducing the amount of time and water it took to put the fire out. "It was just like you turned out the lights," Thompson said of how quickly the glow from the fire disappeared in the early-morning darkness. The Charlevoix Fire Department assisted, helping shuttle water from LexaLite.

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Cooperative planning yields smart growth

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Who cares about clean water and responsible land use?

Apparently five townships, the city and county of Charlevoix do.

"Communities have minimal standards for setbacks and greenbelt provisions, some of which are not adequate," said Charlevoix County Planner Larry Sullivan. "By ensuring good standards for both of those, you will help minimize the potential nutrient flow into Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan."

For nearly three years, the Charlevoix Area Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Smart Growth Land Use Initiative team of municipalities has worked to create uniform language across the proverbial board of local governmental districts to ensure setbacks and greenbelts are adequate.

A setback is the minimum distance a building may be constructed from property lines, other buildings or water.

A greenbelt is an area of natural or fallow vegetation left at the water's edge to help prevent runoff of oil, antifreeze and other harmful chemicals into lakes, streams and rivers.

Charlevoix City Planner Mike Spencer added that setbacks and greenbelts aid in controlling flooding and erosion in addition to filtering contaminates like pesticides and fertilizers from water runoff.

"Being an area that relies heavily on tourism, protecting water quality is very important to our local economy," Spencer stated in an e-mailed response to questions. "Many people feel our water is one of the main reason people visit here."

Sullivan

Spencer has said that, if this language is approved by the municipalities involved, it will give jurisdictions the legal authority to protect the water and ensure responsible land use.

Priorities of this voluntary venture include protecting the environment, preserving aesthetics, ensuring appropriate economic development, maintaining what they refer to as "small-town" character and improving traffic flow.

"As a general rule in Planning it is always important for different jurisdictions such as cities, townships and counties to come together collectively to deal with planning issues because they usually affect everyone involved," Spencer wrote. "For example, Lake Charlevoix borders the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Township, Hayes Township, etcetera, so for just the city or one of the townships to take measures to protect water quality that is obviously not as good as all of the jurisdictions coming together and taking measures to protect water quality."

He added, "A collective, cooperative approach to this with everyone involved will do way more to protect water quality in Lake Charlevoix than just one jurisdiction. What we do in the City affects the surrounding townships and vice versa."

The estimated cost of this program is $27,500, with the bulk of the cost paid for by grants: Partnerships for Change and Frey Foundation gave $19,500, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation contributed $5,000, and the municipalities of townships Charlevoix, Eveline, Hayes, Marion and Norwood and Charlevoix City and County are covering the remaining $3,000.

An example to changes and additions which could be approved by Charlevoix City Council, its planning commission and the other members of the initiative include:

- The high-water mark, often used as a measuring point for setbacks, would no longer be 581.0 National Vertical Geodetic Datum, but 581.5 International Great Lake Datum which basically means an established level of high-water mark equal to the 10-year flood limit line;
- The greenbelt requirement for "Natural" trees, shrubbery and other vegetation has been changed to "native" types of the same;
- The greenbelt shall include all land within 50 feet of the ordinary high-water mark;
- No structures, other than boat ramps, docks and retaining walls, will be allowed;
- Aside from "reasonable sanding" of beaches, dredging and filling is prohibited;
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and supplemental nutrients are prohibited;
- Yard and garden waste may not be stored or burned;
- Greenbelts must be shown on plot plans/site plans to develop waterfront property:
- Neither septic tanks or septic fields are allowed within the greenbelt.

While water quality has been one of the main focuses early in the process, Sullivan said other issues will be considered in the future.

"The thought is that this is going to be an ongoing process," he said. "Farmland preservation, regulation of big box stores and a half-dozen other things will probably come up in the future."

Sullivan added, "The idea is for the community to continue to meet and ... bring up what their concerns are on an individual basis and see where there is a commonality of concerns and then look at ordinances and see what makes sense and implement those useful changes to the ordinance."

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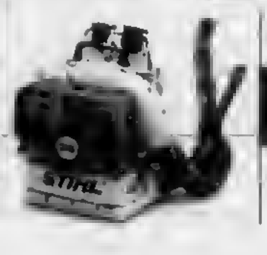

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Fungi: *nature's clean-up crew*

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Every worthwhile event or organization needs a clean-up crew.

Someone who takes responsibility for sweeping the floor, packing up the waste paper, taking down the signs and tidying up the place.

The natural world provides us with abundant examples, especially this time of year.

You may have noticed that as summer winds down, there are more spiders than at any other time.

They are part of the clean-up crew that makes sure the insects don't take over completely.

There is an excess of insects near the end of summer and the spiders are busy turning them into more spiders, who can survive the winter and be ready to help out next year. It's almost as if nature were planning ahead.

The very best and most effective of nature's clean-up crew are the molds or fungi.

You, or someone hired, must be the clean for the tree leaves that fall on your lawn; but, out there in the real world of the forest, the molds take care of it.

Long before the leaves fall from the trees, they are already infested with fungi busily taking them apart chemically and physically.

Once the leaves reach the ground they become part of a complex system of fungi that take up all the valuable nitrogen, phosphorous, calcium and potassium, and funnel these nutrients directly back into the roots of other trees and plants, not just a clean-up committee, but a reinvestment plan as well.

It is not just the dead leaves that provide fodder for the fungal clean-up committee.

If death and taxes are the only certain things, we have to deal with taxes, but the fungi deal with the results of death.

Everything, plant and animal, dies eventually, and without the fungi we would all be armpit deep in things that died a long time ago.

The environmental movement did not invent recycling, the fungi were doing it at least 400 million years ago.

I say a kind word for the fungi every day.

They may occasionally invade something we would rather they left alone, like that loaf of bread or the grout between your bathroom tiles, but they do a lot of good, mostly charitable, work and should be appreciated.

We clearly have a host of natural world clean-up committees.

Now, if we only had one for the political and economic clean-up, someone or some group that would clean up the messes left by our often too-casual approach to taking care of money and people.

What we need is a clean sweep: the clean-up committee's metaphor for "Throw the rascals out."

Raising money for groomer

THE CRYING TOWEL

Ben Gohs

How often do those in government give the taxpayers the choice to decide 100 percent for themselves on spending?

Not very often.

Enter Ike Boss, Charlevoix City Recreation Department director, who could have fought to get city council to pay for the ski hill groomer necessary to continue operating Mt. McSauba, but he didn't.

He instead worked a deal where the city would loan itself a portion of the money as long as Boss could come up with the remainder through private donations upfront and pay off the rest over time.

So far Boss' efforts and the generosity of the community have far exceeded our expectations, especially at a time when so many are uncertain about their collective financial futures.

The recent fundraiser at Mt. McSauba helped put this community effort a few thousand dollars closer to the goal.

And, there will be a benefit breakfast from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Judy's Restaurant in Charlevoix, 117 Antrim St. with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Mt. McSauba groomer fund.

Stop down for pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and milk and give what you can: $3, $5, $10, $1,000.

Organizers are not asking you to give until it hurts, just what you can afford.

Since Judy's Restaurant has generously donated the food, labor and grill space, you can be confident that every penny you donate will go toward the groomer.

Our favorite part about this effort is that everyone's favorite recreation director himself, Ike Boss, will be acting as head waiter. We like our coffee with two creams, two sugars and make it snappy.

A spokesperson for Judy's said they will keep the doors open past 2 p.m. if there is enough interest.

If you can't make it for breakfast, call Ike at 547-3253 for more information on how you can help save Charlevoix's ski hill.

WEEKLY POLL

Do you support the [illegible]?

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Next week's question:

Will the $25 billion for retooling of the big three automakers help local auto related businesses?

LETTERS to the editor

SENIOR PICNIC WAS SUPER

Editor:

On behalf of Beaver Island Senior Citizens and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, I would like to thank the following volunteers, individuals and businesses for their generous contributions of support, gifts of door prizes and volunteerism for our fourth annual picnic.

This celebration of our seniors was held on Sept. 21, at the new Beaver Island Community Center.

It was a tremendous community effort to put on such a special event and celebrate our Beaver Island senior citizens.

Susan Bergmann,
COA Executive Director

DOTING ON DONORS

Editor:

I want to express my most sincere appreciation to the many citizens of Charlevoix who helped the American Red Cross toward its goal at a successful blood drive on Sept. 25. The site, once again, was the Community Reformed Church.

The staff of the church is so cooperative and works hard to accommodate all of the activity connected with the blood drive.

The Charlevoix Lions Club was there in the morning to set up, then again in the evening to cart out the 92 pints of blood that were collected and Red Cross equipment.

A special thank you to the donors, who by your patience, showed your support and kindness to the up to 270 sick and injured patients the pints of blood will benefit.

I must say, the canteen also makes the waiting worth while. Thank-you to the individual bakers who provided the fabulous food.

In addition to hot fudge sundaes, we had key lime tarts, three different varieties of cheesecakes and wonderful cookies and bars.

Fresh fruits and cheese and crackers were also available.

Many thanks to the businesses who displayed posters, the water and electric department for putting up the banners and the office that allowed volunteers to make reminder phone calls.

The Red Cross would not be able to do its life saving work without its volunteers.

The volunteers that help me with the Charlevoix Community Blood Drive are dedicated and simply fantastic.

I sincerely thank each one of them.

The next blood drive is on Nov. 20 at the Reformed Church.

I hope to see you there.

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix Coordinator

THANK YOU

"Keep Charlevoix Beautiful" would like to thank all of the donors, both merchants and private citizens, who helped make the "Bids for Blooms" party and silent auction such an awesome success.

A relative newcomer was overheard to have said that he had never lived in a community where everyone "just pitches in" and gives of their time and their money to help the community as much as the people in Charlevoix do.

"Keep Charlevoix Beautiful" would like to agree with him.

This community supports, on a daily basis, the projects that make Charlevoix such a wonderful place in which to live.

Nancy Kline
Keep Charlevoix Beautiful

BIPARTISAN BROTHERS: "HANDS OFF POLITICAL SIGNS"

Editor:

The Charlevoix County Democratic and Republican leaders are issuing this joint statement deploring the continuation of a loss or theft of political yard signs.

Earlier this campaign year, after several campaign signs around the county for Presidential candidate Barack Obama, Michigan House seat candidate Connie Saltonstall and sheriff candidate Don Schneider were stolen or vandalized, John Haggard, county Republican chair, Bill Lovett, county Democratic chair and John Jarema, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney warned that not only is it illegal to tamper with political signs, but it is against the spirit of American electoral tradition.

As Haggard pointed out, the signs are on private property, purchased at the owners' expense, and destroying them is against the law.

In addition, all posted signs must have the permission of the property owner and not be located in the public right-of-way.

Jarema stated, "Anyone caught stealing signs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater has offered a reward of $100 for information on larceny of a political sign resulting in the apprehension of the perpetrators.

Lovett noted that whoever is doing this may think it is just a prank, but, "they are destroying one of our cherished means of expressing our political opinions."

William Lovett, Charlevoix County Democratic Party Chairman

John Hagg[illegible] Charlevoix County Republican Party Chairman

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LETTERS to the editor

RAYDER SUMMER CAMP A SUCCESS

Editor:

I'm writing on behalf of Charlevoix Elementary School's Summer Camp program.

Our second summer of camp proved to be a successful one.

We were able to provide a fun-filled quality program for nine weeks to almost 400 campers.

This certainly couldn't have been done without the support of a number of generous individuals and businesses in our community.

We would like to express our thanks to the following: Amy Pott and Caroline Smith from Charlevoix Public Schools, Shannon Pemble, Kathleen Whittaker and the Ragamuffins, John Pearl Sr., Bruce and Katie Beaudoin, Raven Hill Discovery Center and the Charlevoix County Transit.

I would also like to extend a "job well done" to three Charlevoix students: Parker Skeel, Katie Kurchinski and Abbie Romano.

These three students worked as counselors-in-training this summer, volunteering their time and enthusiasm to our program while learning the basics of being a camp counselor.

And, last, I would like to thank our dedicated camp counselors and the families who participated in the program.

We look forward to planning another fun and educational program for the kids in our community next year.

See you then.

Tricia Petrosky
program director

MCCAIN, PALIN OUT OF TOUCH

Editor:

John McCain, and now Sarah Palin, not only oppose women's access to safe, legal abortion, they are against sex education in the schools.

These are the positions of extremists, not mavericks.

According to the National Public Radio/Kaiser Health/Harvard University poll, 93 percent of Americans support comprehensive sex education in our schools. Even more startling, the prestigious poll found 71 thought it appropriate for teens to have access to birth control pills without permission from parents. Shame on the media for treating the McCain positions as a legitimate debate on what the American public wants.

McCain is willing to put the health and lives of women, especially young women, at risk and kowtow to his fundamentalist base.

McCain's positions on sex education and birth control are way less popular than the popularity of George W. Bush.

That's no small feat these days.

Mary Richards
Bellaire

GOVERNMENT BAILING THE WRONG SHIP

Editor:

Let's do the math: $700,000,000,000 is the amount proposed to be given to the fat cats on Wall Street; 289,000,000 the estimated number of citizens that are not illegal aliens according to 2007 numbers; 700,000,000,000 divided by 289,000,000 equals $2,422.15

Now, what would happen if the government wrote every single man, women and child that holds a Social Security number a a check for $2,422.15?

Now, if your family income is over $150,000, the top six percent earners, you'll have to return the money in your 2008 Tax Return; Thus a savings of $42,000,000,000.

I don't know about you, but my family of four could use an almost $10,000 shot in the arm, or bail out.

This approach would have a huge impact on the economy. Most of us would spend the money before Christmas. The money would still get into the economy, but would keep it out of the control of those who have already proven they don't know how to manage money and improve the economy.

Hmm, something to think about.

Of course, those in Washington won't buy it because they stand to lose if the Wall Street bail out (had) not occured.

If you think this plan could work, or you just find it to be an interesting analysis, pass it on to your friends and colleges.

John P. Taylor
Charlevoix

[Editor's note: This letter was submitted prior to passage of the $840,000,000,000 bailout/rescue plan.]

WHY I'M VOTING FOR OBAMA

Editor:

1. The war in Iraq. It's costing us at least $720 million each day; nearly 4,200 American lives so far; Nearly 100,000 Iraqi lives lost, with millions displaced; The "surge" has succeeded: it turns out that paying Sunni insurgents $10 a day not to attack Americans works; We never found those weapons of mass destruction, but now that American and British oil companies have their lucrative deals, isn't it time to declare victory and get out?

Why are we still there? Because we need Iraq's permission to build 58 permanent U.S. bases to guard the world's second largest proven oil reserves; And the right to control Iraq's air space; And immunity from prosecution under Iraqi laws for all U.S. military personnel and contractors and employees of those oil companies. Huh?

2. The economy. Because of the war; Because of failed fiscal policies. In the largest one-time transfer of wealth from working families to corpprations ever, American families are going to pay to bail out failed financial institutions. Greed has become the national ethic. By chasing wealth, along with oil, we've sacrificed what really counts: our health, time with our families, education, a clean and safe environment, our reputation in the world, our integrity and our future. Enough.

3. It's about issues, but given the gravity of our current situation, who could have imagined the damage that could be done in only eight years?, character matters more than it ever has before.

One candidate, Obama, has exhibited the stability, temperament, intellect, integrity and courage required to lead this country back to prosperity.

Raechel Wright
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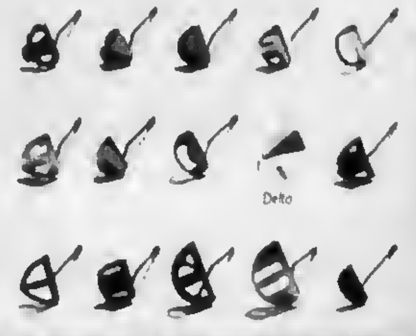

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COMMUNITY Charlevoix people

Send your community news to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com

Courtesy Photo

Castle Farms presents the 4th Annual Grand Bridal Expo. from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. to Oct. 12 various vendors from around northen Michigan will be showing their wares at Castle with a fashion show at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for $6, which allows guests to speak with over 50 wedding service providers, a chance to win door prizes and access to the fashion show. Call 237-0884 or visit www.castlefarms.com for more information.

Northwest Academy *gains online students*

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Northwest Academy has adopted a seat time waiver that allows them to enroll students who cannot attend their school in an online program.

"It's a good fit for us. The waiver means the students do not have to be in our classrooms, but they still get a high school diploma," John Bailey, a Northwest Academy school leader said.

Northwest Academy is one of three participating schools in the state to offer this program. The seat time waiver program allows students to get an education without spending all day in the classroom.

"It's for students who cannot make it to school for whatever reason. We have one student who has to work during the day and another who is raising children. Both of them do their school work at night," Bailey said.

There is no cost for the students in this program. All materials such as books, tuition, and other supplies are paid for by the school. The school can even provide the student with a computer.

"Out of the 16 students we currently have enrolled in the program, we have provided two computers," Bailey said.

"The program gives students the opportunity to get an education through an accredited high school, and allows them to get a diploma, not a GED. It provides the students with better future options," Northwest Academy school leader, Gary Stutzman said.

With this program, students can work at their own pace and have one on one access with instructors.

Bailey said, "We contract with other companies to do online courses. In some cases mentors go to the students with text books, and in others students do the class work online or through software programs. It really depends on the need of each student."

"It's like any other school program. Some students do very well, and others we have to teach how to be motivated. Only time will tell," Bailey added.

"I'm really excited about this program," Stutzman said.

On average, the students are enrolled in seven classes, depending on how many credits they need to graduate. Schedules are very flexible, and are formed around each student.

Currently, this program is only available for students seeking high school education, but may become available to middle school students as well.

"There are no judgments with this program. It doesn't matter if you're a single mom, in foster care, or even in jail. This program is available to everyone," Bailey said.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Local Hero

"Cool": That was 8-year-old Wesley Loper's response when asked what he thought of his savior Larry Gardner (middle) getting recognized by Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater. As far as Lasater was concerned, Gardener is responsible for saving young Loper's life after administering CPR on the boy who had drowned in a swimming pool on Sept. 6.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 8	Ambassador Committee Meeting, 8:30am, Flap Jack
Oct 10-12	30th Annual Apple Fest, Downtown Charlevoix
Oct 16	Retail Committee Meeting, 8:45, Chamber
Oct 22	Tony Rubleski Seminar, 8:30-10:30, Charlevoix Public Library
Oct 28	Industrial Development Committee Meeting Noon, Weathervane Restaurant
Nov 7	First Friday Business Breakfast, 7:30am, Grey Gables Restaurant
Nov 12	Ambassador Committee Meeting, 8:30am, Harbor View Cafe
Nov 13	Business After Hours, 5-7pm, Sunnybank
Nov 28	Community Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, 4-6pm, Downtown Charlevoix
Dec 6	Christmas Open House & Flurry Fest, Downtown Charlevoix

Please visit **www.charlevoix.org** for a complete list of area activities and events!

Charlevoix APPLE FEST

Apple Festival October 10, 11, & 12

Fri & Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm
Sun 10:00am 4:00pm

Experience the magic of autumn in northern Michigan at the 30th Annual Apple Festival & Craft Show. This community event is held yearly to honor local orchards and growers who, in the spirit of the season, line Bridge Street to bring the fall harvest to you. New this year, Apple Fest T-shirts for just $20, quantity limited! Activities include a holiday craft show, great food, live music, children's activities and more! So bundle up and bring the family to our fall harvest bonanza! Join the festivities and show your support for local orchards, farm markets, and nonprofit organizations while celebrating the season in downtown Charlevoix. The Harvest is in!

Car Raffle Winner!

Have you caught a glimpse of a black Pontiac Solstice convertible cruising the streets? It's Ron Fratrick, winner of the 2008 Car Raffle which was held at the Belvedere Club Casino on September 11. The Board of Directors, Ambassadors and staff of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who purchased a ticket! Your support is greatly appreciated! Pictured left-right: Ron Fratrick, Erin Bemis & Glenn Cousineau

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OBITUARIES

Norma Jane Cunningham: Dec. 21, 1906 - Sept. 30, 2008

Cunningham

Norma Jane Cunningham, 101, of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey surrounded by many of her family.

Norma was born Dec. 21, 1906, in Kewadin to Henry and Eliza (Goodhew) Moore.

She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1928, and from Charlevoix County Normal School in 1929.

She taught at Deer lake School for one year, and worked for Charlevoix Public Schools for 13 years.

On Nov. 26, 1930, she married Alvin "Hap" Cunningham in Charlevoix.

Norma was a master at gardening, sewing, and cooking and baking: her apple pies were the greatest.

Norma devoted her life to her husband, children and grandchildren and caring for others' children.

She was the premier mother/wife/grandmother.

She was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, the Rebekah Lodge and the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years in 1994, and by her youngest daughter Judy Suomela in 1981.

She is survived by her daughters, B.J. (Bill) Steffens of Petoskey, and Joyce (Dean) Davenport of Big Rapids; son-in-law, Dale Suomela of Flint; grandchildren, Gary (Lynn) Steffens, Karen (Kim) Thomson, Kathy (Keith) Nahlovsky, Karla (Steve) Frei, Mike Steffens, Mary Kay (Corey) Pederson, Chris (Mike) Way, Terry (Lisa) Davenport, Jodi (Jay) Cole, Lisa (Curt) Gross, Kin (Pasquale) Suomela, Erik (Sheri) Suomela; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 6, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, with Reverend Todd Thompson officiating.

The family greeted family and friends at 10 a.m., at the church, just prior to the service.

Burial took place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church or the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled the arrangements.

Ralph W. Doan: Sept. 26, 1927 - Oct. 1, 2008

Ralph W. Doan, Sr., 81, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian burial was 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Larry Pashak, (Ralph's brother-in-law) and the Reverend Jerry Hunko co-officiated

Burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Ralph was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Bay City, the son of Ross and Edith (Weidenthal) Doan.

He graduated from Bay City High School in 1945, and attended Bay City Junior College and North Central Michigan College.

Ralph served in the US Army during World War II from 1945 to 1946. On Jan. 15, 1949, he married Cecelia E. Pashak.

Ralph was employed by Consumers Power Company and lived throughout Michigan during his employment.

He and Ceil moved to Charlevoix in 1962, and Ralph retired from Consumers in 1990 after 42 years.

Ralph was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix and for many years was Cantor for 5:30 p.m. mass.

He was a member of the Pierre de Charlevoix Council #7172 of the Knights of Columbus, and while living in South Haven was chosen to be the knight of the year in 1988 and 1989.

Ralph was an active member of the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton Post #226.

He also served on the Charlevoix board of review for many years.

Ralph enjoyed hunting and fishing with his five sons.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia E. of Charlevoix; sons, Ralph W. Jr. (Connie) of Charlevoix, Timothy M. (Tricia) Doan of Ironwood, Patrick H. (Dawn Doan of Lillington, N.C., Matthew (Paula) Doan of Paw Paw, Gerard (Rebecca) Doan of Charlevoix; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother Ross Doan of Tennessee.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Leslie and Charles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Church or to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. 8 p.m., Friday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where a Scripture Service was recited at 8 p.m.

Beatrice Boyle:
Jan. 25, 1919 - Sept. 29, 2008

Beatrice Boyle, 89, of Beaver Island, died Sept. 29, 2008 at her daughter's home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Funeral Mass was 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating.

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

Bea was born Jan. 25, 1919, in Manistique to James and Elsie (Schmidt) O'Donnell.

She moved to Beaver Island at the age of one, and attended the Beaver Island Schools.

Bea married Jack Boyle on Beaver Island Feb. 24, 1936.

They lived in the Chicago area from 1941 until returning to the Island in 1984.

Jack preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1990.

Bea was a member of Holy Cross Church.

She is survived by her children, Daniel Morris (Sally) Boyle, John (Marge) Boyle, Jean (Gary) McDonough, Bernie (Kathy) Boyle, Donald (Chris) Boyle, Theresa Gacek, Steve Boyle, Tim Boyle, Susan (Doug) Heynig, Neal (Connie) Boyle, and Patrick Boyle; son-in-law, Ray Matela; grandchildren, Dan, Jim, Vicki, Joan, Tom, John, Liz, Mike, Stacey, Dave, Renee, Cindy, Jennifer, Melissa, Matt, Jay, Sam, Rob, Tess, Will, and Caitlin; many great and great-great grandchildren; sisters, Theresa (Chuck) Archer, Patricia Hooker; brother, Ray (Marianne) O'Donnell. Bea was also preceded in death by her daughters, Grace Matela, and M. Sharon and her husband, Neil Simpson; granddaughter, Christine Matella; brother, Bernard and his wife Kay O'Donnell; sisters, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Katherine and her husband Clifford White.

The wake was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday at the Holy Cross Convent, with the Rosary recited at 7 p.m..

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Cemetery Fund.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is helping the family with the arrangements.

Know your cholesterol ABCs

September was National Know Your Cholesterol Month, but it's always a good time to know where you stand when it comes to your health.

If you are one of the 593,000 Michigan residents who has been diagnosed with diabetes, it's time you learn the ABC's of your disease.

Studies show that by lowering your blood glucose (A1c hemoglobin), blood pressure and cholesterol, also known as the ABCs of diabetes, you can lower your risk for cardiovascular disease and its many complications. September is National Cholesterol Month. Celebrate by learning more about cholesterol and the different techniques to keep it under control.

There are two main types of cholesterol—HDL and LDL. "Bad" cholesterol, or LDL, is absorbed from saturated fat and cholesterol in the foods you eat. Age, gender, heredity and cigarette use all affect the amount of cholesterol in your system. LDL cholesterol builds up and clogs arteries, contributing to heart attack, stroke and circulatory problems. High cholesterol is particularly harmful to those with diabetes because they are already at an increased risk for heart disease and stroke. If you have diabetes, lowering your LDL cholesterol will reduce your chance of developing other dangerous health conditions.

Some ways to stay below the recommended LDL level of 100 are:

- Have your cholesterol checked regularly.
- Eat a diet low in saturated fat, trans fat, salt and cholesterol
- Get 30 minutes of physical activity every day
- Stop smoking
- Take medicine as prescribed

You can take charge of your health. Diabetes education is available in your local community.

To find a diabetes educator and resources near you call TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, at (800) 847-3665 or visit www.diabetesinmichigan.org.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
03291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun of the Month	6:00 p.m
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7435

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203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
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Great Lakes Compact

passes U.S. House of Representatives

MARCI SINGER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Despite opposition from U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), the Great Lakes Compact resolution, which will establish new rules to protect the Great Lakes from water withdrawals and diversions, passed the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday.

Passed earlier this year by all eight Great Lakes states, the Great Lakes Compact allows the Great Lakes states to manage their water, which allows just one governor to veto any major diversion or withdrawal. This protects the Great Lakes from being sold or diverted from the residents that live in the region. The resolution, which was authored by U.S. Senators Carl Levin (D-Mich) and George Voinovich (R-Ohio), was approved by the Senate in August. The legislation will now go to the president to be signed into law.

Dr. Grenetta Thomassey, policy director at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in Petoskey said the organization is thrilled the compact passed the House.

"It is now on it's way to the president's desk for a signature and Mr. Bush has indicated that he will sign it. This is a very exciting step forward," Thomassey said "We believe the benefits of passage far outweigh concerns and we also believe those concerns can be addressed as we move forward."

Thomassey said the council did not agree with Congressman Stupak's objections but appreciated his thoughtful approach to this extremely important issue. She added there are opportunities for every state to do what Michigan did when it passed the compact, including regulating the bottled water industry and putting programs in place that specifically enact the compact provisions in their states.

"Moving forward, we will work on getting groundwater explicitly covered under the Public Trust Doctrine," Thomassey said. "We believe the states should do that but it will take some time for them to catch up on that point. The compact lays a perfect foundation for making the argument to do so because it formally recognizes the hydrological connection between surface and groundwater."

Jill Ryan, executive director of Freshwater Future in Petoskey and co-chair of the Healing Our Waters Coalition, said the compact is a once in a lifetime opportunity to protect the nation's largest fresh surface water resource.

"We are celebrating. People often work in the environmental field for decades and never see a victory like this. This was an historic agreement between all eight Great Lakes states governors and more than 1,300 legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin," she said.

Ryan said she respects anyone — lawmakers and citizens — who fight for the strongest possible protections for the Great Lakes.

"It's a good thing when any lawmaker takes time in making careful decision and thoroughly reviews questions," she said. "Through intensive research and review of legal advice over the six years it took to develop the compact, we are confident any current protections for the Great Lakes will not be weakened. We can always create stronger laws. Additionally, each state can create stronger protections."

With the compact banning far off diversions, Ryan said if you are a lawmaker from a state whose water supplies are running out, the question is why would you vote to ban diversions to your state from the Great Lakes?

"The compact sets an important baseline for Great Lakes protections that has never existed before while giving each state the ability to create even stronger protections," she said.

THE COMPACT INCLUDES:

- ■ A general ban on new diversions of water from the basin, but limited exceptions could be allowed in communities near the basin when rigorous standards are met
- ■ Communities that apply for an exception will have a clear, predictable decision making process; standards to be met; and opportunities to appeal decisions. These processes and standards do not exist under current law
- ■ The states will use a consistent standard to review proposed uses of basin water. The states will have flexibility regarding their water management programs and how to apply this standard
- ■ Regional goals and objectives for water conservation and efficiency will be developed and they will be reviewed every five years. Each state will develop and implement a consistent water conservation and efficiency program that may be voluntary or mandatory
- ■ Economic development will be fostered through sustainable use and responsible management of basin waters

Charlevoix transit department awarded grants
but eco friendly vehicles not in the future

NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix County Transit is set to replace some of its aging fleet.

Although the public transportation program will be purchasing four replacement buses and a replacement van in 2009, manager Ray Leach was not confident the county would be purchasing eco-friendly vehicles with the funds.

While there are some prototype vehicles that run on electricity, natural gas and biodiesel, Leach said none of those types of alternative fueled vehicles would be coming to Charlevoix.

"For small rural systems, it's difficult to have research for spec vehicles," said Leach. "Once they are tested and available they will be put into service."

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, announced earlier this week that Charlevoix County Transit, which has an annual ridership of 120,000, would received about $300,000 in grants. Leach said he does not expect to see the vehicles for at least nine months.

Leach said vehicle requirements for size and wheel chair accessibility demanded by the ridership limit his options and that the availability of alternative fuels in the area also hampers him.

"It's not that we wouldn't like one of these prototype buses, but if we can't fuel it, then it's not much use," he said.

Leach said that drivers have stopped idling their vehicles in an effort to make the county's public transportation more eco-friendly and added that there are plans in the future to add smaller, hybrid sedans to the fleet.

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White stuff may have road commissions seeing red

STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Despite facing soaring costs and sinking revenue officials at two Northern Michigan road commissions are going to do their best to keep area roadways passable on the weekends this coming winter.

Charlevoix County Road Commission manager Pat Harmon said although the financial struggles that prompted his agency to try a cost-saving policy of not plowing or salting secondary roads on the weekends last winter have not improved, he plans to have crews out on the roads on weekends as needed this winter.

Early last winter the Charlevoix County Road Commission, in an effort to save on overtime and fuel cost, experimented with a policy that called for only a few primary county roads to be plowed on weekends.

Road commissions in both Charlevoix and Emmet County are under contract with the state to plow and salt state trunklines such as U.S. 131, U.S. 31, M-75, M-119 and M-68 and those roads were not affected by the policy.

But, the experiment was short lived after an early-season storm struck the area on a weekend leaving much of the county snow bound for several days. Harmon said, after hearing a great deal of complaints from the community after that weekend, the road commission went back to its previous policy of calling in crews on the weekends when needed.

Road commissions throughout the state are finding themselves cash-strapped for a number of reasons. High fuel costs not only mean it costs more to run plow truck, but also are causing consumers to use less gas. That means less income for road commissions who receive the bulk of their funding through a per-gallon gas tax.

Harmon said the road commission's gas tax payment for July was down about 9.5 percent from the same time last year.

Salt prices per ton have jumped from $37 to $42, or 16 percent this year.

Harmon said higher salt prices will force him to look more closely at how salt will be used on winter roads.

Deadline nears for economic stimulus payments

Many vulnerable households in Michigan have yet to file

More than 118,000 low-income seniors, disabled veterans and others with disabilities in Michigan have yet to file for their $300 economic stimulus payment ($600 for married couples). That adds up to $35.6 million in unclaimed payments for Michigan residents.

Time is short. Eligible households have until Oct. 15 to file.

The group identified by the IRS on Sept. 7 includes those receiving Social Security, certain pensions and veterans benefits that have yet to file for the stimulus payment because their incomes were too low to file a 2007 tax return. An unknown number of other low-income Michigan households with earnings of at least $3,000 also need to file for the economic stimulus payment if they didn't file tax returns.

"We need to make sure that every eligible household files. That is money that can go to pay winter heating bills, make home repairs, or help buy nutritious food for vulnerable residents. And it's good for the Michigan economy," said Sharon Parks, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Human Services.

Those who haven't should call the 2-1-1 help system (or 1-800-552-1183 if 2-1-1 isn't available in your area) to locate free help in filing for the stimulus payment.

"No one should pay for help in filing for this payment," Parks said. "This is money that is due to eligible seniors and others, and they can get free help to file for it."

To find the number of eligible households in each Michigan county go to

http://www.cbpp.org/states/7-28-08stim-fact-mi.pdf

The Michigan League for Human Services is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy group for low-income citizens.

Bill Lovett (left) and John Haggard, the chairs of the Charlevoix County Democrat and Republican parties, made a friendly wager over the presidential election and a call for bi-partisanship following the race.

Noah Fowle
News-Review

Haggard, Lovett agree

to friendly wager over election

Political pundits, both Democrat and Republican alike, already agree that there is plenty at stake in this year's presidential race between Barack Obama and John McCain.

However, Charlevoix County Republican chairman John Haggard decided to up the ante with his Democratic counterpart, Bill Lovett.

The two agreed that the chairman of the party that loses Charlevoix County will take the other to dinner at Stafford's Weathervane restaurant in Charlevoix.

Lovett admitted that he was making a generous concession to Haggard by limiting their wager to the county's results rather than the national results, but pointed out that Gov. Jennifer Granholm won the county over her Republican challenger, John DeVos, in 2006.

"I recognize that the majority of the Charlevoix County residents have voted for a Republican president in the past," he said. "But I think everyone is dissatisfied with the last eight years and our economy, and there has been such a favorable response in the county for Barack Obama this year."

Although Haggard and Lovett disagreed over presidential candidates, they agreed that whomever wins on Nov. 4, a considerable effort must be made by both sides to heal the wounds opened by each campaign.

"Both parties have been talking about bipartisanship and it needs to be remembered after the election," said Lovett. "People are sick and tired of the animosity that's going on both sides of the aisle right now."

The pair also came together in a recent letter condemning the practice of sign stealing.

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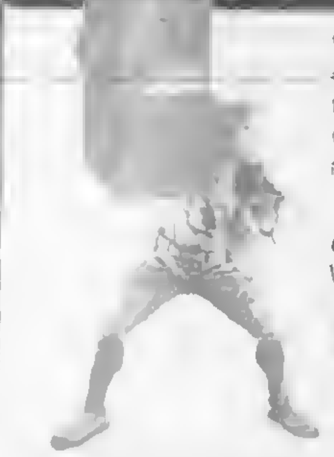

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Swirl at Crooked Tree Arts Center

Meet new people, educate your palate and liven up your Thursday evenings: Swirl kicks off the third season on Oct. 16 with Autumn Melange: Great blends for fall. Swirl mixes wine, art and energy at Petoskey's Crooked Tree Arts Center. Esperance of Charlevoix presents a wine tasting with creative hors d'oeuvres while community members mingle in the galleries and enjoy live music. Each month embraces a different seasonal theme and bring flavors from around the world. Doors open at 6 p.m. and refreshments begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12.50 per person the day of Swirl, when available. The Second Annual Holiday Wine Market returns from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9. More than 50 wines will be up for the tasting. All of the proceeds from the ticket revenue is dedicated to scholarships for area youth. Tickets are $10 per person for the Holiday Wine Market. Swirl will start back up in on Jan. 15, 2009: Flavors of Portugal; Feb. 12: L'Esprit d'Amour: French wine for lovers; March 12: Old World/New World: Finesse vs. Power; April 16: Make It New: Unusual Varietals; and May 14: Summer Premiere: Wines for the Sunshine Season. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337, ww.crookedtree.org and Esperance, 231-237-9300, www.esperancewine.com. Here Pram Acharya of Esperance pours a white wine for Petoskey resident Suzanne LaBeau of Petoskey at Swirl in the galleries of Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Courtesy Photo

Did your youngster bag a buck during this year's youth hunt?

If you have a photo of your child with their deer, send it via e-mail, snail-mail or drop it off at the Charlevoix Courier office at 112 Mason St. by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 to have it included in our "Youth Hunt" pages.

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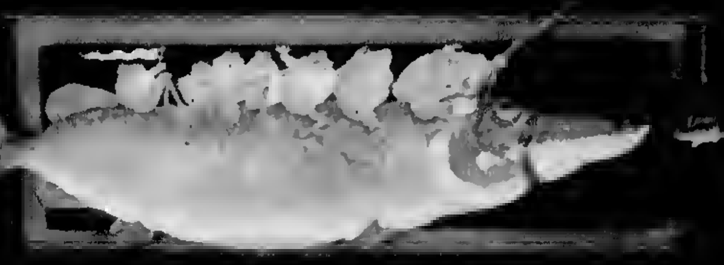

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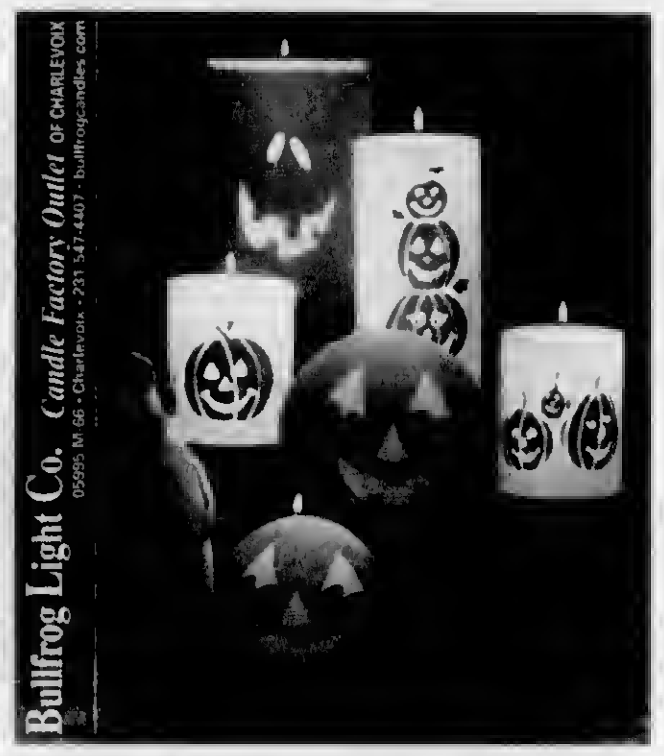

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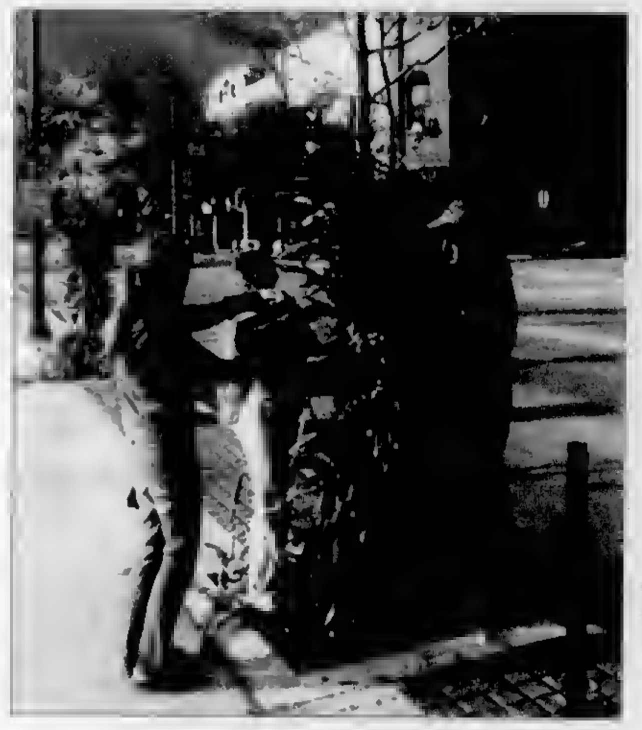

Feelin' festive

Northwest Academy high-schoolers spent Thursday, Oct. 2 helping the city get into the fall spirit by assembling the corn stalks seen hera for the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Students must log 40 hours of community service between grade 9 and 12. These students are (from left) Elizabeth Sherwood, Priscilla DeSeno and Dan Riley.

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Charlevoix Peer-2-Peer members pose in front of Kresge Lodge at Camp Hayo-Went-Hay during their overnight leadership training. (Top from left:) Sarah Allen, volunteer chaperone Claire Leestra, Cody Dean, Elissa Weestra, Emily Mielke, Carissa Kline and Peer-2-Peer Coordinator Kristen Fettig. Middle: Tess Weestra, Abby Wilheim, and Lindsy Laway. Front: Matthew Wixom, Karinne Smolenyak, Brennan Siebe, and Kristen Mielke.

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DNR fall hunting seasons preview *part II*

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participate for two seasons with a mentor before completing hunter education. Otherwise, anyone born after Jan. 1, 1960 is required to have a hunter education certificate in order to buy a license.

Youngsters can begin hunting small game at 10 years of age with a firearm or deer with bow; youngsters must be 12 to hunt deer or bear with a firearm. Firearm deer hunters 12 and 13 years of age are restricted to private-land hunting only

• Bear season: Bear licenses are issued, by lottery, for specific time periods and geographical areas. Hunting on the mainland in the Upper Peninsula

runs through Oct. 26. On Drummond Island, the season now until Oct. 21. In the northern Lower Peninsula, the Red Oak Management Unit

is open Oct. 5 through 11 Outlook: Bear hunting is excellent in Michigan, with an estimated bear population of 15,000 to 19,000 animals in the northern two-thirds of the state. In the Upper Peninsula, the population appears to be stable to increasing. In the northern Lower Peninsula, the population appears to

be stable, though animals continue to range farther south Hunters using hounds are not allowed during the first five days of the season in the Upper Peninsula.

• Elk season: Dec. 9 through 16 in all of the state's elk range in Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. A special hunt may be held Jan. 15 through 19 in agricultural areas if biologists determine the earlier hunt yielded an inadequate harvest to meet population goals. Outlook: The DNR estimates [illegible] animals, above the state management goal of 800 [illegible] animals going into the season.

• Deer season: Archery season is Oct. 1 through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 through Jan. 1. Firearms season is Nov. 15 through 30. A late antlerless only firearms season on private land is slated for Dec. 22 through Jan. 1 in most of Zone 3. Muzzleloader seasons are Dec. 5 through 14 in the Upper Peninsula, Dec. 12 through 21 in the northern Lower Peninsula and Dec. 5 through 21 in the southern Lower Peninsula. A special firearms hunt for hunters with certain disabilities is on tap for Oct. 16 through 19. The season limit is no more than two bucks. Hunters may purchase up to five antlerless deer licenses, though no more than two may be for the northern two-thirds of the state. New this year, Upper Peninsula hunters who wish to take two bucks will be required to buy the combination license and the tags will be restricted to a buck with at least three antler points on one side and a buck with at least four antler points on

one side

Outlook: An estimated 700,000 hunters will take to Michigan's fields and forests this year, enjoying more than 10 million days of outdoor recreation. The deer population is estimated to be similar to slightly larger than it was last year, when hunters took roughly 476,000 whitetails. Hunters in the Lower Peninsula are reminded not to bait deer due to disease risk concerns with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). CWD was detected in a Michigan deer on Aug. 25.

• Bobcat season: Bobcat hunting in the Upper Peninsula is divided into two zones; the mainland (Unit A) and Drummond Island (Unit B) and both are open Dec. 1 through March 1. In the northern Lower Peninsula, for Unit C (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties) the season is Jan. 1 through March 1. In Unit D (Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford counties and part of Arenac County) the season is Jan. 1 through Feb. 1. The bag limit is two with only one from Unit B and only one from Units C and D combined. Outlook: Bobcats are primarily found in the northern two-thirds of the state. The population appears to be in somewhat of a decline in the

Upper Peninsula, where harvests vary widely from year to year, based in part on snow conditions and road access. Last year hunters killed 340 bobcats statewide. Hunters must possess a valid fur harvester's license and a bobcat kill tag, which is available free from DNR field offices. Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the hunter must apply the kill tag to the animal.

Courtesy Photo

Despite liberal hunting regulations, including an early firearm antlerless deer season in September, deer numbers in southern Michigan continue to be well above the management goal. The DNR encourages all deer hunters who hunt in this region to purchase and use antlerless licenses this fall to help manage the herd by taking adult does.

Hunters are required to present the carcass to a DNR office within 10 days of the close of the season. DNR personnel will collect data, including the date, location and method of harvest and may collect the skull or a tooth from the cat. The bobcats will be sealed by the DNR

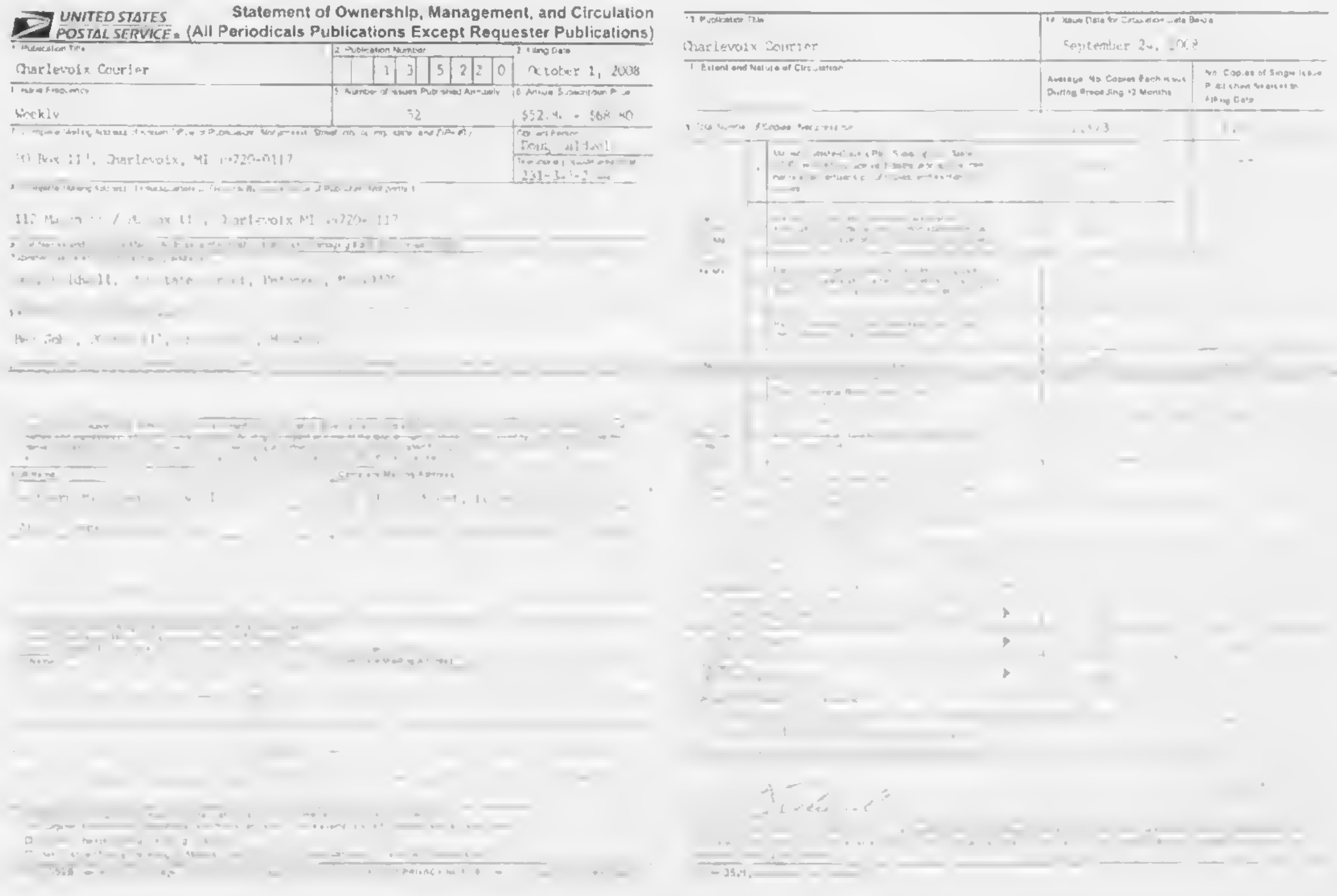
• Coyote season: July 15-April 15 statewide, except in Zone 1 (Upper Peninsula) and Zone 2 (northern Lower Peninsula) during the firearms deer season (Nov. 15 through 30). They may be taken year-round on private property when they are doing or about to do damage. Coyotes may not be taken from April 1 through Sept. 14 on state parks and recreation lands and they may not be pursued with dogs from April 15-July 14. There is no bag limit. Outlook: Coyotes are widespread across Michigan. Coyotes may be hunted at night. Night hunters are restricted to .22 caliber or smaller rifles or handguns, bows and arrows, or shotguns with shells containing shot smaller than buck shot. Check the 2008 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for additional restrictions.

• Raccoon season: Oct. 1 through Jan. 31 statewide, though they may be taken year-round on private property if doing or about to do damage. There is no bag limit. Outlook: Raccoons are abundant and widespread and may be found practically anywhere, though they are partial to hardwood forests, especially along waterways. Wood lots adjoining agricultural fields are particularly productive early in the season. Last year hunters took an estimated 75,000

raccoons in Michigan. Check the 2008 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for firearms and equipment restrictions.

Fox season: Oct. 15 through March 1. There is no bag limit. Outlook: Both red fox and gray fox are found across all of Michigan.

Last year hunters killed about 750 gray fox and 2,000 red fox in Michigan.



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Bite of Beaver Island Boodle

Courtesy Photo

There were 95 participants of all ages in the popular event that benefits the Beaver Island Sports Boosters. Here runners stretch their legs during the annual island footrace.

Courtesy Photo

Tucker Hogarth, number 50, placed first in the Island Boodle 5K. His brother Parker, number 49, finished a close second. Don Slagel took third. Linda Frysinger was first in the women's group of runners.

VOLLEYBALL

Rayders, Hornets reach semis

SUTTONS BAY — Charlevoix and Pellston bowed in the semifinals of the Suttons Bay Invitational on Saturday.

The Rayders fell to Houghton, 22-20, 12-21, 14-21, while the Hornets fell to Suttons Bay, 15-21, 17-21. Houghton won the tournament, topping the host Norse, 21-23, 21-11, 21-18, in the title match.

Tammy Potter had 96 kills, 41 digs and six aces to lead Charlevoix, while Nicole Madigan and Katie Dzedzic had 30 kills to pace Pellston.

Charlevoix opened by splitting with Traverse City Christian, 12-21, 23-21; then topped Frankfort, 21-9, 21-10; and Pinconning, 22-20, 21-17. The Rayders then split with Leland, 19-21, 21-13; split with Suttons Bay, 21-16, 14-21; and defeated Hancock, 21-19, 23-21. The Rayders downed T.C. Christian, 16-21, 21-19, 21-18, in a quarterfinal match.

Shauna Spenceley added 30 kills, 30 digs and eight aces for the Rayders, while Lauren Mielke had 11 kills, 39 digs. Taylor Storm had eight aces, 76 digs; Jenna Way had seven aces, 110 assists; Bobby Moulter had nine kills; Tonya Wynkoop had 28 digs; and Isis Hang had six aces.

Charlevoix is 27-9-13.

Pellston finished 5-2 on the day and are 24-6-5 overall. The Hornets defeated Benzie Central, 21-16, 21-7; Rogers City, 21-13, 21-13; Hancock, 21-16, 23-21; Traverse City St. Francis, 21-18, 21-9; T.C. Christian, 21-16, 21-19, and lost to Houghton, 12-21, 19-21.

"We were very solid all day and the team played hard all day," Pellston coach Tim McNitt said. "I was pleased with the positive effort from each player and the never-give-up attitude all the way through game 14.

"It was a competitive tournament and we held our own."

Kara Pavlisin had 29 kills and nine blocks for the Hornets, while Dzedzic finished with 11 aces and 38 digs to go with her 30 kills.

Also for Pellston, Madigan had 24 digs, Rachel Hutto had 32 digs, 99 assists and six aces; Amanda Friend had 16 aces, 12 kills, 29 digs; Emily Maglothin had 15 digs; Kristi Lewis had 14 kills, 14 digs, five aces; Mackenzie Myers had 15 aces, 23 digs.

Pavlisin was named the Hornets' most valuable player.

The Hornets play at Fife Lake Forest Area in a key league match on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Both the Hornets and Warriors are 5-0 in the league.

Tennis:

Glads win

Traverse City St. Francis won seven flights Friday in capturing the Lake Michigan Conference boys' tennis tournament at Petoskey High School.

St. Francis finished with 22 points, followed by Elk Rapids, 14; Harbor Springs, 9; Boyne City, 6; Charlevoix, 4; and Grayling, 1.

Aaron Mayes of Elk Rapids was the lone non-Gladiator to win a flight as he captured No. 1 singles with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Matt Matteson of Harbor Springs.

Three area teams reached the championship match in doubles flights.

Charlevoix's Scott Silberhorn-Mike Pelon finished runner-up at No. 1 doubles, falling to St. Francis' Nichael Elliott-Newton Calcutt, 6-2, 6-3, in the final.

Boyne City's Jarred Forbes-Robby Reidel fell to St. Francis' Mac Corcoran-Alex Rushlow in the title match at No. 2 doubles, 6-1, 6-0.

Harbor's Adam Calloway-Max Wiggins reached the final at No. 3 doubles where they fell to St. Francis' Briggs Richmond-Patrick Wilson, 6-2, 6-4.

SPORTS reviewing the action

Rams sweep

Mancelona Invitational

MANCELONA — Harbor Springs' boys' and girls' teams were both champions at Thursday's Mancelona Invitational.

Harbor's Tecumseh Adams won the boys' race in 15 minutes, 56 seconds, while Harbor's Maddie Buntin was first in the girls' race in 20:13.

Harbor's boys finished with 38 points, followed by Wolverine, 73; and Charlevoix, 75. Boyne City placed seventh with 269.

Harbor's girls finished with 29 points, while Charlevoix was third with 135. Inland Lakes placed sixth with 162, Wolverine was eighth with 193, Boyne City was ninth with 233, and East Jordan was 11th with 362.

Also for Harbor's boys, Allen McCarty was fourth, Jacob Brushaber, fifth; Mike Sydow, seventh; and Ben Kloss, 21st.

Wolverine's Jeremy Egas and Luke Operhall placed second and third, respectively, while Eric Prugiel was 16th, Tim Ward, 23rd; and Aaron Jaroche, 29th.

For Charlevoix, Eric Buday was 12th, Kirk Acharya, 14th; Andrew Plude, 17th; Neil Salisbury, 19th; and Alex Gooch, 33rd.

For Boyne City, Caleb Fair was 47th, Chris Kirkby, 53rd; Zach Matthew, 54th; Spencer Caverly, 55th; and Christian Bersano, 60th.

For Inland Lakes, Austin Swadling was 26th, Kyle Ortiz, 49th; John Rymal, 51st; and Jon Morley, 59th.

For Harbor's girls' team, ranked No. 2 in the state in Division IV, Alivia Murphy was fourth, Caitlin Reeves, fifth; Katie Hoffman, eighth; and Kendal McCarthy 16th.

From Charlevoix, Stirling Witthoeft was 21st, Hilary Way, 22nd; Molly Jeakle, 23rd; Ellise Smolenyak, 33rd; and Katie Withrow, 36th.

For Inland Lakes' girls, Amanda Monthei was ninth, Jacqueline Hulderman, 59th; Becky Rotter, 60th; Casey Rorick, 80th; and Rebecka Hare, 82nd.

For Wolverine, Bobbee Papi was 26th, Heather Egas, 42nd; Jordan Lamathe, 44th; Ajae Whittaker, 53rd; and Samantha Miller, 66th.

For Boyne City's girls' team, Joslyn Moore was 13th, Erin Haley, 34th; Morgan Harding, 61st; Allyssa Kasper, 62nd; and Patty Kurtz, 63rd.

From East Jordan, Lizzy Hofweber was 52nd, Kim Sewell, 70th; Ellie Hague, 77th; Elissa Weerstra, 78th; and Tess Weerstra, 85th.

PREP FOOTBALL:

Ramblers rebound, trip Charlevoix

BY STEPHEN BELL
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — If Boyne City carried any ill effects from its drubbing less than a week before at Traverse City St. Francis, they weren't evident Friday at Charlevoix, where the Ramblers won, 31-7, in a Lake Michigan Conference football game.

TheRamblers are 5-1, 3-1 in the league. Charlevoix is 3-3, 2-2.

"I was happy with our effort, particularly in the second half," Boyne City coach Dave Hills said. "Coming off a tough game like we had at Traverse City, you never know how you're going to come back, and I thought we responded well."

The Ramblers won the battle up front, as senior Trever Kruzel banged through the line 33 times for 168 yards and four touchdowns. He scored three times in the first half, from 2, 1 and 7 yards out, and Boyne led 18-0 at halftime.

"Our offensive tempo is improving, which we've been working on," Hills said.

"You can't spot a good team that kind of lead," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said.

Boyne City dominated on the other side in the first half as well, limiting the Rayders to 29 yards of offense and no first downs.

But the Rayders opened the second half with a 78-yard drive, capped by a 6-yard scoring pass from Clayton Mitchell to J.T. Lawrence.

Charlevoix had good field position on its next possession, but saw its drive stymied by a 15-yard chop block penalty. Boyne City took over on Charlevoix's 41 and Kruzel scored from 8 yards out to give the Ramblers a 25-7 lead with 8:41 left in the game.

Cody Wilmont scored Boyne's last TD, on a seven-yard run with under a minute to play.

For Boyne's defense, Wilmont and Marc Calo both had seven tackles. Nick Young made an interception and Zac Trafelet recovered a fumble.

Scoreboard workshops

set for Charlevoix and Inland Lakes

Beyond the Scoreboard has scheduled workshops at two area schools.

At 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, the group will meet at Charlevoix High School and at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, it will meet at Inland Lakes High School in Indian River.

The workshops are open to the public and are aimed at athletes, coaches and parents. The tops are redefining the term athlete, the parent's role in athletics, and teaching character through sport.

The keynote speaker is Rob Miller, director of Miller Sports Consulting Group.

Miller is the director of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character program.

A Pigeon, Michigan, native, Miller has served as the executive director of the National Christian College Athletic Association; commissioner of the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference; and as director of athletic facilities at Spring Arbor College.

Miller has coached and played sports at various levels, from youth to college, and holds a masters degree in sports administration from Michigan State University.

SOCCER

Charlevoix 4, Boyne City 0

BOYNE CITY — Wyatt Drost scored two goals as Charlevoix improved to 13-4 Thursday with a Lake Michigan Conference win over the Ramblers.

Thomas Rich had a goal and an assist for Charlevoix, Boog Nitchman scored a goal, and Weston Bryan finished with three assists. Colin McDonough picked up the shutout in goal.

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Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –September 24, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 700. p.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Motion approved Resolution #08-078, 2008/09 P.S. 416 Grant Application and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #08-079, 2008/09 September Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #08-080, Community Corrections Coordinator/Case Manager Contract and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said document.

Motion approved Resolution #08-081, Community Corrections Case Manager Contract and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said document.

Resolution #08-082, Lease Agreement Between Charlevoix County and the Preservation Association of Beaver Island (PABI) was tabled pending further clarification.

Motion approved Resolution #08-083, 2007/2008 Commission on Aging Budget Amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #08-084, Amend Crime Victim's Budget.

There will be a Committee of the Whole on Friday, October 3, 2008 to review budget requests

Motion adjourned the meeting at 9 15 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

BUSINESS What's new?

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Have you heard about the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Property Improvement Program?

This program offers low interest home improvement loans to single-family homeowners with low-to-moderate income: up to $65,000, or $74,750 in certain areas; and landlords renting to low-to-moderate income tenants.

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With energy costs continuing to rise, this program is an affordable way to make improvements that will increase energy efficiency and reduce utility bills over the long term.

Homeowners can borrow up to $50,000.

MSHDA does not require equity in the home for loans $25,000 and under, making it the ideal product for a new homeowner or existing homeowner with limited equity.

Because MSHDA can amortize the loan up to 20 years, the monthly payments are very affordable for those on a fixed income.

The interest rate for homeowners is four, six or eight percent, depending upon income.

Landlords can borrow up to $25,000 per unit, with a maximum outstanding limit of $100,000 per borrower. Eligible properties cannot have more than 24 units.

The interest rate is fixed at eight percent.

There are no income requirements for landlords, but the rental units must meet MSHDA rental limit guidelines.

These loans are provided through MSHDA-approved participating lenders and community agents.

For participating lenders, these loans provide a product that can bring new customers to their business.

While the lender works directly with the borrower to underwrite the loan, MSHDA purchases the loan and assumes the financial debt and loan servicing. Further, MSHDA pays the lender up to $400 per loan.

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If you are interested in more details, you can visit web site at www.michigan.gov/mshda, then click on the "home improvement" link.

STUPAK *'Clarify Great Lakes Compact'*

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has asked House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers (D-Mich.) to add clarifying language to the committee report on the Great Lakes Compact before it is considered by the full U.S. House of Representatives. In a letter to Conyers, Stupak proposed language that would clarify the intent of the compact and provide additional protection against water diversions.

"It is not my intention to kill this legislation but rather to strengthen it," Stupak said. "I intend to do everything in my power to ensure that the Great Lakes Compact signed into law does everything possible to protect our Great Lakes from water diversions."

Specifically, Stupak asked that report language be added clarifying that:

1. A water withdrawal in a container of any size is a diversion;
2. The individual Great Lakes states retain their rights to authorize all requests for water withdrawal;
3. Waters of the Great Lakes Basin are not a commodity under NAFTA or any other treaty, law or agreement;
4. Congress recognizes that the waters of the Great Lakes Basin are a precious shared natural resource held in the public trust by the various Great Lakes states.

"The Great Lakes Compact appears to be on the fast-track in Congress," Stupak said. "Before we codify this agreement we must ensure it accomplishes its well-intended goal of protecting against water diversions and that decisions about Great Lakes water rest with the people of the Great Lakes Basin."

Stupak noted that it took the Great Lakes governors more than three years to approve the compact. "It is not unreasonable for Congress to take the time necessary to make sure we are not opening the door for the commercialization of Great Lakes water."

On July 9, Michigan became the last of the eight Great Lakes states to ratify the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. The interstate compact now requires the approval of Congress. Resolutions to ratify the compact have been introduced in both the House and Senate. The Senate approved the compact on Aug. 1. The House Judiciary Committee passed the resolution on July 29. It now awaits action on the House floor.

Stupak represents Michigan's 1st Congressional District, which has more shoreline – 1,613 miles – than any other congressional district in the continental United States. It is the only congressional district in the nation that borders three of the five Great Lakes.

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Also throughout the weekend is an arts and crafts show, featuring more than 100 vendors. There are no food item vendors at the craft show, and the show features all handmade crafts, many with a fall and holiday focus.

Susan Borowiak of Petoskey will be one of the vendors at the show. She's been to about eight of the festivals.

"When I was just starting, it was close to home and it said it was a well attended show ... It was one of the first shows I ever did and I absolutely loved it, and I've been there ever since," she noted. "They do a fantastic job. It's a really organized, well-attended show."

Borowiak creates stonework pieces, which include lamps, picture frames and house numbers.

She said while the Apple Festival arts and crafts show is on par with other shows she does in terms of size, it does differ from the norm.

"It has a really good blend of art and craft, so there's just a huge variety, and that's the type of show I'm looking for," she noted.

She added that there's something else about the festival which she can't quite describe.

"It's just the park, and the boats and the water. It just has a certain feel to it. It's always been one of my favorites," she said.

For more information on the Apple Festival, call the Charlevoix chamber at (231) 547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

Maggie Peterson by e-mail at mpeterson@petoskeynews.com.

Republicans: up and running

CHARLEVOIX — The Republican campaign headquarters has opened and begun its operations.

The office is located at 101 M-66, and it is currently open as volunteers are available.

Regular hours are expected closer to Election Day.

Signs, bumpers stickers and candidate literature is available at the office.

Volunteers interested in staffing the office should call John or Phyllis Haggard at 547-4046 during the day or 547-6600 during evening hours. Phyllis Haggard can also be reached on her cell phone 330-2016.

POLICY

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the board and Todd will plead their case before an arbitrator who could give a decision to one side or even throw the case out.

"I feel that I have the temperament and personality to deal with athletes, coaches, parents, and all others involved. Plus, I feel with my background and experiences in athletics coupled with my knowledge of the history of Charlevoix athletics would be an asset to the position," Todd Klinger stated. "I have been a classroom teacher for 17 years and feel a change in job responsibilities would be good for me and help me grow, professionally. Since I have been employed by the district since 1992, I feel this policy does not apply to me since I am not a new hire to the district. The position of athletic director in our school is no longer an administrative position. The position is a full time teaching position (teacher's contract, not administrative contract) with release time for administrative duties as athletic director."

He added, "To my knowledge, this is the third instance that policy has been used by the school board. The previous two times a waiver was granted. There is obviously not consistent use of the policy and I question how there can be a policy that is only enforced some of the time. In a small town, it can be difficult to avoid having spouses or family members work together. There are employees who are related working together in our district. It is inevitable where situations are going to arise like this case. I believe if people have proven that they can work together and be professional they should not be denied a position that they are the most qualified for."

While no hearing date has been set, Janik expects the arbitrator to hear the case in February or March, 2009.

"There's been numerous court cases in the respect that 'Can boards have nepotism policies?' and it is pretty clear that, not just schools, but government agencies and businesses can have nepotism policies," Janik said. "I have to support this policy because it is my job as superintendent to enforce the policies and procedures passed by the board."

Since Todd is already a full-time teacher who teaches three sections and works as the curriculum design team chairman and high school science core department head, he already reports directly to the principal.

"Being an athletic director in our high school would be a change of duties for me, or any teacher, just like being assigned to teach a course for the first time," he stated. "My current situation was approved by the board when my wife, Suzanne, was hired as high school principal in August of 2007."

Suzanne Klinger said Todd just wants a fair shot at doing something he loves.

"He's been a coach for probably 20 years," she said. "He coaches little league, Pop Warner, track, basketball this winter. He's coached varsity football, boys' basketball."

She added, "He's coached as long as I've known him, and growing up in a family passionate about athletics: his father coached and ended his career as an athletic director, so it is in his blood.

Janik said it was never an issue of whether Todd was qualified for the job.

"In my opinion, the board does have the right to have a nepotism policy," he said. "And, it's not uncommon for board(s) of education to have these type of policies.

Ann Gorney currently serves as a math teacher and athletic director at the high school.

Todd Klinger graduated from Central Michigan University in 1992 with a BS in biology and school health and 1999 MA degree in School Administration.

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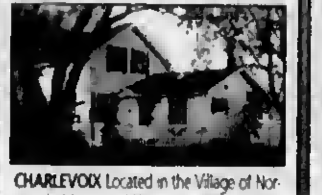

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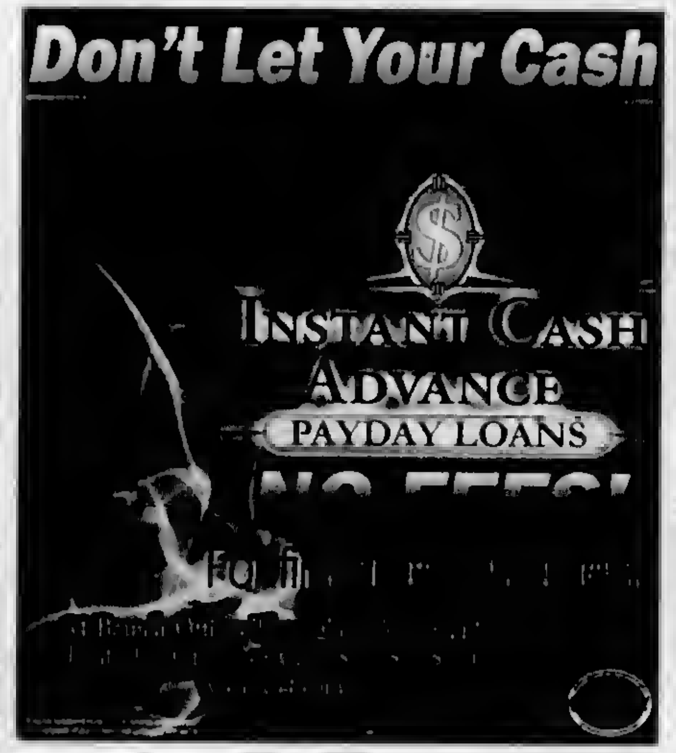

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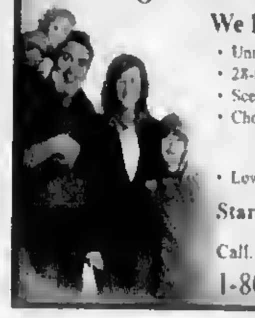

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Doors will open at 8:45 p.m.

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Call the pool at 547-0982 for additional information on fall programs.

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• Thursdays in October

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• Thursday, Oct. 9

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OCT. 10

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OCT. 11

Ellsworth Nuggetfest

Come enjoy food, drink, entertainment, wine tasting, pumpkin painting and more from 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth. Cost is $6 with proceeds going to help fund new boat docks at the Ellsworth Community Park. The fest' continues at noon on Sunday, Oct. 11 with a tailgate party and euchre tournament at 2 p.m. Call (231) 588-6023 for more information.

Barnard Grange party

Bring a dish to pass for the potluck and Pedro party at 6 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Barnard Grange, 15975 Klooster Road. Cards will follow dinner. All are welcome. Call 547-9544 for more information.

Schooner open house

Is Charlevoix ready for the Challenge? The schooner "Challenge," that is. Come hear about Seaports Great Lakes Inc., a non- profit grass roots group planning to build a replica of the schooner "Challenge" in Charlevoix. Event begins at 4 p.m., Oct. 11 in the Charlevoix library community room. Discuss the programs you would like to see offered to students, families and visitors for when the ship is completed; See a full-size Mackinaw boat, ship models, historic documents and more.

Entertainment and light refreshments available at this free event.

Art Gallery

Bier Art Gallery will be hosting an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 11, six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse.

Free mammogram

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital offers free mammograms from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for women 40 to 64 who have no insurance/underinsured. Call (800) 248-6777 by Oct. 9 to make an appointment.

Angel Food Ministries

October orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 11 at the at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pine River Apartments for residents only. The distribution date is 10 a.m., Oct. 25 at the Church of the Nazarene Call 547-9346 or (810) 304-0375 for more information.

OCT. 12

At 3 p.m., at the Charlevoix Public Library, a showing of the documentary "Refusing to Be Enemies: the Zeitouna Story" by filmmaker Laurie White. The film profiles a group of six Jewish and six Arab women from Ann Arbor who seek peace and an understanding of Palestinian-Israeli issues through dialog and friendship. It is free to the public, although donations are welcome.

OCT. 13

Sportsmanship workshop for athletes, parents, fans and coaches

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Charlevoix High School auditorium, there will be four talks on sportsmanship: Three for athletes, fans, parents and coaches, and one talk just for coaches.

• 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. - Redefining the term "athlete"

• 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - The role of parents in athletics

• 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Challenges of being an athlete

Coaches only

• 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Teaching character through sports

This free event is open to all athletes, parents, coaches and fans from the various schools in the Charlevoix area.

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

• Oct. 5 – Middle and high school will be meeting at 6 p.m. Talking about the Tower of Babel; Plan to get your hands messy.

• Oct. 12 – Middle and high school will be putting on a chili dinner following the 11 a.m. service. This fundraiser will fund upcoming youth activities, events and snacks. Arrive at 10 a.m. to help cook, serve and clean.

• Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

• Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.

• Oct. 29 – All church Halloween party

Call (517) 331-2665 or 547-9122 for more information about any of the events.

OCT. 15

Tax increment financing workshop

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 15 in Charlevoix at Charlevoix Public Library community room A, a Tax Increment Financing Workshop will be held free of charge.

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Call (231) 582-6482 to complete the required registration, or e-mail jan@northernlakes.net.

OCT. 17

A workshop on "Understanding Hearing Loss; Communication Barriers and Hearing Assistive Technology" at 3 p.m., Oct. 17 at the Friendship Center dining room, 1322 Anderson Road, Petoskey for $25 person. This workshop is designed for the professional who works with the public and occasionally encounters a person with a hearing loss that they need to serve. Call (800) 968-7327 Ext. 12 or e-mail: nan@madhh.org for more information.

OCT. 18

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society

They will host the annual "Research and Resources" open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 18. Events are free, open to the public and held in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library. Call (231) 582-9602 for more information.

McSauba groomer fundraiser

There will be a benefit breakfast from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Judy's Restaurant in Charlevoix, 117 Antrim St. with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Mt. McSauba groomer fund. Stop down for pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and milk and give what you can as there is no set cost or donation amount.

OCT. 20

Hearing loss seminars

Classes will incorporate learning about hearing loss, how to adjust to hearing aids, coping and communication strategies, other resources, environment controls, hearing assistive technologies and instructions on speech-reading from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., every Monday from Oct. 20 until Nov. 24 at the Friendship Center Library, 1322 Anderson Road, Petoskey. Cost is $10 for residents in Charlevoix or Emmet County; $75.00 for non-residents. Call Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: (800) YOUR-EAR, Ext. 12 or e-mail nan@madhh.org to register

OCT. 30

Blood drive

From 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road.

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

STOP THE OCCUPATION

Peace, freedom & justice

Filmmaker Laurie White will introduce her acclaimed documentary film, "Refusing to Be Enemies: the Zeitouna Story," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film profiles a group of six Jewish and six Arab women from Ann Arbor who seek peace and an understanding of Palestinian-Israeli issues through dialog and friendship. The program is one in a series sponsored by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom to promote more understanding of issues related to peace and justice. It is free to the public, although donations are welcome. The women calling themselves "Zeitouna," the Arab word for "olive tree,." include a Holocaust survivor and a survivor of the Nakbah's terror. The film does not attempt to answer questions of right or wrong, or how to break the deadlock of the Middle East conflict. Instead it offers living proof of how the journey of personal transformation may pave the way to socio-political transformation and peace. The group, their ages spanning 40 years, agreed to be filmed over 24 months of meetings after White explained their story could be a "stepping stone" for others wanting to bridge terrifying divides. The documentary features an original instrumental score by Shaun Williams, White's editor that combines classic Arabic and Jewish Klezmer instruments as well as two songs written and performed by Laurie White. The film premiered in Ann Arbor in March, 2007. Since then it has been shown across the U.S. Seen here are members of the "Women in Black" who continue to protest for peace in the Middle East.

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Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

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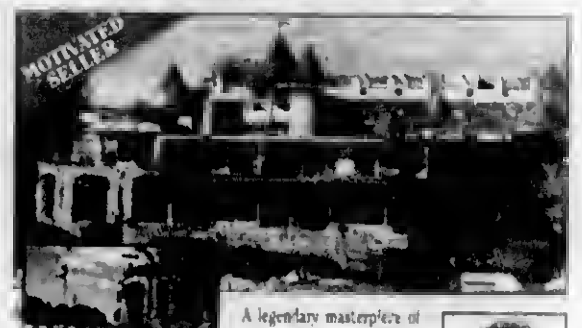

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Despite no contract, teachers keep teaching

Negotiations continue between board, educators over union contract

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

While an agreement over Charlevoix Public Schools teachers compensation contract has yet to be reached, players on both sides remain "cautiously optimistic."

According to Charlevoix schools superintendent Chet Janik, the teachers will continue to work under the terms of last year's contract until a new contract is negotiated.

"It's safe to say this is a frustrating process for everybody, and a direct result of the economic situation Michigan is in," he said. "Obviously the major issues are financial."

Janik added, "I would say we are not close to an agreement. We have not made progress in our negotiation sessions."

However, Charlevoix High School teacher and chief bargainer for Charlevoix Education Association, AnneMarie Conway feels that after months of slow movement between the teachers and board, they are arriving at some "middle ground."

"It is difficult to pinpoint the status exactly because the board and the superintendent meet in closed session to discuss labor issues," Conway stated in an e-mailed response to questions. "Therefore, we can never be sure of their positions."

While both sides refused to illustrate the financial gap between bargaining parties, Janik and Conway have their own ideas about what is equitable.

"The fact is, our district has enjoyed a very high level of compensation and benefits for many years," Janik said. "But, these tough economic times may

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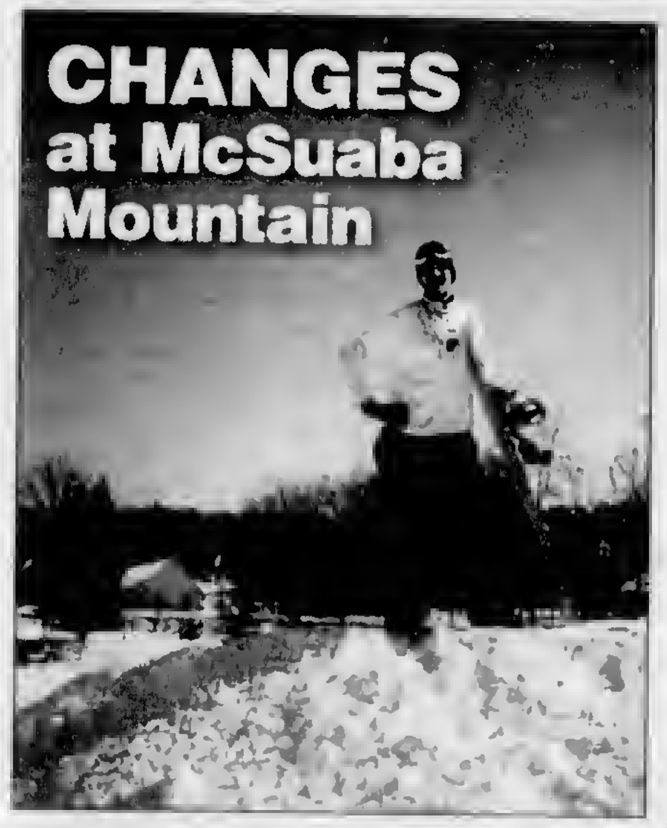

CHANGES at McSuaba Mountain

BY: ALICE PERRAULT
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

CHARLEVOIX- McSuaba Mountain is making some changes this season.

Ike Boss, Recreation Director, said McSuaba is raising their rates.

"It's to pay for the $228,000 new snow groomer, and the addition of the hockey rink," Boss added.

"You have to have a groomer when you have homemade snow. It pushes the snow around, and takes care of the grounds. The groomer we just got is a 2006 model, and it's like new," Boss said.

New rates will be different for city and out of city residents. City residents will pay $12 for a daily pass per person, and non city residents will pay $15 per person.

For a one person seasonal pass, city residents will pay $100 and non residents will pay $150. A two person season pass will be $165 for city residents and $220 for non residents.

The hockey and skating rinks are free, and skates are available for rent for $1 a pair.

The mountain also has a sledding hill and cross country paths that are free to use.

Boss said he believes rise in prices will not affect the business in a bad way.

"I believe we will still have lots of visitors. We are still the cheapest around, and with gas rates people are not going to want to drive somewhere else. I don't think it will make business go up, but I don't think it will make business go down

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Take a number...

Apples were the hot item as shoppers lined the booth from Friske Orchards to make their purchases Saturday during the 30th annual Applefest in Charlevoix.

G. RANDALL GOSS
NEWS-REVIEW

COA free rides making seniors mobile

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Looking to ever expand the scope and quality of services they offer their constituents, the Charlevoix County Commission On Aging has expanded their three month pilot of free rides for seniors for another 12 months.

The first 90 days was so successful, said COA board member Margo Johnson, the commission opted study the potential program further.

"What really amazed us was that we had no idea what usage was going to be, but usage was good and cost was really low," she said.

Commissioners had set a limit of $20,000 for the pilot, but it only cost them an average of just under $1,100 per month.

The idea for the program was spawned both by increasing gasoline prices and the idea that seniors still able to drive in the summer

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Wade Alan Druckenmiller, 22, Ellsworth FTD fraud/withdrawn less than $200. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 30 days in jail; 41 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Arthur Harrison Chester, 28, Sault Ste. Marie. Littering. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Bryan Douglas Honeysette, 42, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 15 days in jail; 64 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $850 in fines and costs.

Christy Dawn Innes, 33, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,580 in fines and costs.

Jacob John Malthy, 25, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Credit for 14 days in jail; to serve nine days in jail; 70 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; no contact with victim except exchange for visitation; $550 in fines and costs.

Jesse Allen Kewagshken, 19, Traverse City. Attempted resisting and obstructing; assault and battery; minor purchase/consume/possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. Credit for 21 days in jail; to serve 159 days in jail; $1,500 in fines and costs.

David James Culver, 20, Grand Blanc. Motor vehicle without security. Pay $315 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Kevin Mac Hersha, 23, Ellsworth. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Winfield Joseph-Kevin Scott Jr., 32, Charlevoix. Violation of state plumbing act. Total of 85 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; $3,827.44 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Joseph Martin Reedy, 31, Central Lake. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 60 months in a Michigan correctional facility; eight days of credit; $370 in fines and costs.

Eric Scott May, 21, Charlevoix. Three counts breaking and entering a building with intent; . Sentenced to a minimum of 57 months to a maximum of 120 months in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for 77 days in jail; $1,784.25 in fines and costs.

Michael Lee Allred, 24, no known address. Three counts of breaking and entering. Sentenced to a minimum of 38 months to a maximum of 120 months in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for 71 days in jail; $1,784.25 in fines and costs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dylan Daniel Falting weighing 8 pounds was born Oct. 5 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Melissa Falting of Boyne City. His grandparents are Mark and Kathy Fruge of Boyne City. His great grandparents are Orville and Betty Fruge, Ray and Gloria Anderson, all of Boyne City and Jeanne Falting of Charlevoix.

Landon Frederick Cords weighting 4 pounds 14 ounces was born Oct. 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Crystal Ennik and Fred Cords of Bellaire. His siblings are Michael, Mathew, Mariah and Mitchell Cords. His grandparents are Debra Bailey of Central Lake, and Arnold Hart of East Jordan. His great grandparents are Ron and LouAnn Hendrick of East Jordan.

Cassidy Allison Riley weighing 10 pounds was born Oct. 3 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeffery and Brandy Riley of Charlevoix/San Angelo, Texas. Her sibling is Samantha Grace Riley. Her grandparents are Denise Riley of Charlevoix and Kimberly Cobler of San Angelo, Texas.

Hunter James Whiteford weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces was born Sept. 29 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mathew Whiteford and Jessica Vallance of East Jordan. Her sister is Alley Whiteford. Her grandparents are John and Sandy Whiteford, Mike Vallance, Cheri Kaczmarczyk and Beno Kaczmarczyk, all of East Jordan.

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Oct. 3	53	44	.03
Oct. 4	52	45	.05
Oct. 5	53	43	—
Oct. 6	59	44	—
Oct. 7	63	44	—
Oct. 8	64	47	.22

Senate OKs plan to provide tax relief for Michigan job providers

The state senate recently approved legislation aimed at helping revitalize Michigan's economy by providing needed tax relief to Michigan's businesses, said Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City.

"The Senate passed vital legislation to help reduce the tax burden on state businesses," said Allen, who chairs the Senate Committee on

Commerce and Tourism. "This sensible plan will reduce the financial burden of the Michigan Business Tax and help make Michigan competitive again."

Senate Bill 1038 fixes a structural problem in the MBT by amending the definition of "gross receipts," essentially eliminating the current "tax on a tax." The measure will provide tax relief to an estimated 50,000 Michigan job providers.

SB 1242 phases out the 21.99 percent MBT surcharge over three years beginning Jan. 1, 2009. The surcharge would be reduced from the current

21.99 percent to 14.66 percent in tax year 2009 and 7.33 percent in tax year 2010, and it would be eliminated in tax year 2011.

The phase-out or reduction of the surcharge was the primary recommendation of the Senate MBT Impact Assessment Subcommittee.

"The Senate listened to concerns voiced by companies across the state," Allen said. "This surcharge was a jobs killer. We took an important step today to help turn around the state's struggling economy and show businesses that we want them to stay in Michigan."

SBs 1038 and 1242 now head to the Michigan House.

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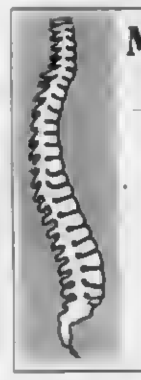

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Celebrating 130 years of faith and worship

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Parishioners and clergy of The First Baptist Church of Charlevoix celebrated its 130th birthday last Sunday, Oct. 12.

While anything over a century old could be said to have passed the test of longevity, church historian and lifelong member Carol Pines and new Pastor Gene Stringer took some time to reflect on significance last Sunday marked.

"It's the community's church That it's the First Baptist means it was the first Baptist church to be in Charlevoix," Stringer said. "Being in the community for 130 years is a reason to celebrate."

The first minister was Rev. A. M. Parmenter, who served from October 1878 through 1882 in the original church building which was where the Charlevoix City Fire Department resides.

Stringer said anyone interested in sharing fellowship and worship is welcome at the church.

"The Baptist faith believes in priesthood of all. It means everyone is called out to be a priest of god," he said. "They believe in soul freedom: everyone needs to make the choice for themselves."

Martin Luther King Jr. was a minister and member of the Baptist church.

The church, according to Pines, has been a veritable hotbed of activity in the local faith community.

"We had the first big community-wide vacation bible school. Our lady's circle had 118 members in 1949 and they got together and they would have some bible verse reading and pray for whoever needs it and then they would do something in the circle that needed to be done like making bandages out of old sheets to be sent to the Congo or put quilts together and send them somewhere they were needed in the U.S.," Pines said. "It wasn't just a get-together to pray ... it was action. You didn't go to government agencies to get things done, the churches took care of them."

Pines, who is one in a line of five generations who have attended the church, also gave an account of how her grandmother was kicked out of First Baptist; never to return.

"My mother told me this and, now that grandmother's dead, I can tell it. My father was a POW of the Japanese during World War II, and they did not know whether he was alive or dead," she said. "As far as the military was concerned, he was missing in action and presumed dead. Grandmother always maintained he was alive and she would play with a Ouija board and it told her my dad was alive. She was warned several times and finally they kicked her out of the church."

Pines added, "We laugh about that now, but it was a really serious offense to be doing those things like that. But, she was very adamant my dad was alive and he was. His submarine was sunk in the sea of Japan in March '42 and he was released in 1945."

In addition to quirky happenings and more than a century of local and worldwide mission work, First Baptist has had some high profile parishioners including the family of Ransom Olds, founder of the Oldsmobile car line.

Times have changed and so too some of the church's stricter rules.

"They used to do what's called a role call, and if you were not in church, you were erased off the books," Pines said. "They started doing that in the 1920s. I came across some of those books while doing research. Instead of crossing them out, the erased them. Luckily the printing was still there so you could see it and keep a record of who all was in this church."

Anyone interested in attending the 10:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is welcome. And, don't worry. Pines assured, no one will be erased or booted for tardiness or use of certain board games.

Stringer came from Jamestown, N.Y. and brought his wife Tiffaney and four sons: Brandon, Zechariah, Jared and Noah.

The 6 p.m. Sunday evening contemporary service is also open to everyone. Music and worship with electric guitars, drums and singing occur weekly.

First Baptist is also a supporter of the Rainbow Shoppe resale store.

The church is located at 6781 M66 North. Call 547-4121 for more information.

Clarification:

Due to reporter oversight there may have been some confusion over the omission of the word "embryonic" when used to describe what Proposal 2 would make legal if passed in the second line of the page one story of Charlevoix Courier dated Oct. 1. Adult stem cell research is currently legal in Michigan and, if passed, Proposal 2 would amend a 1972 law to allow human embryonic stem cell research to proceed using donated embryos discarded from fertility clinics af-

Open seats on various county commissions

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

With nearly 20 open seats on commissions and boards of oversight ranging from the commission on aging and the transportation authority, to the road and planning commissions, county officials hope to see some proverbial new blood.

"It's a chance to get involved and participate in your community," said Chairman of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Chris Christensen. "Members of these boards are responsible for setting policy and procedure, writing grants and, in some cases, determining how budgets will be written."

The following seats will expire and the respective individuals currently holding those seats will most likely be reassigned to their respective boards in the absence of interested parties from the community at large:

The commission on aging has three terms set to expire; that of Joan Blanchard, Betty Pearsall and Nels Northup.

The road commission has one seat, that of Keith Ogden.

Three seats will expire for the parks committee; David Seeley, Jane Brannon and Ralph Harmon.

The county planning commission also expires three terms; Larry Levengood, Michael Buttigieg and Nancy Ferguson.

The department of human services has one expiration; Oral Sutliff.

John Mathers Jr.'s veterans affairs seat also comes due.

John Mathers, Jr. Veteran's Affairs 12/31/08

Henry Erber's seat on the transit committee expires, as does Dennis Jason's seat on the transportation Authority.

Two seats on the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance board expire; Don Vorson and Mike Hansen

Two brownfield development authority seats; Arch Wright and Randy Frykberg, as well as one Emmet/Charlevoix County Fair Board seat; Bill Thompson.

Terms may vary from as little as one year to as many as six, and each requires varied amounts of time to be spent traveling, attending meetings and training sessions.

Prior experience in any of the aforementioned fields of expertise is helpful but not necessarily necessary to garner a board seat.

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Columbus Day recognition

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Many of us celebrated this past Columbus Day traveling about, viewing the spectacular color that is starting to unfold in our neck of the woods.

Some of those same individuals relished a longer weekend thanks to President Nixon.

Yes, I too was a bit surprised as I personally equate Watergate and Nixon in the same breath.

It was Nixon who declared the second Monday of October as the National Holiday recognizing Chris for discovering America.

Even though he did not discover North America we celebrate his ability to develop economic competition between developing nations.

When Columbus set sail he already knew as others did too that the earth was round but his adventurous side wanted to check out how big the earth really was.

He traveled westward and landed in the Bahamas, Haiti and then on to the Dominican Republic where some of his ashes still remain.

The reason we exemplify him as discovering North America may be more in tune with a great agent or his own need for getting noticed.

An entrepreneur of the New World, he is best known for setting up trade during a time when the economy was weak.

He was by all accounts ruthless and greedy.

His desire to seek social status was so important to him that he made certain he earned a coat of arms to which he added embellishments.

Columbus was responsible for the exchanging of plants, animals and goods as well as introducing diseases to the European continent, biological warfare so to speak.

Reading about Christopher Columbus is knowing for certain that history does repeat itself.

Before Columbus was completely involved in his discovery of North America gig, Leif Erikson had come to North America 500 years earlier.

To honor Leif as the first European to land on American soil, Oct. 9 was selected to celebrate his day.

Leif's good friend, Bjarni Hergelfson, also a sailor, saw North America but found it too rocky and not of much value so he turned around and sailed back to Norway.

This reminds me of a plaque I read on Mackinac Island referring to Father Charlevoix.

When he arrived north from Detroit and landed on the island he felt Mackinac Island was not worth visiting as it was nothing but rock and moss.

He may not have been the visionary we thought he was.

I found it interesting that many states celebrate Columbus who didn't discover America and we don't celebrate St. Christopher who really did by all accounts help others with traveling. St Christopher, recognized by most Catholics as the patron saint of travelers has been a favorite of mine since childhood.

Our old Buick had a medal carefully placed on the floor area of the front seat of the car.

Mom explained that she felt safer driving the car with it in plain view.

Since I spent most of my teen years lost on I -94 I found myself displaying a pin or facsimile with me. When the feast day of St. Christopher was removed from the Roman Catholic calendar mom's Irish ire went up but she assured us she was still traveling with a St. Chris medal in the car.

Long and short, Columbus gets his day in the sun and St. Christopher doesn't.

Lesson learned here is the man with power and marketing skills is the one who gets noticed, it doesn't necessarily mean he gets the job done.

Depending on where you live you may have had the day off.

A larger number of Nordics have settled in Wisconsin and Minnesota celebrating Leif Erikson Day .

The East Coast states have a larger Italian Catholic population so parades and a day off is in order for Columbus Day.

In the Dakotas where there is a larger native America population they celebrate "Native American Day" not Columbus Day.

California, a state that doesn't surprise anyone with their creativity, celebrates "Indigenous Peoples Day" with a pow wow and parade.

However you celebrate and whichever day you choose it's nice to know you can find a reason to take a day off to enjoy what life has to offer.

WEEKLY POLL

Will the $25 billion for retooling the big three automakers help local auto related business?

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Yes (14 Votes, 30%)

No (33 Votes, 70%)

Next week's question:

Should medical marijuana be legalized in Michigan?

Uncle Sam to the rescue: bailout rewards bad behavior

THE CRYING TOWEL

Ben Gohs

"In a closed society where everybody's guilty, the only crime is getting caught. In a world of thieves, the only final sin is stupidity." -- Hunter S. Thompson

We apparently find ourselves playing Jeopardy: The Moron Edition. I'll take self-inflicted crises for $700 billion, Alex.

The use of subprime mortgages and liar loans allowed the so-called predatory lenders and their willing accomplices to flood the market with foreclosed homes, loans that will never be repaid and a fiscal domino affect felt in every corner of the nation. They were stupid, and they got caught.

So enters the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, a fitting tribute to the age of bloated, self-serving narcissists.

As Pat Buchanan pointed out in his Sept. 26 column, this $700 billion comes in the wake of "$29 billion to buy the rotten paper of Bear Stearns ... ; $85 billion for 80 percent of AIG ... ; $150 billion in a stimulus package ... ; (and) perhaps $300 billion to bail out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac."

That's over a trillion for those of you keeping score at home.

This Dungeons & Dragons campaign on crack consists of vague language which says some unspecified homeowners could have their interest rate or even their principal lowered. The other 205 pages of the bailout deal with tax credits for everything from making your home more energy efficient, coal gassification plants and carbon dioxide sequestration to a $240 "fringe benefit" for people who ride their bike to work.

Oh wait, it gets better.

There is an extension of an energy efficient appliance credit. That's $45 to $75 for dishwashers, $75 to $250 for washing machines, $50 to $200 for refrigerators not to exceed $75 million per citizen. And, let us not forget the exemption from an excise tax for "certain wooden arrows designed for use by children" which repeals a 43-cent tax on wooden arrow shafts which was passed in 2004.

Furthermore, billions have been allocated as tax deductions on student loans, owners of homes in disaster areas and to people who buy electric cars. Wind and refined coal facilities get a one-year extension for tax credits and so too, hundreds of millions in bonds will go to municipalities, public utilities or energy cooperatives for renewable energy projects.

The credit market finally tightened up after the crisis could no longer be kept a secret. But, instead of allowing the system to self-correct, the government decided it would be a good idea to use taxpayer funds to flood the market, once again, with credit.

This rescue could be the worst prescription for the health of the American economy since actions taken before, during and after the Great Depression—you didn't really believe the stock market crash of '29 was to blame, did you? Do yourself a favor and read "Great Myths of the Great Depression" another fine product of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy; second thought: make your kids read it too.

Just as then, instead of taking rabies-riddled Old Yeller (played this evening by terminally ill lenders and ne'er-do-well borrowers) out behind a tree and blowing his addlepate brains out, Travis (usually played by capitalist hem Free Market) has decided to coax the fatal and communicable disease from Yeller with a series of tax credits, guaranteed loans and socialist incentives.

Little does the audience know that Free Market was actually bludgeoned by Uncle Sam's evil twin and notorious fair-weather capitalist Komrade Vladimir, and Free Market now lies unconscious in the prop closet at the back of the theater; visions of Adam Smith dancing in his head.

Instead of protecting the system by allowing much needed capitalistic bloodletting for those who deserve it, the government has smothered the economy in steak sauce and given the lion a knife and fork.

Now we wait, napkin tucked under chin, for the vile victuals of increased regulation, government ownership of private companies and handouts, so capricious in nature, that even the government does not yet know who will qualify.

What would Hunter think?

My god man, the swine have taken over the banks. What's next, nationalized dry-cleaning?

The real question is, will we sit and twiddle our thumbs while the stupid and guilty collude to kill the notion of the free market?

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LETTERS to the editor

ECONOMY

Editor;

In listening to the debate last night, I am amazed at the lack of knowledge by the politicians and the audience, and thoroughly disappointed in our educational system when it comes to how our economy functions.

In this country, the majority of start-up businesses, and small companies are formed under a sub-chapter s, or a limited liability company, which allows the owner to include the business' results under his/her own IRS filing, thereby minimizing the complexity of starting a business.

When it comes to senator Obama's new tax plan that will only penalize the "rich," and be status quo for everyone else, nothing could hurt this country more, and be further from the truth.

Let me give you an example: Under this plan, if you make $250,000, your income tax remains the same. But, if you own a small business, and your combined income of personal and business is $250,001, you will see a dramatic tax increase.

This plan will not stimulate the economy and create more jobs.

The opposite will hold true for most businesses and create a loss of jobs in the most vital part of our economy, which is small startups and companies formed under LLC.

We all have to get beyond the rhetoric and educate ourselves if schools don't; and realize the impact politicians make on our lives if they are ignorant as to how jobs are created and what they will do to the engine of our economy.

Phil Pachulski
Charlevoix

FIREFIGHTERS SAVE THE DAY

Editor:

We would like to recognize the Charlevoix Township volunteer firefighters for saving our neighborhood.

It was certainly terrifying to awaken in the middle of the night to see a blazing inferno just 150 feet from our home.

The wind was blowing in excess of 25 mph.

Huge quantities of burning debris were lifted high into the air and blown across the road, landing on rooftops and woodland.

It was only the quick and professional response of these firefighters that averted a more devastating outcome to the neighboring homes and neighborhood.

Although the home is a total loss, and we sympathize with the homeowner, we are very grateful that the fire was contained.

These volunteer firefighters worked as a team and demonstrated great courage, skill and professionalism.

Thank-you for your quick and able response. Without it, the outcome would have been much worse.

Charlevoix Township provides the entire fire fighting support for neighboring Hayes Township. This house fire occurred in the early morning hours on Thursday, Oct. 2, in Hayes Township.

Even though the fire occurred in the middle of the night, these volunteer firefighters arrived in a matter of minutes.

Thank God.

To all these firefighters: Thank-you for a job well done.

Jim and Diane McMahon
Charlevoix

PROPOSAL 2

Proposal 2, the Human Embryo Research Proposal, seeks to alter the Michigan Constitution, allowing for unregulated experimentation on and the destruction of live human embryos.

As a constitutional amendment, Proposal 2 will prevent any future legislative attempts to regulate or restrict human embryo research.

This proposal even seeks to restrict any legislative oversight on human embryonic research.

In short, the Legislature will have no ability to regulate anything related to human embryo and stem cell research in Michigan.

This proposed constitutional amendment appears to simply legalize human embryonic stem cell research; however, this is simply not the case. Such research is already legal in Michigan and is being done in Michigan. If passed, this amendment would actually open the door for unfettered experimentation on human embryos.

I believe this proposed amendment is very dangerous, and I hope the citizens of Michigan will see through the hype and the high finance of the proponents of this measure and Vote No on Proposal 2.

Rev. Dan Gilmore
Charlevoix

WHAT SURGE?

Editor:

We all know what a "surge" is. We have surge protectors on our computer plugs.

Rivers have levees for surges in the water level.

By definition a surge is temporary.

What goes up comes down.

We have not yet seen a "surge" in troop levels in the war in Iraq. We have seen only the increase. We cannot discuss the success of the surge until the troop levels decrease.

If we continue to remain in Iraq in the same force, the "surge" has not succeeded.

It has failed.

If we do not see thousands of dead or captured Al Qaida, we have not defeated them in the war on terror; we have just driven the terrorists to Iran or to Afghanistan or elsewhere.

In addition to the surge in the military troop level in Iraq, the level of armed U. S. civilians – Blackwater, Haliburton, etc. – has reached 180,000 such mercenaries, according to Virginia Senator Jim Webb in his book "A Time to Fight."

Billions in our taxes are being paid to these civilian companies who are not interested in having the U. S. pull out of Iraq.

Senator Barack Obama has promised as president to get us out of Iraq and to redeploy troops and tax dollars where they are needed in the war on terror.

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Northern Lights Celebration

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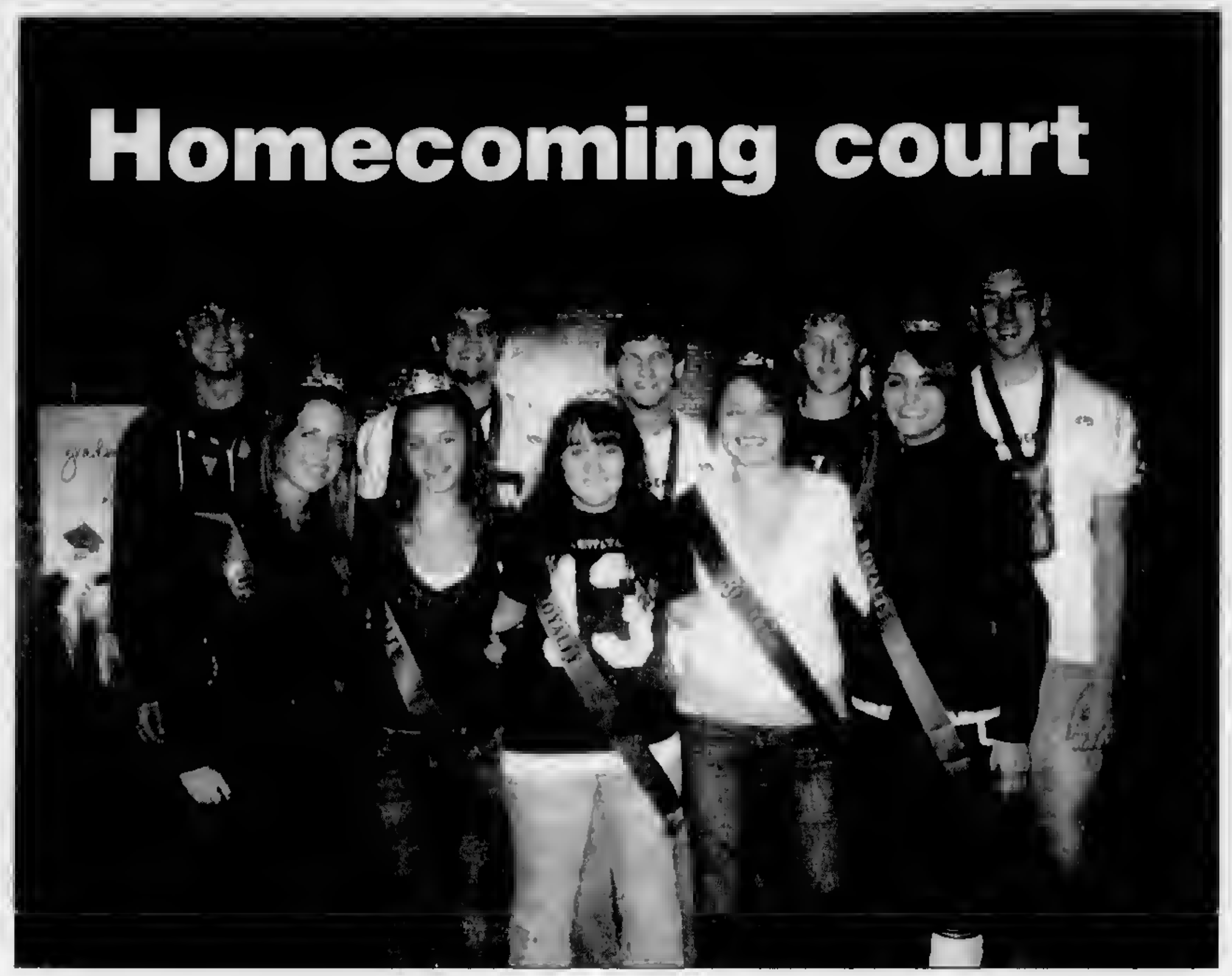
Held on Sept. 27, St. Mary School's largest fundraiser generated $75,000 for the school and its operations. Of that amount, angel gifts generated the following for angel scholarships, $8,625; technology upgrades, $3,045; and science curriculum upgrades, $3,505 which will include new textbooks. The grand prize winner for the cash raffle was Robert Brooks of Grosse Pointe Shores, who received $7,000. The $1,000 winners were Marita and Angelo Parrish of Houston, Texas; Eileen Shiverdecker of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Dan and Larissa Flynn of Charlevoix. The $500 winners were Pat and Judy Donnelly of Charlevoix; Beth Shields of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and Robert Hoffman of Charlevoix. The winner of the Wii game system was George Haggard of Morristown, Tenn. The iPod Touch was won by Maureen Henze, Charlevoix; and the Flat Screen TV was won by Bill Clark of Lansing. St. Mary's would like to thank everyone who bought a cash raffle ticket in support of the school, in which it makes everyone a winner. Highlights of the evening included the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students portraying characters from Marilyn Monroe to Hannah Montana, which reflected the theme of the evening, "An Evening with the Stars." Some students were paparazzi and snapped pictures as the guests walked the red carpet. Photos of the event are online at the school website www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com. The Chocolate raffle was won by Tim and Beth Shields of Ft. Wayne, Ind., which was a stay at Black Star Farms in Suttons Bay. The Children's Art Gallery is also a special highlight of the event, in which art produced by the students of St. Mary's in auctioned off. St. Marys would like to thank all the local businesses who generously donated goods, cash or gift certificates to the event. Without your support this event would not be as successful as it is. They also thank all the parents, parishioners and volunteers who came together to make a magical evening for all to enjoy. Thank-you to all the guests for coming and supporting St. Marys.

Homecoming court



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2008 Charlavoix High School homecoming court consists of (front from left) Alyssa Belfy, Amber Hoffman, Marnie Graene, Ericka Faust, Shauna Spencley and (back, from left) Alex MacKenzie, Bill Foley, Michael Heckendorn, Weston Bryan, Brock Yenglin.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis
October 8, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Commissioner Evan was absent.

Minutes of the September 24, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Motion approved Resolution #08-085, Approve County Expenditures for September

Motion approved Resolution #08-086, Public Hearing Notice.

Motion approved Resolution #08-087, Document Scanning for Clerk's Office.

Motion approved Resolution #08-088, Electrical Update for Sheriff's Department.

Motion approved Resolution #08-089, Lease Agreement Between Charlevoix County and the Preservation Association of Beaver Island (PABI).

The regular meeting will be held on October 22nd and there will be a Special meeting on October 29th to hold a public hearing on the General Fund budget and a special board meeting on October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. only if needed.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Tha Charlavoix High School 2004 homecoming queen Madison McKanzla was named Olivet College homecoming queen on Oct. 4 in Olivet. Madison is a senior majoring in elmentary education. She is a member of tha Soronian Society and daughter of Dan and Lori McKenzie.

Boating accident

A Grawn man was injured Wednesday evening in a boating accident on Lake Charlevoix.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Robert G. Ward, 25, was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by East Jordan EMS around 8:43 p.m. on Oct. 8, after his father, 48-year-old Charles C. Ward of Ellsworth, drove their 26-foot Bayliner vessel into a 55-foot break wall near Lakewood Drive, sending them airborne where they glanced off a 25-foot tree and came to rest in a small cove.

Robert, who was a passenger of the vessel, was treated for head, shoulder and back injuries before being released from the hospital a short time later.

Assisting at the scene were the East Jordan Police, EMS and Fire departments, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard.

The accident remains under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Marine Division, and according to Lt. David Beyer, possible marine violation charges are pending.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. And Mrs. Bob Schofield of East Jordan, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Schofield, to Kelly Swainson, son of Michael Swainson of Spokane, Washington. A June wedding is planned.

Sarah is a 1998 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a Chef and a Stewardess aboard private motor yacht "Justa Vacation," based out of south Florida.

Kelly is a1993 graduate of University High School in Spokane and served in the US Air Force in a military and civilian capacity until 1999.

Kelly joined the yachting industry in 2000 and is currently the Captain/Engineer aboard motor yacht "Justa Vacation."

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OBITUARIES

Raymond E. Slone: Apr. 14, 1923 - Oct. 10, 2008

Raymond E. Slone, 85, of Charlevoix died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born on April 14, 1923 in Flint, Michigan, the son of George and Florence (Wilder) Slone.

He grew up in Flint and graduated from Flint Central High School in 1941.

During World War II, he served in the United States Army Air Corps.

On Oct. 5, 1952 in Clio, he married M. Marie Whaley.

Raymond was a supervisor for Michigan Bell for 40 years.

He had worked in Flint prior to transferring to Charlevoix in 1970.

He retired in 1981.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. Ray enjoyed golf, woodworking, and traveling with his wife, Marie.

He is survived by his wife, M. Marie Slone of Charlevoix; three children, Roderick (Leisa) Slone of Vicksburg, RaeAnne Slone of Traverse City and Eric (Susan) Slone of Fenton; five grandchildren, Ryan Slone, Sarah Durand, Rachel Slone, Chelsea Haughn and Tyler Slone; and two sisters-in-law, Martha Slone of Grosse Point Park, and Catherine Whaley of Clio, and many nieces and nephews.

Raymond was preceded in death by one brother, Robert A. Slone.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

Rev. Todd Thompson officiated.

Burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Visitation was Monday, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Memorials may be given to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or charity of choice would be appreciated.

William P. Brodin: Jan. 13, 1938 - Oct. 13, 2008

William P. Brodin, 70, of Charlevoix, died Monday, October 13, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Bill was born Jan. 13, 1938, in Charlevoix to William and Daphnia (Baumgardner) Brodin. On Nov. 8, 1958, he married Genevieve Gennett.

Bill was employed by the City of Charlevoix Street Department for 25 years as a heavy equipment operator.

He loved to fish and hunt. Bill is survived by his wife, Genny Brodin; sons Bill (Doretta) Brodin of Charlevoix, Jeff Brodin of Winter Haven, Fla.; daughter, Debbie Erickson of Arlington, Tex.; grandchildren, Nikki, Amanda, Bill, Brad, Joshua, Bethany, and Zoe; great-grandsons, Joshua and Troy; brother, Gary Brodin of Charlevoix; sister, Nancy Higbee of Ellsworth; many nieces and nephews. Bill's brother, Larry preceded him in death. A memorial service will be 1:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene will officiate.

Internment will take place in Brookside Cemetery.

'Building Better Bones'

Osteoporosis can be a silent disease, one that causes thinning of the bones which then causes the bones to become fragile and more likely to fracture.

"It's a disease that people often don't realize they have until they fracture their hip, wrist or ankle," said Linda Linari, RN, BSN, ONC and orthopedic nurse clinician with Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Linari will share information on osteoporosis prevention and treatment during the upcoming Healthstyles class, "Building Better Bones." It will take place from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Community Health Education Center, across from the hospital's main entrance.

The program is free and open to all individuals interested in the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis. Bone biology, bone density testing, treatment options, nutrition instruction, exercise and fall/fracture prevention will be discussed.

Linari, who will provide an overview of osteoporosis, will be joined by presenters Janet Havens, a registered dietitian, and physical therapist Anne Grimmer.

"(Anne) will go over exercises you can do to strengthen muscles, which strengthens bones and increases bone density, and ways to keep yourself safe so you don't injure your back, or slip and fall," Linari said.

Havens will educate attendees on making proper dietary choices to increase calcium intake.

"And, she will go over reading labels. There's a lot of information on food labels and it can be confusing. She will discuss how to read the labels appropriately," Linari said.

Women and men, particularly the elderly, can both suffer from osteoporosis, she added, though it does more commonly affect women.

"It's a disease we can prevent, or one that we can halt the progression of with appropriate medications and education," Linari said.

Pre-registration for Healthstyles classes is requested and can be arranged by calling HealthAccess at (800) 248-6777.

Flu vaccination recommended

As flu season approaches, public health officials are recommending flu shots for nearly everyone over six months of age.

Appointments are now available for community flu shot clinics as follows:

- Oct. 16, at the Charlevoix Middle School
- Oct. 22, at the Gaylord Intermediate School
- Oct. 24, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Mancelona High School
- Oct. 28, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Petoskey Middle School

In addition, flu shot appointments are available at Health Department locations in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord.

Cost is $25 for flu vaccine and $30 for pneumonia; Medicare and Medicaid accepted.

Call (800) 432-4121 to schedule an appointment.

Unlike some previous years, there is no shortage of flu vaccine this season.

In fact, there are about 145 million doses of flu vaccine available this year, an all-time high.

That is three million more doses available than last year.

This year, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention expanded its recommendation about who should get the flu vaccine.

Now, more than four out of five people are recommended to get an annual flu vaccine, including all children 6 months through 18 years of age.

"It is vital for parents and caregivers to realize that children experience the highest rates of influenza," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "About one in three children contract the virus every year. Infants and children can develop severe complications, such as pneumonia, seizures, and ear or sinus infections. Last year, 83 children in the U.S. died of flu and related complications."

"The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year," said Meyerson. "If you are a parent or child care worker, a health care professional, or have contact with people age 65 and older, protect those high-risk individuals by getting vaccinated."

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8013 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Jeuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School
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Pastor:
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State Street at Clinton
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided
Church Office 547-6322
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205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.

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6429 N. M-66
Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women 7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service [illegible]
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5211

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Church Office 547-9482

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Sunday School 11:10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Aiman 588-7805

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Church Office 547-4121

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US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.

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101 State St. (At Park Ave.)
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office 547-9122

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12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
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Norwood
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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1404 Howard Street
Sabbath School 9:20 a.m.
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Adventist Community Services Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Hill 231-347-[illegible]

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US-31 & Old US-31
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

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Saturday Night Mass 5:00 p.m.
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Youth Hunt

See next week's edition of the Courier for more youth hunt photos.

Matthew M ray of Charlevoix took this seven-point buck duri the youth hunt.

Cam Canupp, 15, shot this seven-point buck on Sept. 27. Cam is the son of Denny and Jeanne Way of Charlevoix.

Jerod Reibel, 13, of Charlevoix shot this nice 150 pound, nine-point buck while hunting Sept. 27, in the Charlevoix area. He brought the buck down with his great-grandfather's vintage 300 Savage rifle.

Dylen Sledek of Charlevoix took this six-point buck on Sept. 27.

Kaly Lambert (12 years old) from Ellsworth was hunting with her Dad – Hugh Lambert and shot this 7 point buck with a 7 mag rifle in Charlevoix, MI five minutes before season ended.

Courtesy photo

Emma Juller-Hough, age 13 of Charlevoix shot a five-point buck on Sept. 27. She is the daughter of Lyle and Merlo Kleiber.

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Charlevoix design firm featured in dream homes book

The Charlevoix-based design firm of Indesign, owned by Tim Fisher, is featured in a new, exclusive book showcasing Michigan's finest architects, designers and builders titled, Dream Homes Michigan.

DREAM HOMES

"Dream Homes Michigan presents breathtakingly rich photographs of the most technically innovative and aesthetically interesting architecture and construction of recent years," claims the publisher, Panache Partners, LLC. Panache produces magnificent collections of visually stunning homes highlighting various states and regions, with this most recent volume featuring homes throughout the state of Michigan, where the breathtaking beauty and diverse characteristics of buildings sites are remarkable. Dream Homes Michigan is the company's 20th in the series, which has featured major markets across the country, including Colorado, Florida, the Carolinas, Chicago, New York and the eclectic Southwest.

"The book is showing some of the most spectacular homes in our immediate area," said Fisher. "It's not just another home book, but one that is specific to our region, which shows the variety of homes and width of local talent found here."

A disproportionate number of the 230 homes represented in the new book are from northern Michigan. Readers will get more than a glimpse inside some of the most stately homes in Charlevoix, Harbor Springs, Bay Harbor, and the surrounding area, designed by some of the most premiere architects and builders from throughout the state.

Indesign, based in Charlevoix for 25 years, was invited to present three of their projects in the exclusive publication. As a testament to the design firm's compelling and highly detailed design and quality craftsmanship, two of Indesign's homes grace the front and back cover of the opulent, glossy publication

"We were delighted to be invited to contribute," Fisher said of the inclusion in the beautiful book. "Anyone would be proud to put this book on their coffee table."

The three Indesign homes featured in Dream Homes Michigan reveal the variety of design styles the firm is accustomed to creating, and the caliber of their work, Fisher said. One of the homes is a log and shingle lodge with stone fireplaces throughout, another one is a New England shingle style home, while the third is a country French Tudor home overlooking Lake Michigan in Charlevoix.

"A house is a reflection of the homeowner," Fisher said. "It's a reflection of their dream, their vision. We're translators. We listen to the owner and gather information on their dream and translate it into their dream home. No two dreams or homes are alike."

Indesign is unique in that it is a collection of talented architects, interior designers, kitchen and bath experts, lighting designers, furniture and fabric professionals, along with surface and material specialists, all under one roof to provide smooth interaction throughout the design and development process. While a client may not enlist all of these skilled trades on any one particular project, access to this collection of professionals ensures an ideal fit for whatever type of project the client may have, Fisher said. Working not only in Charlevoix and throughout Michigan, Indesign has recently completed projects in Florida, Ohio, Indiana and a spectacular penthouse in downtown Chicago.

While Indesign is involved with all sizes of projects, from small remodels of one or two rooms to larger redesigns to entire ground-up evolution of a masterpiece, the three projects featured in the new book represent just a small sampling of 25 years of home building.

"We have had the privilege to work on so many great projects," said Fisher. "We would have liked to have shown them all."

The breathtaking photographs of Indesign's creations in the book are merely samples of the countless photographs that capture the design firm's depth of skill and variety of talent that can be found on their Web site, www.indesignfirm.net.

Dream Home Michigan features 37 different design firms from around the state, yet out of those 37, six are locally based. The book can be purchased for $39.95 at Book World and Round Lake Books in Charlevoix; Horizon Books and McLean and Eakin in Petoskey, and Between the Covers in Harbor Springs, and Horizon Books in Traverse City. Or visit the company online at www.panache.com.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, September 15, 2008 — 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, Council Chambers, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion by Council member Chamberlain, seconded by Council member Gennett, to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Bay Area Substance Education Service Incorporated outlined on page 7 of the agenda packet.

Motion by Council member Picha, seconded by Council member Campbell, to approve the purchase of the 1/0 Kerite cable for $17,850.

Motion by Council member Stevens, seconded by Council member Gennett, to approve the purchase of a 4 to 12" tapping machine by ROMAC Tapmate from Michigan Pipe and Valve for $13,746.

Motion by Council member Stevens, seconded by Council member Kusina, to approve the Material Testing Contract with Northwest Design Group for the amount of $12,000 subject to approval of the wording of the contract by the City Attorney, Mr. Young.

Motion by Council member Gennett, seconded by Council member Stevens, to approve setting a Public Hearing for October 6, 2008 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. [on a proposed ordinance to approve a Gas Franchise Agreement with Michigan Consolidated Gas Company].

Motion by Council member Campbell, seconded by Council member Chamberlain, to approve Resolution 2008-09-01, Supporting the Charlevoix Historical Society's grant application for the Charlevoix South Pier Light Station Phase III Rehabilitation Project

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 –12:30 P.M.
210 STATE STREET, CITY HALL, 2ND FL, CHARLEVOIX, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion passed to go into closed session, at the City Manager's request, to fill out a performance evaluation for the City Manager.

Upon returning to open session:

Council agreed to hold another special meeting on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 12 Noon to meet with the City Manager in closed session (per his request) to go over the evaluation.

Council adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 –12:00 NOON
210 STATE STREET, CITY HALL, 2ND FL, CHARLEVOIX, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L Carlson, Jr presiding All Council members were present

The following proceedings took place

Motion passed to go into closed session, at the City Manager's request, to review the City Manager's performance evaluation completed at the previous session

Upon returning to open session:

Motion passed to correct the grades on the evaluation so that all eight pages show all "E" (Excellent) ratings

Motion passed to increase Mr. Straebel's vacation to a total of 20 days per year.

Motion passed to extend Mr. Streebel's contract for an additional year, requiring reaffirmation three years from now, subject to the correction of a typographical error in Section VIII – RETIREMENT, which should read "– Twenty-One and Six-Tenths (21.6%) percent "

Council adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, October 6, 2008 – 12:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 210 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion to approve the job description for a city custodian and approve up to $20,000 per year for the position.

Motion to approve the tree maintenance agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and, with the City Attorney, to revise the agreements as needed.

Resolution 2008-10-01 adopted, decertification of a portion of Coast Guard Drive for Act 51 funding.

Council also gave general direction for staff to draft a budget ordinance amendment to change the rates at Mt. McSauba ski hill to help fund the purchase of the groomer.

Council adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

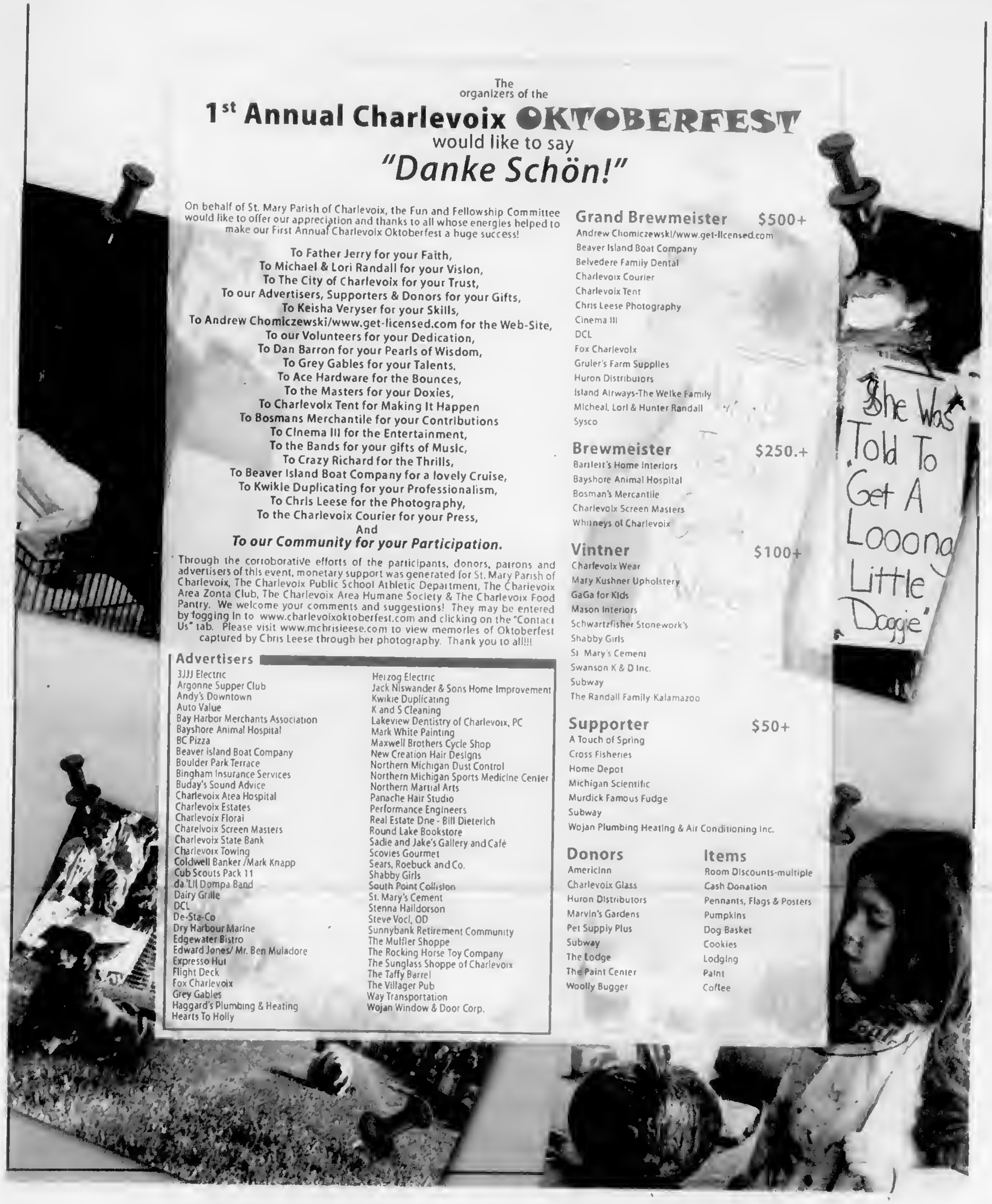
Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PLANNING COMMISSION
210 State Street, City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2nd Fl, Charlevoix, MI.
Wednesday, November 5, 2008 6:00 P.M.

The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider textual revisions to the City Zoning Ordinance. Any revisions will be adopted by zoning ordinance amendments. The proposed revisions include changes to the following topics: sign regulations, adding or clarifying definitions regarding fences, retaining walls and "thru lots", the development plan review process, escrow payments when outside studies are needed, fast food location and parking, fences, conditions on discretionary decisions, coordinating special use and development plan provisions, lot coverage, variance standards, the General Provisions (section 5.1) and the addition of provisions to protect water quality. Hardcopies can be provided upon request free of charge. The amendments may also be e-mailed to the public upon request. The proposed amendments may be viewed at the City Planning office at City Hall during office hours. Oral and written comments from the general public are welcome. Written comments will be accepted until November 5, 2008 before 5PM. Written comments should be mailed to the City Planner at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mailed to the address below

Mike Spencer, City Planner/Zoning Administrator
547-3265
mspencer@cityofcharlevoix.org

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon 1 week notice to the City of Charlevoix. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contract the City of Charlevoix by writing or calling the following Carol Ochs, City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-3250.



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To our Volunteers for your Dedication,
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To Grey Gables for your Talents,
To Ace Hardware for the Bounces,
To the Masters for your Doxies,
To Charlevoix Tent for Making It Happen
To Bosmans Merchantile for your Contributions
To Cinema III for the Entertainment,
To the Bands for your gifts of Music,
To Crazy Richard for the Thrills,
To Beaver Island Boat Company for a lovely Cruise,
To Kwikie Duplicating for your Professionalism,
To Chris Leese for the Photography,
To the Charlevoix Courier for your Press,
And
To our Community for your Participation.

Through the corroborative efforts of the participants, donors, patrons and advertisers of this event, monetary support was generated for St. Mary Parish of Charlevoix, The Charlevoix Public School Athletic Department, The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club, The Charlevoix Area Humane Society & The Charlevoix Food Pantry. We welcome your comments and suggestions! They may be entered by logging in to www.charlevoixoktoberfest.com and clicking on the "Contact Us" tab. Please visit www.mchrisleese.com to view memories of Oktoberfest captured by Chris Leese through her photography. Thank you to all!!!

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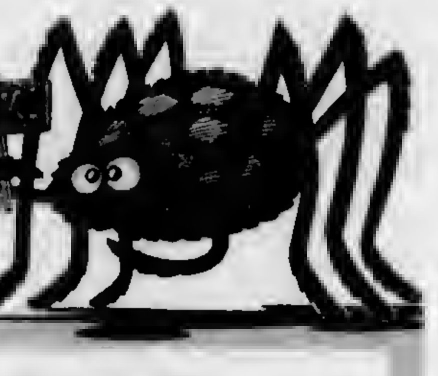
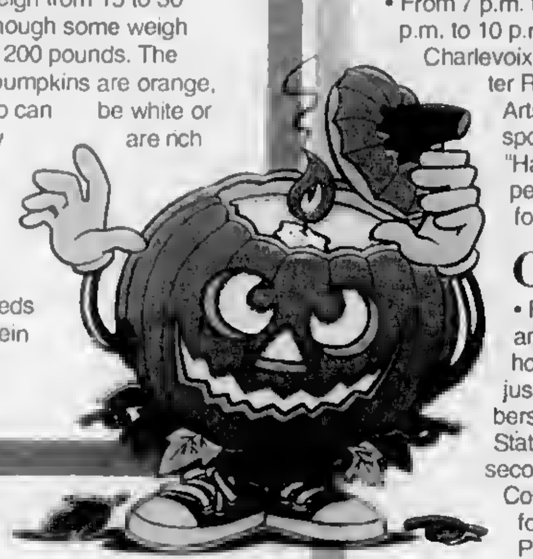


fun facts

Courtesy the National Confectioners Association

- The celebration of Halloween started in the United States as an autumn harvest festival. In pioneer days, somo Amencans celebrated Halloween with corn-popping parties, taffy pulls and hay ndes.
- In the late 19th century, with the large influx of Irish immigrants into the U.S., Halloween became associated with ghosts, goblins and witches.
- 93 percent of children will go trick-or-treating.
- Jack-o-lanterns are an Irish tradition. In Ireland, oversized rutabagas, turnips and potatoes were hollowad-out, carved into faces and illuminated with candles to be used as lanterns during Halloween celebrations.
- The word "witch" comes from the Old Saxon word "wica", meaning "wise one." The earliest witches were respected dealers in charms and medicinal herbs and tellers of fortunes.
- Bite-sized chocolate candies are the post popular type of candy to be included in Halloween activities (76 percent), followed by bite-sized non-chocolate candies (30 percent).
- Twenty-six percent of households will includa full-size candy (chocolate and non-chocolate) in their Halloween activities.
- The pumpkin originatod in Mexico nearly 9,000 years ago. It is one of America's oldest known vegetables. Pumpkins generally weigh from 15 to 30 pounds, although some weigh as much as 200 pounds. The majority of pumpkins are orange, but they also can be white or yellow. They are rich in vitamin A, beta-carotene and potassium, and their seeds provide protein and iron.



activities:

October 17

- From 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Castle Farms, the Charlevoix Children's House presents Fright Night at the Castle. Costumes are encouraged at this event hostod in tho Knight's Castle. Cost is $35 per person. Call (231) 675-3925 for tickets and more information.

October 24, 25

- From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 24, and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Oct. 25 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, the Charlevoix Performing Arts class will present their annual spook house. This yoar's thema is "Haunted Prison" and costs $4 per person or $3 and a nonperishable food pantry item.

October 28, 29

- From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Oct. 28 and 29 in the coast guard boat house at 101 Coast Guard Road just south of Depot Beach, members of United States Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will perform their second annual "Haunted Station." Cost of entry is one nonperishable food item for tha Charlevoix Food Pantry.

history of candy corn

Candy corn has been around for more than 100 years. George Renninger, an employee of the Wunderlee Candy Company, invented the popular confection in the 1880s and Wunderlee became the first to produce the candy. Tha Goelitz Candy Company (now Jolly Belly Candy Company) started producing tha confection in 1900 and still produces candy corn today.

When candy corn first appeared, it was popular among farmers because of its agrarian look. The tri-color design was considered revolutionary and tha public went crazy for it. Lack of machinery meant that candy corn was only made seasonally from March to November. Candy corn has remained unchanged for more than 100 years and is a favorite at Halloween.

How is Candy Corn Made?

In 1900, it was the job of many men to produce candy corn for eight months of the yaar.

Sugar, corn syrup and other ingredients were cooked into a slurry in large kettles. Fondant and marshmallow were added to give a smooth texture and bite.

The 45 pounds of hot candy was poured into buckets called runners. Men dubbed stringers walked backwards pouring the candy into cornstarch trays imprinted with the kernel shape. It took three passes to make the white, yellow and orange colors. Originally, candy corn was delivared by wagon in wooden boxes, tubs and cartons.

The process of making candy corn is very similar today, but now machines do most of the work.

Manufacturers use a method called the corn starch molding process.

A tray containing depressions is filled with corn starch. Candy corn is made from the bottom to tha top and in three-color passes. First, the depression is filled one-quarter full with yellow syrup and allowed to partially set. Next, the orange syrup is added.

The mold is then topped oft with tho white syrup and is cooled. The candy now can gel together. After is it has finished cooling, the trays are emptied and the little candy corns are ready to be eaten.

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Applefest:
another success

G. RANDALL GOSS/NEWS-REVIEW

Helen Rice of Irving, Texas, prepares to taka a bite of a nutty, sprinkled caramel apple at Applefest in Charlevoix Saturday. Rice was in town for the event and to visit her brother, Charfevoix resident Sonny Wright.

G. RANDALL GOSS/NEWS-REVIEW

Tha animal petting zoo was a popular spot for families enjoying the day at the annual Applefest in downtown Charfevoix this past weekend.

G. RANDALL GOSS/NEWS-REVIEW

Laura Christianson (from left) with Brande and Mark Schiller of King Orchards show off some fresh apples Saturday at the 30th annual Applefest in Charlevoix. Summer-like weather and brilliant fall colors helped bring large crowds to the three-day event.

Food drive

Residents may drop off nonperishable food items at Michigan Secretary of State branch offices to benefit needy families in their communities for the 18th annual Michigan Harvest Gathering.

"Your donations help put a meal on the table for someone in need," Michigan Secretary of State Terry Land said. "Of the one million Michigan residents expected to visit a food bank this year, 38 percent are children and 14 percent are senior citizens. I encourage you to contribute to Michigan Harvest Gathering to help your less-fortunate friends and neighbors, including our most vulnerable populations."

The campaign, which is coordinated by the Food Bank Council of Michigan, helps supply the state's regional food banks through donations of food and money.

The regional food banks serve food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every Michigan county.

People can drop off donations at all branch offices through Dec. 12.

Requested items include peanut butter, canned tuna and other meat and canned fruits, vegetables and soups, although all nonperishable food items are welcome.

Envelopes will be available for those who wish to mail cash donations, which are used to cover the cost of collecting and distributing the food.

In 2007, the Michigan Harvest Gathering collected more than $400,000 and 289,000 pounds of food.

The 2008 goal is $430,000 and 300,000 pounds of food.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Movement & Music
Wednesday, October 15, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
K – 3rd Grade
Come play! Use your whole body to explore music and movement.

Writers Group
Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing.

Quilters and Friends
Thursday, October 16, 10:00 am
Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a monthly workgroup. Bring along your current fiber project and all the equipment you need (yes, even your sewing machine!) and enjoy the company of friends.

Story Time
Thursday, October 16, 10:30 am
Birth to 5
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts.

Latin Dance Workshop
Thursdays, through October 30th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor Dirk Laterlin. [illegible] call to register [illegible]

PAWS for a Story
Saturdays in October, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Dogs love to hear your stories! Children who can read are welcome to read to one of the library's service dog volunteers!

Introduction to Digital Photography
Saturday, October 18, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
NCMC college will teach the basics of digital photography.
$25 fee; register with NCMC by calling 348-6613, 348-6705 or 348-6708

Family Fun Day: Wings of Wonder
Saturday, October 18, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Come join us for a raptor craft and spend an hour with Rebecca Lessard and some of her live raptors. Rebecca will share special features about raptors and talk about those found in Michigan. This program funded through a grant from the Lions Club of Charlevoix.

Book Talkers:
When Evil Came to Good Hart, by Mardi Link
Monday, October 20, 6:00 pm
Join the Book Talkers to discuss the first complete book written about the 40-year-old murder mystery of the Robison family from Good Hart, Michigan. Mardi Link will give a talk detailing the research that went into writing the book on Tuesday, October 21st.

Spilled Ink:
Creative Writing Workshop for Teens
Tuesdays, October 21 - November 11, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
This four week session will help young writers begin, enhance or finish materials they are working on - or help generate ideas and inspiration to put thoughts onto the page.

When Evil Came to Good Hart
Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 pm
Northern Michigan author, Mardi Link, will detail the research on a 40-year-old cold case that went into her new book, When Evil Came to Good Hart. This is the first true story written about the Detroit family, the Robisons, and their 1968 murders at their Good Hart cabin.

Library will be closed for a staff in-service, Friday, October 17th.

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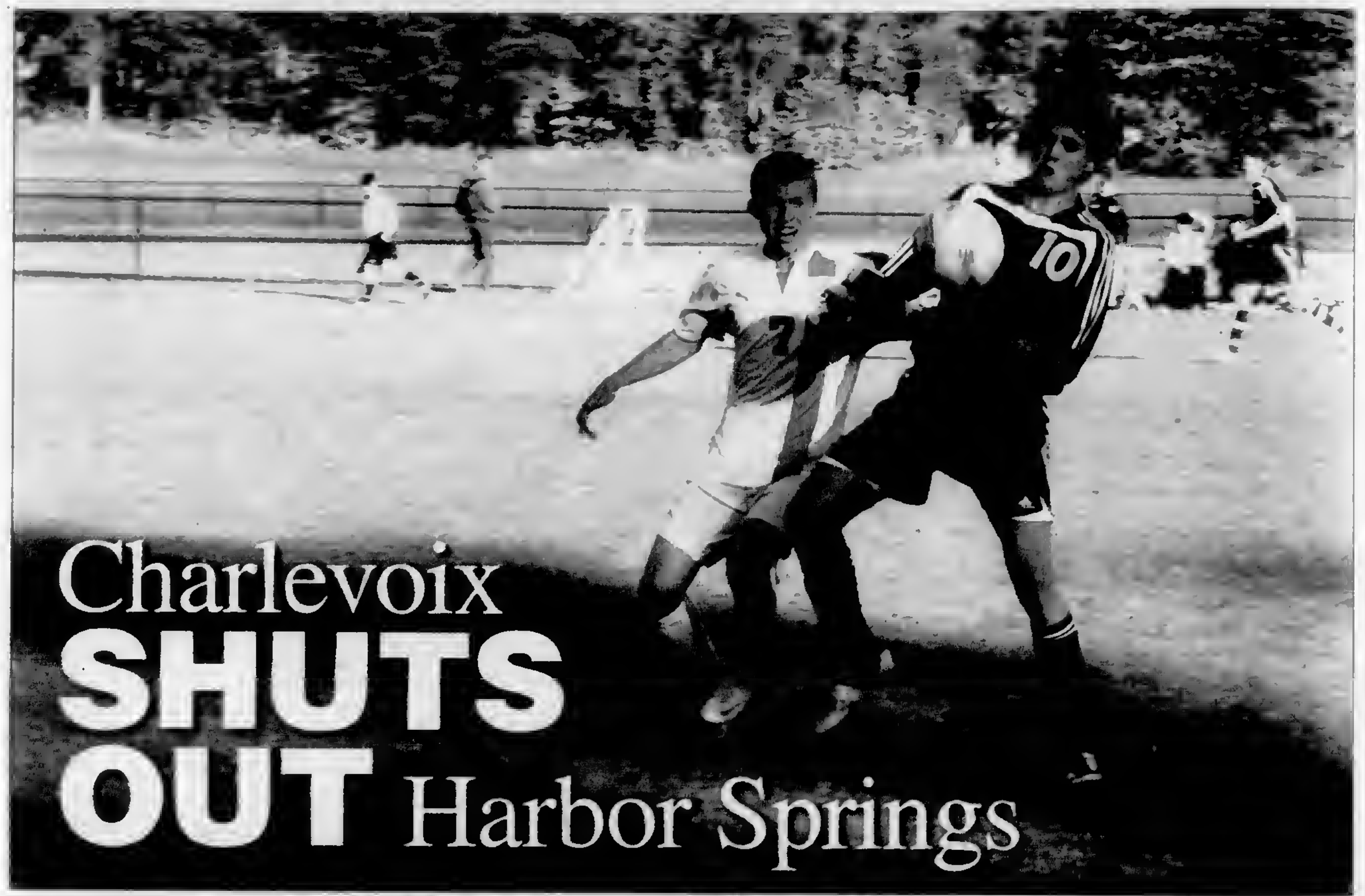

Charlevoix SHUTS OUT Harbor Springs

Courtesy photo

BOYS SOCCER

Charlevoix 5, Harbor Springs 0

HARBOR SPRINGS — Thomas Rich had two goals as Charlevoix topped the Rams to finish the regular season 15-4 overall, and in second place in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Also for the Rayders, Boog Nitchman and Ty Jones each had a goal and assist, Wyatt Drost scored a goal, and Ben Myers and Weston Bryan each had assists.

4-H Soccer

Players at the under 14 4-H soccer championship game on Saturday Oct 4 appear to be floating toward the ball. Evan Kroon number 12 (left) of the Kitely Farms team is on the offense against Jennifer Archey number 2 of Landscape Logic. Kitely Farms outscored Landscape Logic 4-0 and took first place.

Courtesy photo

Football

Elk Rapids 46, Charleovix 14

ELK RAPIDS — It was 22-14 at halftime, before the undefeated Elks blew it open after intermission.

"We moved the ball well, but we just couldn't stop them — at all," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said.

Elk Rapids is 7-0, 5-0, while Charlevoix is 3-4, 2-3.

Michael Heckendorn ran for both of the Rayders' touchdowns.

Elk Rapids quarterback Derek Sentieri accounted for four TDs, two rushing and two passing.

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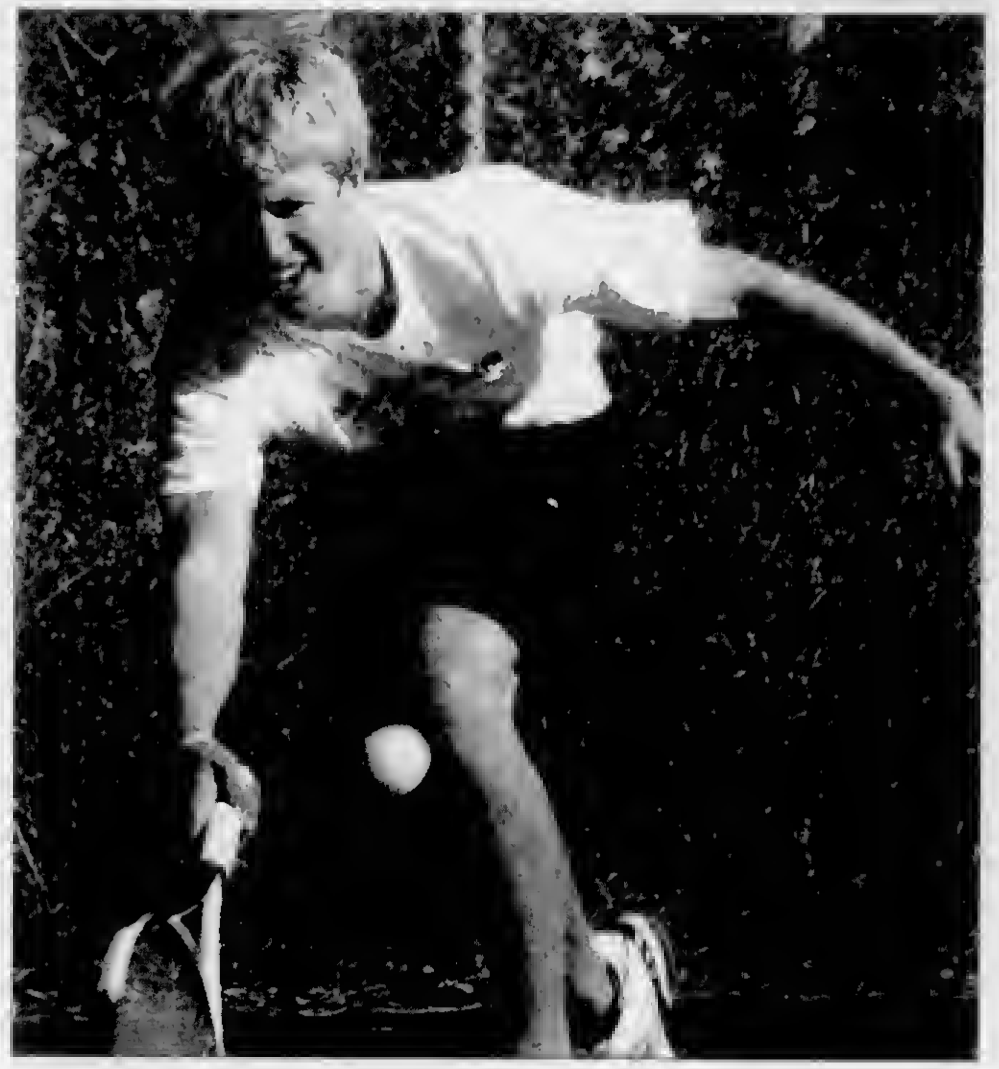
Rayder tennis

ties for fifth at regional



Harbor Springs reached the final match at No. 1 singles and No. 3 doubles en route to a third-place finish at the Division IV tennis regional Thursday, Oct. 9.

The tournament was played in Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

Traverse City St. Francis was first with 30 points, followed by Elk Rapids, 20; and Harbor, 14. Charlevoix tied four fifth with 7 points, and Boyne City, 4, tied four seventh in the nine-team field.

Harbor Springs' Matt Matteson lost to Elk Rapids' Aaron Mayes in the final at No. 1 singlels, 6-0, 6-0.

To get there, Matteson beat Grayling's Drue Kuhn, 6-1, 6-0, and Manistee's Brandon Arradaza, 6-4, 6-3.

The Rams' Adam Calloway-Max Wiggins lost to St. Francis in the No. 3 doubles final, 6-0, 7-5. Calloway-Wiggins beat Boyne City, 6-0, 6-0, and Manistee, 6-1, 6-0, en route to the final.

At No. 3 singles, Harbor's Steve Witte beat Charlevoix's John Drenth, 6-3, 6-3, then lost to Elk Rapids' Donnie Fedrigon, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 4 singles, Harbor's Ted Hackman beat Glen Lake's Caleb Abbott, 6-0, 6-3, then lost to St. Francis' Sean Paquet, 6-3, 6-3.

At No. 1 doubles, the Rams' Vanderwerff-Campbell beat the Leelanau School, 6-0, 6-0, and lost to St. Francis, 6-2, 6-0.

At No. 2 doubles, Harbor's Schorfaar-Allore beat the Leelanau School, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, then lost to St. Francis, 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 4 oduhles, Harbor's Arhaugh-Mathews beat Boyne City's Hague-Stone, 6-3, 6-4, then lost to Elk Rapids, 6-4, 6-1.

Charlevoix's No. 1 doubles team of Silberhorn-Pelon made it all the way to the final, losing to St. Francis, 6-1, 6-3. Silberhorn-Pelon opened with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Grayling, then downed Manistee, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Also for the Rayders, Alex Myers at No. 4 singles beat Will Fowler of Grayling, 6-2, 6-4, then lost to eventual champ Sean Paquet of St. Francis, 6-1, 6-0. At No. 4 doubles, Charlevoix's Schulman-Lobenherz beat the Leelanau School, 6-3, 6-1, and lost to St. Francis, 6-0, 6-0.

For Boyne City at No., 1 doubles, Petroelji-Zatkoff beat Glen Lake, 6-0, 6-1, and lost to St. Francis, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Charlevoix girls' cross country results

HOUSE ON THE HILL INVITATIONAL IN ELLSWORTH

Molly Jeakle	23:17	13th medalist
Katie Withrow	23:24	15th medalist
KC Mc Cary	23:24	16th medalist
Ellise Smolenyak	23:31	17th medalist
Hilary Way	23:36	18th medalist
Krista Pischner	23:48	19th medalist
Annie Dipert	24:02	20th medalist
Nicole Cyr	24:36	25th
Amy Pelon	24:51	26th
Caroline Dupuis	25:01	27th
Harbor Springs	24 points	1st
TC St. Francis	57 points	2nd
Charlevoix	79 points	3rd

CARSON CITY CRYSTAL INVITATIONAL RESULTS FOR CHARLEVOIX GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Molly Jeakle	62	22:28
Sturling Witthoeft	63	22:28
Hilary Way	72	22:52
Ellise Smolenyak	76	23:03
Annie Dipert	78	23:07
Lauren Bartling	93	23:38
Krista Pischner1	03	24:09
Nichole Cyr	107	24:13
Caroline Dupuis	112	24:55
Amy Pelon	117	25:27
Rachel Boss	119	25:28
Madeline Jeakle	123	25:40
Francesca Surnam	149	29:51

155 runners competed in the Class C portion of the meet
"A" team was 10th place out of 25 teams in the Class C race
"B" team took 20th out of the 25 teams

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Business incubator program

The new regional business incubator program officially launched on Oct. 1.

The program will be managed and administered through the Entrepreneurial Division of NLEA under the direction of Lori Meeder. An incubator is a support system that accelerates the successful development of start up and existing companies.

The launch of the program was a culmination of hundreds of volunteer hours from community and business leaders in nine communities throughout the region. Each of the communities had a steering committee that met monthly to brainstorm, discuss, and create the program.

"The program's goal is to connect the client with a targeted set of resources tailored to the individual needs of that particular client. These resources and services could include access to capital, business mentors, technical and professional advice, business related workshops and training," said Lori Meeder, Director of the Entrepreneurial Division. "Each client is at a different stage in their business and we will craft a plan that fits their needs at whatever stage they are in the journey."

Through an application and screening process, the program is open to all for profit entities that have a strong desire to grow and expand their business – and a business plan that points to a product or service with positive market potential.

The premise is that, with the help of a strong set of advisors, the business can make a significant impact on the region's economy. The candidates seeking advice and connections with resources and experts must also exhibit a willingness to learn and be coached by others.

A comprehensive data base of local, regional and state experts in a wide array of business categories ranging from market research to graphic design to website developers to legal advisors is being created.

One of the keys to program success is finding the best mentors and service providers to coach and guide these young businesses. Experienced volunteers who are willing to share their time and expertise to help potential entrepreneurs are encouraged to call and volunteer. "Many successful business people know how important it is to have the right advice and guidance in the beginning and understand that giving back should be part of that process. We are so fortunate to have so many successful business leaders who live in Northern Michigan and have a real passion to help entrepreneurs prosper and grow," says Meeder.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor, service provider or client, please contact Northern Lakes Economic Alliance at (231) 582-6482.

New towing service in town

BY ALICE PERRAULT
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

COURTESY PHOTO

Jay Roharge has opened a new towing business in Charlevoix.

Roharge opened his shop this past January. Since then, he said business has been great.

"It keeps me pretty busy. It's been working out really well," he said.

Roharge started the business out of necessity.

"I did construction for 20 years. But with the way the economy is, there was not enough work. Since I used to do this when I lived in Alpena, I thought I could do it again," he said.

Jay's Towing is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

They will work with anyone in northern Michigan, not just those in Charlevoix.

They are also quick to respond to a situation, according to Roharge, and this is something he said customers appreciate.

"People are happy with our fast response time," he said. "They always have positive things to say."

Jay's Towing will match or beat another competitor's price.

"If a customer is shopping around for the best price, we'll work with them," Roharge said. "We're just trying to make a living too."

Roharge said the staff at Jay's Towing takes pride in the care they give to their customers.

"We are here for the customers. We care about your situation," he said. "If your car breaks down, and you don't know what to do, we'll help."

"It's about giving people a choice with who to use," Roharge added.

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Dated. September 24, 2008

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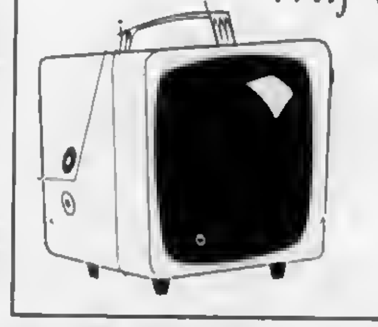

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force us to look at other options in terms of compensation and benefits."

He added, "Like any other business, and every home, we can't deficit spend year after year. So, we have been reducing staff, but we cannot continue to do that without impacting the quality of education."

Conway said "generous compensation" is in the eye of the beholder

"Any single contract line item might appear higher when compared to other districts, but we feel this is a narrow view Charlevoix ranks eighth among northern Michigan school districts in starting pay," she stated. "It's important to keep in mind Charlevoix teachers' years of experience, number holding advanced degrees and our rank among area schools' MEAP scores when making district comparisons."

She added, "We're arguing for a reasonable contract, given all the circumstances. The budget is tighter than it has been during some years, and that needs to be one consideration."

Conway said other factors must be considered during negotiations.

"We feel that the district has more resources available which could be devoted to instruction. The last two teacher contracts have included major concessions: a shift to a much cheaper PPO for health insurance, for instance, that has saved the district $400,000 in the last two years alone. In 2006, the teachers also accepted a one-year freeze in the cost-of-living increase—a move rarely seen even in neighboring districts with similar budget concerns—resulting in a cumulative loss of up to tens of thousands of dollars over the course of an employee's career and retirement," she stated. "Prior to that, in 2004, we agreed to changes in our health insurance policy which netted an additional $400,000 savings over the life of the contract. Clearly, the teachers have a history of working with school management in a climate of various challenges."

She added, "We also take issue with the assumption that leaner years necessarily correlate to substantial cuts in salary and benefits; by that logic, many of the fatter years in the past should've resulted in large increases and new benefits. Of course, that wasn't the case. Salary increases haven't come in above 3% in decades, and, as mentioned, insurance costs have been reduced substantially over the years.

While Janik sympathizes with the teachers, he noted this is not just a local but a statewide issue, and added that he find additional funding where there is none.

"It simply comes down to this: in the last five years we are down approximately 185 students, and that has caused us to reduce staffing by over 30 people. We anticipated a budget deficit of over $800,000 and we made approximately $350,000 in cuts, which means we are still projecting a budget deficit of approximately half a million dollars," he said. "We will continue to negotiate and hopefully be able to come to some resolution with the union, but salaries and fringes alone are 84 percent of the budget, which gives us very little to work with."

The schools system's current fund balance is $1.6 million, not accounting for the half-million dollars Janik anticipates pulling from it.

"If we continue losing 30 students a year, because we graduate more than we're taking in, that's a quarter of a million right there, and expenses are increasing," Janik said. "We're getting less state aid, we're losing students, we're dealing with increased health care, food services, transportation costs."

He added, "I have total respect for the teachers and the job they do. We have outstanding test scores; by all measures the students do very well, but financially we can't continue the path we're on."

Conway said there are no plans for a teacher strike at this time. So, for now, it appears as though both sides will continue collective bargaining.

"We love our jobs and have been quite willing to return to work this year even though it's the first time since 1993 that we've done so without a contract," she stated. "Again, I'm cautiously optimistic that we will reach an agreement of compromise that fairly compensates our staff while also taking our district's finances into account."

MOUNTAIN

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either," he added.

The rumor about season passes on sale for last year's price is true. On October 22-23, McSuaba Mountain will have their winter sale of not only equipment, but on passes as well. During these two days, people can purchase season passes at the old price of $80 for one person or $150 for two.

A rope pull is also in the works for McSuaba. However, due to costs of the groomer, the rope pull will not be put in until next year.

"We just didn't have enough money this year. But it will be there next year for sure," Boss said.

With all the new additions, McSuaba Mountain has paid out about $231,000 this year.

Other new additions include a new terrain park, wireless internet, and video cameras. The cameras will allow parents to watch their children while they are on the hills.

Approximately 6,000 people use McSuaba each year. Boss said this number does not represent 6,000 people, it represents 6,000 usages.

Boss said, "Come check it out. It's going to be great this year."

Call (231) 547-3267 for additional pricing and or information.

FREE RIDES

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might not be as willing to brave treacherous winter highways.

It previously cost senior citizens — those 60 and older — 50 cents to ride less than 15 miles one way; a dollar one way for anything over 15 miles within the county; and $3 one way outside the county.

While a couple dollars may not sound like much money to some, Johnson said it can be a serious strain on the budget of a senior with a fixed income.

In addition to free rides anywhere within the county for grocery shopping, hair appointments, medical exams, banking, entertainment or just visiting a friend or loved one, seniors may now take advantage of free rides to Petoskey, Gaylord and Traverse City for doctor appointments.

Just call the transit service from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday throug Friday at (231) 582-6900 extensio 0 to make an appointment to h picked up.

In-town rides, according to trans officials, don't need quite as muc advanced warning, but seniors mu call as soon as possible to sched ule rides to out-of-county appoin ments.

"I think this is a fantastic opportu nity," said Charlevoix County Boar of Commissioners Chairman Chri Christensen. "Think of the world c opportunity that opens up for ther now. They can go different place they maybe didn't want to drive r before."

He added, "I hope they take ad vantage of this program while it' available because, like anythin else, if it goes unused, it will likel disappear."

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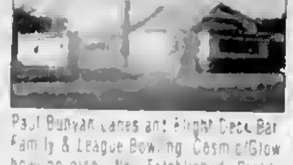
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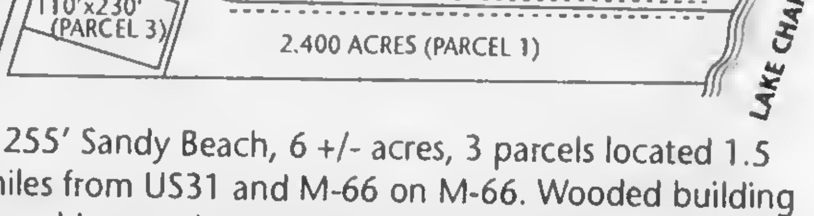

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Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Council Chambers of Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St. will be open for the viewing of the presidential and vice-presidential debates. The debates start at 9 p.m. and will last 90 minutes.

Doors will open at 8:45 p.m.

Attendees are asked to leave campaign materials and apparel at home. There is room for approximately 90 people at this free event.

The final debate:

- Third Presidential Debate, Wednesday, Oct. 15

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE; FIBROMYALGIA

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information: Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Wednesdays in October

4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Movement and Music (for K-3rd grade) come play and explore music, movement and your body.

- Thursdays in October

6:30 to 8 p.m., Latin Dance Workshop - Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor, Dirk Esterline. ($20 fee)

- Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 15

From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Computer Basics II: Microsoft Word for Beginners - This session includes how to use the basic features of this word processing program.

- Monday, Oct. 27

At 6:30 p.m. - Sleepy Time Stories (birth - 8); Come in your pajamas and bring your lovey to hear stories before bedtime.

- Saturday, Oct. 18

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Introduction to Digital Photography (NCMC $29 fee)

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wings of Wonder Family Fun Day - Join us for a raptor craft and an hour with live raptors.

- Tuesday, Oct. 21

At 7 p.m., When Evil Came to Good Hart - Northern Michigan author Mardi Link will detail the research on a 40-year-old cold case that went into her new book, "When Evil Came to Good Hart." The book is a new look into an old story: the cold case file of the murders of a wealthy Detroit area family in their northern Michigan cabin in 1968.

- Thursday, Oct. 23

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Cyber Security and Safe Computer (NCMC $29 fee)

- Saturday, Oct. 25

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Make Your Own Recipe Book

Make a charming recipe book for yourself or as a gift with paper artist Beth Allan. ($10 fee)

- Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 28 and 30

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Web Page Design Basics (NCMC $59 fee)

- Saturday, Nov. 1

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Native American Heritage Day - Come to hear and see Native American storytellers and craftsmen spin their tales and crafts.

Nov. 15, "Ratatouille" comes to town. Bring the family for this fun movie and enjoy popcorn provided by the library.

All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

OCT. 15

Tax increment financing workshop

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 15 in Charlevoix at Charlevoix Public Library community room A, a Tax Increment Financing Workshop will be held free of charge.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a public financing method, often used by municipalities, which has been used for community improvement projects and redevelopment. Each workshop will cover:

- What is a TIF?
- What Public Acts authorize it?
- How does it work?
- Pros and cons of using TIF.

Call (231) 582-6482 to complete the required registration, or e-mail jan@northernlakes.net.

Community Christmas project

At 1 p.m., Oct. 15 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, the community Christmas project will hold its first planning session of the season. To help them continue their work you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

OCT. 16, 23, 30

Latin Dance

Learn three Latin dances: merengue, salsa and bachata, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays in the youth activity center at Charlevoix Public Library. The instructor will teach a new dance step as well as add some advanced elements. At the end of the classes there will be a final dance party to practice all the steps learned. Single dancers are welcome.

Snap Shot Sessions

"Snap Shot Sessions" offered at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church.

Benefit October 18

COURTESY PHOTO

This item from Boyer Glassworks in Harbor Springs is just one of many jewels you will have the opportunity to bid on at the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Benefit Auction beginning at 6 p.m., Oct. 18 at Nubs Nob. Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is celebrating 25 years of caring and commitment to Emmet, Charlevoix and parts of Cheboygan Counties. Without the generous support from hundreds of businesses and volunteers, this event would not be possible. The proceeds this year will go towards helping cover expenses that are not reimbursed by insurance companies or privata pay. This event features the finest chefs in the region along with a silent auction. Dessert and live auction begin at 8 p.m. For more information about the auction or to purchase tickets, call (231) 487-4805.

corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Oct. 15 - "Reflexology, Your Feet Tell It All"

Oct. 22 - "Health and Cooking"- John Sheets, Deli Manager of The Grain Train in Petoskey.

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This - Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

- Oct. 19 – Middle and high school youth are meeting at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided
- Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.
- Oct. 29 – All-church Halloween party

Call (517) 331-2665 or 547-9122 for more information about any of the events.

OCT. 16

The big squeeze

From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital solarium, Oct. 28 on Beaver Island for island residents, there will be an informative meeting on the importance of breast exams, cancer prevention and genetic predisposition. Light refreshments will be serve. Attendees get a gift. Call 547-8906 or 547-8950 for more information or by e-mail at circlestrength@cah.org.

OCT. 17

Fright Night

The Charlevoix Children's House's annual fundraiser "Fright Night at the Castle" is from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Oct. 17 at Castle Farms. Wear a costume to this party with cash bar, prizes, silent auction and music via D.J.

A workshop on "Understanding Hearing Loss, Communication Barriers and Hearing Assistive Technology" at 3 p.m., Oct. 17 at the Friendship Center dining room, 1322 Anderson Road, Petoskey for $25 person. This workshop is

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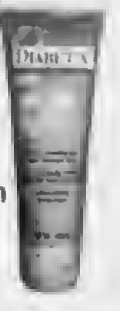
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OCT. 18

There will be a benefit breakfast from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Judy's Restaurant in Charlevoix, 117 Antrim St. with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Mt. McSauba groomer fund. Stop down for pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and milk and give what you can as there is no set donation amount.

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society

They will host the annual "Research and Resources" open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 18. Events are free, open to the public and held in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library. Call (231) 582-9602 for more information.

BASES fundraiser

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and 15, BASES Teen Center will host a Schwan's truckload sale from CarQuest parking lot south of the M66/U.S. 31 junction. Customers receive five percent off their purchase and BASES will receive 10 percent of all sales. Funds go toward literature and other materials on substance abuse to help educate teens and families.

OCT. 20

Hearing loss seminars

Classes will incorporate learning about hearing loss, how to adjust to hearing aids, coping and communication strategies, other resources, environment controls, hearing assistive technologies and instructions on speech-reading from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., every Monday from Oct. 20 until Nov. 24 at the Friendship Center Library, 1322 Anderson Road, Petoskey. Cost is $10 for residents in Charlevoix or Emmet County; $75.00 for non-residents. Call Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: (800) YOUR-EAR, Ext. 12 or e-mail nan@madhh.org to register

OCT. 21

Credit and credit repair

This free workshop on how to attain and maintain good credit and repair bad credit is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 21 at the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency located at 2202 Mitchell Park Drive #4 in Petoskey. Call 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518 for more information and to sign up for the class.

Tai Chi classes begin

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging begins a six-week series of one-hour Tai Chi classes. The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays beginning Oct. 21 at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Tai chi is a safe, gentle, non-impact exercise that promotes health and inner tranquility while improving strength, endurance, balance, flexibility and more. Tai Chi is suitable for people with problems moving because of age, injury, arthritis and all levels of physical fitness. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

OCT. 22

Prop 2 forum

The Charlevoix Ministerial Association is sponsoring a community forum on Proposal 2, the human embryo research proposal, at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Charlevoix Library Community Room B

OCT. 25

Off-Road Vehicle Class

An off-road vehicle class is being held from 8 a.m. to approximately noon on Oct. 25 in anticipation to changes to the ATV laws. This free class will be conducted in the training room at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. The class is available for all ages accompanied by an adult.

The objective of the off-road vehicle class will teach the basics such as.

- Common ATV & motorcycle parts
- Items to check during a pre-ride inspection
- Gear to take along on an ORV trip
- Proper gear to wear when operating an ORV
- Upon completion, the student will receive a(n):
- Michigan ORV safety course manual

Attendees will receive a certificate of completion from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Off-road Vehicle Safety program which should be carried while riding.

If you have any questions or are interested in signing up, please contact Deputy Genna Gauthier at the sheriff's office 547-4461.

OCT. 30

Blood drive

From 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road.

NOV. 8

Mom to mom sale from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Mary Family Center. More than 20 vendors will sell clothes, toys, books, makeup, furniture and more. Admission is $2 for 18 and older. Call 547-1768 for more information.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Märge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, October 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code. The proposed amendments, if adopted, will amend Chapter 1 Title 11 in its entirety to grant a gas franchise for 5 years to DTE Energy.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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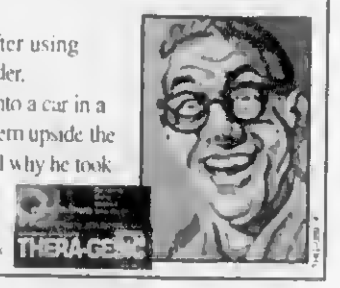

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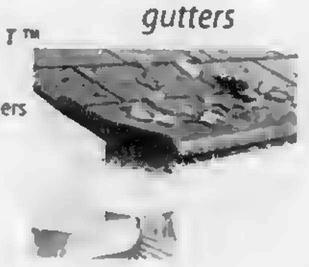

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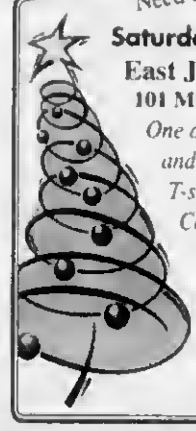

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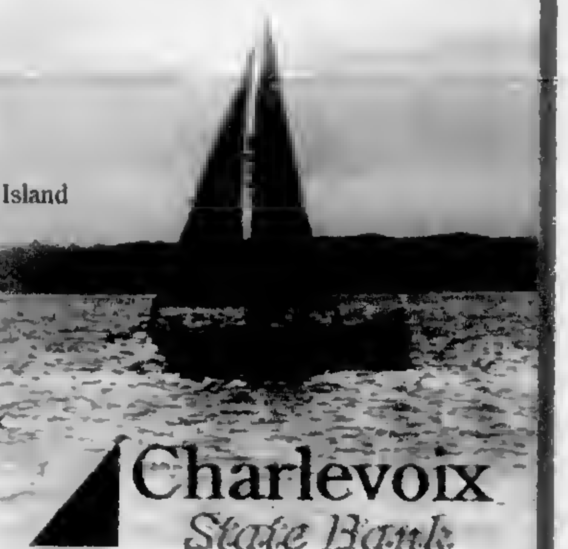

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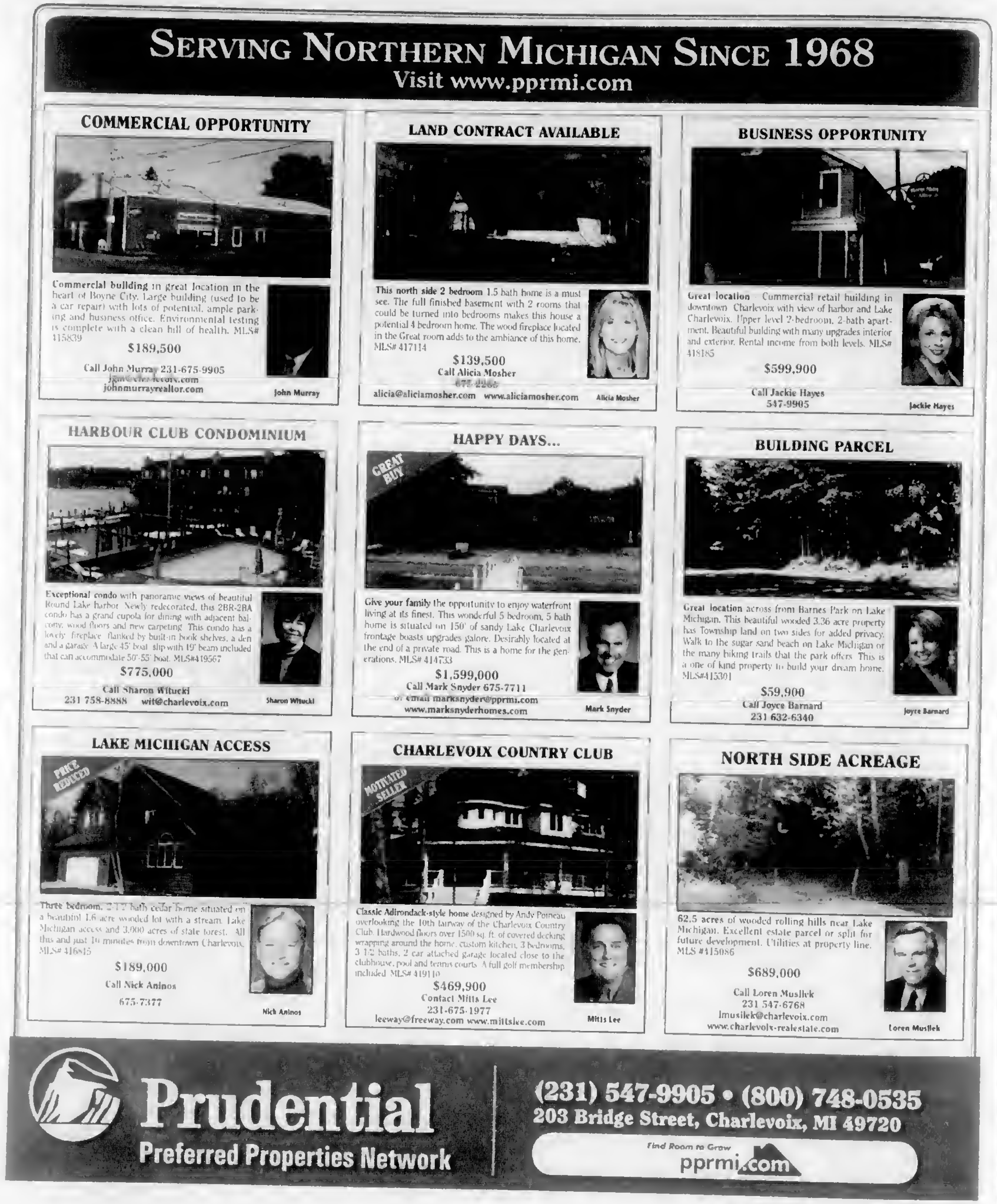
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Winners in the costume contest at Fright Night at tha Castle are (from left) best couple: Tanya and Dr. Daniel Mann as Peter Pan and Capt. Hook, Jinks Page as a martini, and Pat Elliott as an old woman with a walker.

Newbies seek to dethrone incumbent

Forum features 105th district candidates Kevin Elsenheimer, Connie Saltonstall and Greg Dean

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Who will be your voice in Lansing?

Candidates for the 105th Michigan State House seat are Charlevoix Democrat Connie Saltonstall, Elmira Libertarian Greg Dean and incumbent Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Kewadin) who will answer questions from the audience and moderator at 2 p.m., Sunday Oct. 26 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

"Jobs and health care" said the 63-year-old Democrat, are the two most important issues facing Michiganders.

"I think it's important for the state to have a vision of how to rebuild jobs, and I believe reinventing the auto industry to manufacture more economical, fuel-efficient cars that utilize renewable energy is the way to do that," Saltonstall said. "And, I support universal health care and think it's done best at a national level, but if they don't do that, then I think the state should be involved in the process of creating it."

Saltonstall is also a proponent of responsible management of the environment, a supporter of keeping public education public.

"I am endorsed by the Sierra Club and the Michigan League of Conservation Voters put out a scorecard on legislators for 2005/2006 and Elsenheimer voted against them 75 percent of the time," she said. "He also supports (school) vouchers; and vouchers for private schools takes money away from public education."

In addition, Saltonstall is in favor of an equitable minimum wage which, she pointed out, Elsenheimer voted against.

The Democrat has concern, too, that Elsenheimer is running for a final term for the wrong reasons.

"He said he wanted to be a

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Closing up shop

Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. closes after three decades

CHRISTINA ROHN
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

After nearly 30 years in business, Charlevoix Manufacturing Company is closing its doors.

The aluminum foundry machine shop — which specializes in the production of aluminum castings needed for various industries including automotive, heavy truck, robotics and decorative — will cease its operations within the next two months.

Jim Hater, president of Charlevoix Manufacturing Company, points to a slumping automotive market and outsourcing as the reasoning behind their downfall.

"We've watched about 70 percent of our business be taken off-shore; basically to China, India and some to Indonesia," Hater said. "The flood of American jobs being taken away really disturbs me."

Hater said nearly three years ago, when business was good, the company employed 85 people.

Now, after two years of gradual cutbacks, the company's remaining 17 employees will be out of a job.

"We tried hard to diversify our product line and we had some success, but I guess just not enough," Hater said. "We are all deeply saddened by the whole thing — we just hate to lose them."

Hater said his employees will be forced to start over.

"There is no real severance (package)," he said. "Between unemployment and Michigan Works, there's many opportunities out there, hopefully (our employees) can take advantage of all of them."

Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel said this closing will have a profound impact on the Charlevoix community.

"It's certainly another devastating blow, not only to the city, but to the northern Michigan region," he said. "We're not unique to this, it's been happening all across the nation. The overall manufacturing sector has taken a hit with outsourcing overseas."

Straebel added, "Certainly our sympathies go out to the employees and families of (Charlevoix Manufacturing Co.) and we will do everything we can to get these people back to work."

Hater said the fate of the 20,000 square-feet manufacturing building is unknown.

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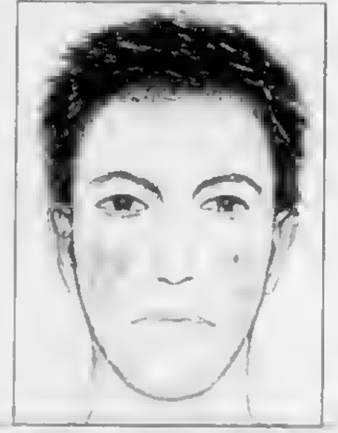

Have you seen this man?

This Michigan State Police artist's rendering is of a suspect who broke into a home around 11 p.m. on Sept. 28 at a residence on Cherry Street in Charlevoix. The suspect was confronted by the residents and, after a brief verbal interaction, the suspect fled on foot. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office canine unit was brought in, but the suspect could not be tracked. No assaultive behavior was observed by the suspect and no further incidents have occurred. Call Charlevoix City Police Department at 547-3258 if you have any information pertaining to this crime.

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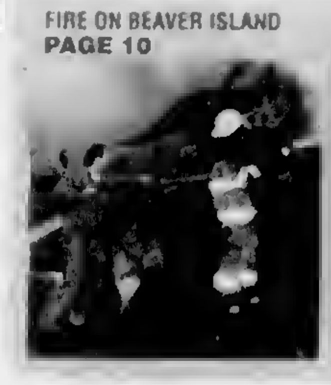

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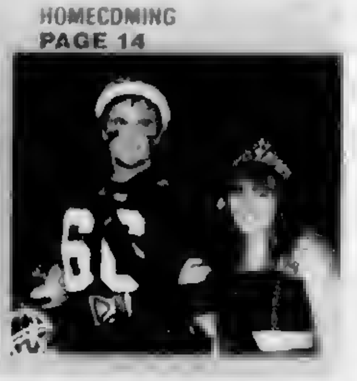

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morgan A. Sieggreen weighing eight pounds was born Oct. 18 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ron and Joy Sieggreen of Boyne City. His sibling is Carlee Shelton. His grandparents are Dave Miller of Central Lake and Jim Gale of Greenville. His great grandparent is Hazel Joy Maurer of Central Lake.

Leo William Chapman-Tacoronte weighing seven pounds six ounces was born Oct. 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mary Alice Chapman, Mich., and David W. Tacoronte of Fla. His sibling is Alex. His grandparents are Pat and Dennis Chapman of Ellsworth and Debby Rapin-Honcrary of East Jordan and his great grandparent is Irene Phillips of Whitmer Lake, Mich.

Hunter Michael Russell weighing seven pounds 11 ounces was born Oct. 7 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tonya and Sean Russell of East Jordan. His sibling is Alexis. His grandparents are Rita Brodin and Gary Brodin both of Charlevoix and Arlane Russell and the late Clifford Russell of East Jordan..

Caitlyn Lorene Burks weighing eight pounds two ounces was born Oct. 9 at the Charlevoix area Hospital to Steven H. and Dawn M. Burks of East Jordan. Her sibling is Coen. Her grandparents are Deborah Meads and Paul and Barbara Burks all of East Jordan. Her great grandparents are Raymond and Sally Meads, Denning and Mildred Gocha, all of East Jordan and Paul and Kathy Chapman from Florida.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Luther Brent Clyburn, 42, Mancelona. Controlled substances, possession of marijuana. Serve five days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Mary Kathleen Bradley, 23, Lansing. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

John Carl Baumann, 58, West Bloomfield. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; 45 days on an electronic monitoring device; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Gregg William Whitley, 44, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for one day in jail; 334 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Bruce Bachelor, 44, Boyne Falls. Two counts of driving while license suspended, first offense. Credit for four days in jail; $795 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

James Garner Vincent, 40, East Jordan. Use of a computer to commit a crime; accosting children for immoral purposes. Count one: sentenced to a minimum of 30 months to a maximum of seven years in a Michigan correctional facility; count two: sentenced to 30 months to four years in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for two days in jail; $1,215.68 in fines and costs.

Russha Ray-Cal Grace, 22, River Rouge. Attempted uttering and publishing. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 30 days in jail.

Joshua Strickland, 28, Canton. Breaking and entering a building with intent; motor vehicle, unlawful driving away; habitual offender third offense. Sentenced to 36 months in a Michigan correctional facility; $2,655.37 in fines and costs.

Gabriel David Parsons, Lansing, 23. Controlled substance, delivery/manufacture of marijuana, second or subsequent offense notice. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of eight years in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for five days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Arlene Sue Davis, 49, East Jordan. Embezzling by an agent or trustee, $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000; probation violation. Continue $50 per week wage garnishment.

Brad Anthony Quinn, 22, Pontiac. Controlled substance, delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for 71 days; to serve 180 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

- Rose Hastert vs. Timothy Hastert
- Spencer Hankins vs. Riki Hankins
- Paul Howell vs. Carrie Howell

Crash in Marion Township

In early morning of Oct 12, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was called to the scene of a personal injury crash.

This crash occurred on Marion Center road at Ferry Road in Charlevoix county's Marion Township.

The crash occurred when 19-year-old Travis Murray of Charlevoix pulled into the right of way of Jean Engstrand, 58 years old of Ellsworth and her passenger, James Maine, 70 years old, also of Ellsworth off from Ferry Road.

Engstrand was traveling north bound on Marion Center when the crash occurred.

Both Engstrand and Maine were injured in the crash and both were transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital via Charlevoix Ambulance Service.

Murray sustained no injury in the crash.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Charlevoix Ambulance Service.

The crash remains under investigation.

Weather

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Evictions

Despite the recent onslaught of gloomy economic news, two area sheriffs say their deputies have not yet seen a notable increase in the number of evictions they are handling.

Both Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wallin and Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said their deputies handle a few evictions each month, but those numbers haven't changed significantly recently.

Lasater said evictions in Charlevoix County have been on a slow increase for several years. He said in 2007 his office handled 99 evictions and deputies have handled 93 so far this year. Emmet district court officials said records show 59 evictions in 2006, 79 in 2007 and 79 so far in 2008.

Recently, sheriffs in the Chicago area's Cook County and Michigan's Genesee County have instituted moratoriums on processing some evictions. In both cases, the moratoriums were for situations in which renters were being evicted from foreclosed homes.

Both Wallin and Lasater said they have no plans to modify their eviction practices, especially since very few of the evictions they handle involve situations where a renter is being evicted because of a foreclosure.

Regardless of the reason behind it, an eviction is a multi-step process that does not happen overnight.

According to the Michigan Poverty Law Program's www.MichiganLegalAid.org Web site, eviction is a multi-step process that starts with the landlord serving notice of his or her intent to take possession of the property.

If the tenant doesn't voluntarily leave, the landlord must file an action for eviction in the district court. In such a suit, the court will schedule a hearing at which both sides can plead their cases. If the court finds in favor of the landlord the tenant will be ordered to move within 10 days. If the tenant still doesn't move then the court can issue an order giving the sheriff permission to physically remove the tenant and all his or her possessions and place them on the street.

Court officials say the process for evicting people who have not paid their rent is essentially the same as for renters who are being evicted because of a foreclosure.

School Board meeting

The following actions were taken by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Oct. 13 meeting.

Items: District Steering Committee Chairman, fiber optic bids, energy systems contract, field trips for physics, Spanish classes and baseball team; Rosemary Dixon was approved as the new assistant for Bright Beginnings, four part-time bus driver hires and an extended maternity leave request.

In brief: Following the meeting, the board went into closed session for discussion of the pending labor contract. The issue has yet to be resolved.

Board action: All votes were in support and were unanimous.

Various reports which did not require board action included an audit report by Angie Roeloffs, personal curriculum by the Char-Em ISD, building reports, a strategic plan update by Scott Mays and board goals by John McLean, school board president.

The next meeting is 7 p.m., Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Middle School.

DNR announces Arbor Day mini grant applications available

Applications are now available for Michigan's Arbor Day Mini Grant program.

These grants are funded through the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Program.

The purpose of the Arbor Day Mini Grant program is to highlight Arbor Day and the role that trees and forests play in our everyday lives. Grants of up to $200 may be requested for planting trees on public lands, hosting an Arbor Day celebration or purchasing natural resource-related materials for libraries.

Local units of government (city, township, village), public educational institutions (K-12, college, university), public libraries, non-profit organizations, neighborhood organizations 501(c)3 or equivalent), churches and tribes are eligible to apply.

Fifty grants will be awarded through a random selection process. All grants require matching funds equal to the awarded amount.

Matching funds may include cash contributions or in kind services, but may not include federal funds. Grant money will be paid upon project completion. Grant projects must be completed by June 30, 2009.

Visit the "Grants and Assistance" section of the DNR's Urban Forestry Web site at www.mi.gov/dnrucf to download the application and guidelines.

To receive an application packet by mail, please contact Kevin Sayers at (517) 241-4632 or sayersk@mi.gov

To be considered for funding, completed grant applications must be received by Nov. 13.

Faxes, e-mails and late applications will not be accepted.

Secretary Land's enhanced license plan earns approval from federal authorities

Agreement signing clears way for spring '09 availability

Michigan motorists will have the option next year of applying for an enhanced driver's license that also meets tougher federal document requirements at America's borders, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today.

Land and U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials met in Detroit to sign a memorandum of agreement and a business plan that pave the way for Michigan's enhanced license program. Business, municipal and political leaders as well as members of the general public enthusiastically support Land's initiative, citing its convenience for drivers and its ability to keep cross-border commerce flowing smoothly.

"This is a victory for Michigan families and job providers," Land said. "It offers motorists an affordable, single-document option that meets their driving and border crossing needs. Equally important, it allows commerce between Michigan and Canada to continue uninterrupted. I applaud the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for being an outstanding partner and the Detroit Regional Chamber for its leadership. With their support and the efforts of all others involved, we're balancing customer and economic needs with our shared goal of a safer America."

In June 2005, Land proposed the creation of a driver's license that also could be used in lieu of a passport, making it easier for residents of border states to meet federal Western

Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) requirements for entry into the United States through land and sea ports of entry. State legislation authorizing Land's department to pursue the enhanced driver's license plan with federal officials was passed in February 2008.

"With this agreement, Michigan's leadership has shown both its innovative spirit and its commitment to national security," said DHS Assistant Secretary for Policy Stewart Baker. "The state enhanced driver's license will bolster security through advanced technology, and at the same time it will make travel faster and easier."

Richard T. Blouse Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Regional Chamber, explained that the availability of enhanced licenses is a crucial step if southeast Michigan is to expand its role as an international trade center.

"Today's agreement is vital to the Detroit region's prosperity because it keeps the borders open and secure for tourism and business," Blouse said. "The new license protects $100 million in economic activity in the region each year by making it more convenient for people to cross the border. We were proud to work with the Michigan Secretary of State and Department of Homeland Security on this important initiative that balances national security with economic security."

Under WHTI, all travelers – including U.S. citizens - will need to produce a passport or approved secure document to enter the country by land or sea as of June 1, 2009. Today's agreement is a move toward making Michigan's enhanced license an approved secure document that denotes identity and citizenship. Because passports cost in the neighborhood of $100 and take weeks to receive, Land was concerned that providing no alternative would discourage people from crossing the Michigan-Canada border for business and tourism.

Michigan's enhanced licenses and state-issued enhanced ID cards will be voluntary and available only to Michigan residents who also are U.S. citizens. While the actual cost has yet to be determined, the law limits it to not more than $50. Michigan will continue offering its standard driver's license as well.

Enhanced licenses will be available at all Secretary of State SUPER!Centers and other select branch offices beginning next spring.

Primary sponsors of the Michigan legislation are Sen. Cameron Brown, R-Sturgis; Rep. Steve Tobocman, D-Detroit; and Rep. Ed Clemente, D-Lincoln Park.

The laws require:

Security measures to protect against unauthorized disclosure of personal information.

Applicants to provide documentation demonstrating their U.S. citizenship, full legal name, Social Security number and other information.

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Roger Knutson

It is commonplace to refer to those holding political office in our country as public servants or being in public service. It is worth re-examining what that means.

To be elected to public office usually requires the support of a major political party. But after the election, that relationship must change. One does not serve the public by serving only the part that includes their political party, or its particular ideology.

An officeholder is not the president of the Democratic party, the mayor of the Republican party, or the governor of the Socialist party.

Once elected, an honest office holder is pledged to be the servant of all the public, even those who voted against them.

We provide officeholders with what may be enormous power in return for the promise to be a public servant, and to uphold the Constitution.

The Constitution says in its preamble, "We the people of the United States."

It does not say, "We, the Democrats" or "We the Republicans" or "We the Libertarians."

Sometimes that power is used by an officeholder as personal power to serve themselves.

President Nixon had an enemies list.

Those names were not enemies of the people, of the public, but enemies of Richard Nixon.

On occasion, other holders of public office apparently think that the purpose of high office is to ensure the continued power of their own political party.

Our President is not the president of the Republicans or the conservatives or the liberals or the religious right. He or she is the president of "We, the people…."

We rightly condemn those who personally benefit financially from high office. We even send a few of them to prison.

But those who use high office specifically to benefit their political party are usually immune to such legal charges.

We may even applaud such activity as justified and allowable.

I would suggest that, when someone uses high office to advance their particular ideology, we might at least mention publicly that they are not, in those instances, serving the people.

They may be serving their political race, but they are not serving the people.

Serving the people is difficult and complex.

WEEKLY POLL

Do you support the legalization of medical marijuana?

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This week's poll question: ***Do you support the state's deer season ban on baiting?***

There is the problem for a legislator of serving their constituents. For a holder of national office, the dual concern of serving constituents in their state and serving all the people of the nation is certainly troublesome and probably few can manage it consistently.

Next time you are evaluating contenders for political office and listening to what they are proposing or promising, consider which of the candidates is most likely to be a true public servant, not the servant of a political party or a faction.

Work for, and vote to elect, real public servants, not those who will only serve a specific ideology or political party.

County-wide millage only way to fix roads

With so many of the taxes we pay going to the state and federal governments, it's nice to know the voters still have a chance to determine how some of their money will be spent right here in Charlevoix County.

We once again find the Charlevoix County-wide Road Millage up before the voters, and once again we're voting yes on the road millage.

And, just as in 2006, the State of Michigan has no concrete plan for doling much-needed cash for Charlevoix's crumbling roads.

We understand that Representative Kevin Elsenheimer spearheaded language in MDOT's budget which instructs the department of transportation to evaluate whether it should bring Boyne City-Charlevoix Road under its jurisdiction—a move which could possibly, in the future, designate the road as a state highway—but these are too many sorta, ifs and maybes.

While the state continues to change its vague intention of designating minuscule funds to a fraction of Charlevoix County roads—they might fund repairs for Division Street in Boyne City by 2010, and four miles of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road by 2012 or 2013—the millage proposal would generate enough revenue over its 15-year life cycle to repair or replace nearly 30 percent of highways and byways; An estimated $2,059,124 would be generated in 2009 alone.

Granted, the cities within Charlevoix County will keep their respective millage money generated for their own roads, but we don't see any other way to avoid this crumbling of infrastructure

The total reconstruction slated by the road commission, if this measure passes would be 3.79 miles of Ellsworth Road, 5.59 miles of Boyne City-Charlevoix from Nelson to Pincherry and 8.14 miles of Boyne City-Charlevoix from Pincherry to Western Avenue.

Repair and replacement of damaged road sections, also known as a wedge and overlay, is slated for the following roads: 6.39 miles of Camp Ten, 5.45 miles of Springvale, 3.38 miles of Six Mile Lake, 4.04 miles of Kings Highway on Beaver Island, 3.47 miles of Deer Lake, 2.65 miles of Korthase, 2.2 miles of River, 7.12 miles of Marion Center, 1.76 miles of Norwood, 1.5 miles of Peninsula, 1.97 miles of Ferry, 2.59 miles of Slashing and 1.3 miles of Chandler Hill.

This leaves us with two choices: Refuse to fund local road construction and watch the lifeline of business, homeland security and recreation die while waiting for the state to, maybe, fund five miles of road, or buck and pay up and see more than 61 miles of local asphalt brought up to snuff.

If you would like to help make a difference even before voting on Nov. 4, you can support the Friends of Charlevoix County Roads who need to raise approximately $2,000 to purchase road signs, advertising and other promotional materials to help get the word out on this important issue.

Send contributions to:

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LETTERS to the editor

APPLE FEST OR DOG FEST?

Editor:

I am at a total a loss.

It was my understanding that dogs are not to be permitted in our beautiful park during our special events.

There were signs at each end of the park which stated that dogs were not allowed, but when I checked today, they were gone. I had heard that there was a lot of whining from dog owners that their little poochy could not accompany them in the park, but I understood it was OK'd only if they picked up after them and when there was not a special event.

I guess whining works because the signs were no longer, but the dogs were.

This was probably the best Apple festival that I have ever been witness to, but I was totally flabbergasted when I took my sister and her husband, who were visiting from Ohio, around this impressive park and was embarrassed by all of the canines.

We encountered 30 to 40 dogs of every shape and size; one that was as big as a horse almost knocked my 70-plus-year-old sister down when it ran into her.

These inconsiderate owners were completely unaware that people have to trip over leashes, go around these dogs, get nuzzled, run into and we even had to step over dog (feces) on the sidewalks.

It was disgusting to see, not only the piles, but also tracks where people had stepped in it and tracked it several feet in all directions.

I like dogs as pets, but they do not belong in this beautiful park when we have these special events, period.

I hope that the powers that be take heed to this problem and make arrangements to have our park dog free during our special events.

Jim Moocher
Charlevoix

OBAMA'S TAX PLAN

Editor:

A recent writer attacked Barak Obama's tax plan by claiming that owners of small subchapter S businesses would see a huge tax increase if their combined business and personal income exceeded $250,000 by so much as a penny. Wrong!

Under subchapter S, business income passes to the owner-shareholders in proportion to the percentage of the business they own; but so does their share of all the corporate deductions and tax credits. They must pay themselves a reasonable salary for work they do in the business and pay FICA (social security) like any other wage earner, but only on that salary — not on the income distributed to their shares. The distributed income is taxed by IRS at the individual rate rather than the higher corporate rate. If, after deducting all the costs of operating their business, the combination of their salary and distributed business income exceeds $250,000 then, hooray. They are better off than approximately 98 percent of the families in the country.

Barak Obama's tax plan keeps the existing marginal rate for families making less than $250,000 and for individuals making less than $200,000 – while offering tax cuts for saving, education, mortgage costs and child care. The marginal tax rates for income exceeding the [illegible]ounts would revert to at or [illegible]w what they were in the 1990s. The tax rates

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LETTERS to the editor

of the 1990s did not undermine the economy. In fact, lots of us wish we could have it as good today as we did back then.

Nearly 99 percent of small businesses will not see an increase in their taxes under the Obama tax plan. Instead they will likely get a tax cut. Visit his web site and see for yourself.

Vince Chew
Charlevoix

RECLAIM THE AMERICAN DREAM

Editor:

The 2008 election may well be the most important of our lifetime.

At stake is the future of marriage and other core values that have provided a sure foundation for our Nation since it's founding and our very culture hangs in the balance.

This November, we all have a moral duty to elect leaders who will advance our shared core values.

If one candidate will appoint judges who will undermine our faith, destroy innocent human life and deconstruct marriage, while another candidate will appoint judges who will carefully deliberate and not legislate from the bench, then our mandate is clear. We don't need a pundit to lead us on such issues, nor should we follow a modern-day Pied Piper because he's "cool" or can wow a crowd.

And we must never get discouraged because discouragement is the precursor of defeat.

The tactics of spiritual warfare have not changed since the dawn of time and our adversary can be counted upon to try to mentally intimidate us into submission.

Never listen to someone who says, "give up."

The dream of the founders was an experiment in self-government that presumed the governed would be moral people.

That morality, the founders felt, would spring from shared Christian values and was the reason why George Washington called "religion and morality" the twin pillars of American government.

We all have clear choices when voting our values, and in reality, there are just four choices available to us in any election.

We can: (1) Vote for the person who will best advance our values, (2) Vote for a person who will destroy our values, (3) vote for a person who cannot win, or, (4) Not vote at all. When we consider these choices, we must concede that choices (3) and (4) are not really viable and are actually equivalent to a vote for the person who will destroy our values.

The conclusion is inescapable: Our shared values compel us to vote for the person who will best advance them and we must stop halting between two opinions.

With unshakable faith, we can reclaim the dream.

Jerry Evans
East Jordan

AFTERNOON IN NORWOOD

Editor:

"An Afternoon in Norwood", held August 31, brought a crowd of over 300 to our village for a celebration of old-fashioned fun, with music, games, ice cream, raffles, auctions and walking tours.

Local artisans donating their crafts included Chris Abramowski, Don Binns, Jim DePriest, Rita Hess, Jo Moffitt, Marcia Moore, Yasmin Richmond, Marion Shea-Light, Dwain Martin, Sylvia Walworth, Matt Zabik and Toni Zello.

The batik king-size quilt fashioned by the Norwood Needles sold out all 3,000 tickets and was shipped to the winner in England.

Auctions, raffles and other events combined to raise close to $9,000 towards the renovation of the Norwood Area Historical Society Schoolhouse headquarters.

We appreciate the donations of the many merchants that contributed greatly to our success.

Thank you all so much for helping make this event so successful.

Nancy Cleland
president, Norwood Area Historical Society

VOTE "YES" ON PROP' 2

Editor:

Proposal 2 on the November ballot would update a highly restrictive 1978 law which was the panicky reaction of our state legislature to the news that the world's first "test tube baby" was born.

Decades later, the 1978 law is being used to roadblock modern medical research that is hopeful of curing some of mankind's worst diseases, such as diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

The blocked research is human embryonic stem cell research (ESCR).

Scientists are eager to do research on embryonic stem cells because they have the adaptability to replace human tissue in all parts of the body.

People who oppose ESCR do so because of their religious beliefs.

Some religions say human life must be protected from the moment of conception, but other religions differ.

There is actually a wide range of views on ESCR by religion. Many religions consider it sinful to throw out tissue that could have been used to help mankind. Some religious people who are very active politically took a view that should have remained a private belief and turned it into a state law. That law is now holding back medical progress in the 21st Century.

Here are some reasons you should support this ballot proposal to help ESCR:

(1) Proposal 2 says embryonic stem cells used for medical research in Michigan must be taken from a fertility clinic, using an unwanted fertilized egg that was initially created for in vitro fertilization. Fertility clinics normally create more fertilized eggs than needed by the donor couple, to give the best chance of a successful pregnancy and have embryos available for future use.

At some point, the biological parents will have extra embryos they no longer need. In most states, the biological parents have the option of donating those embryos to medical research—but not in Michigan.

Here, we have a law that deprives donors of the right to use embryos for improving the human condition, instead leading to them being flushed down the sink as medical waste. Given that the choice is between the drain and the research laboratory, it is extremely hard to see how discarding embryos can be viewed as the morally superior use.

(3) If the word "embryo" makes you picture a human-looking little guy the size of the end of your thumb, you are picturing an embryo that is about eight weeks old and about to become a fetus. Research is permitted only on embryos that are 14 days old or less, cell groups smaller than the head of a pin.

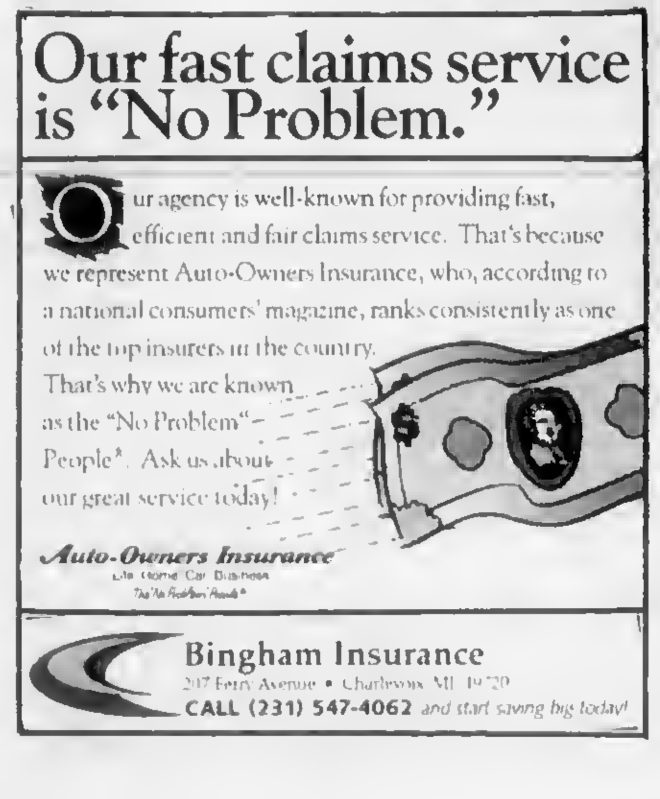
(4) Michigan taxpayers won't be paying for ESCR, because the state is in economic difficulties and the political climate here won't support state funding. Federal money will come into Michigan; both presidential candidates support ESCR funding.

(5) We will have oversight of ESCR research from institutional review boards and the National Institutes of Health.

(2) Human cloning is not mentioned in Proposal 2 and remains illegal in Michigan. Any statement that claims Proposal 2 will allow weird human-animal creatures to be created in the laboratory is a total falsehood, used to scare you into voting against the ballot proposal.

Please unfetter 21st century medical research in Michigan by voting yes on Proposal 2.

Bob Ciaffone
Saginaw



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COMMUNITY Charlevoix people

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Autumn, Arts and Apples

Apple Festival included outdoor exhibitions by the Charlevoix Circle of Arts which hosted a plein air event. Seven artists painted at various locations around town. At the end of the day, artists and patrons gathered at the Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton St. for refreshments, camaraderie, a jazz music trio and art. Artist Kevin Barton, recent winner of a Detroit Institute of Arts commission, won "Best of Show." His painting entitled "The Gardens of Lake Michigan Beach" was purchased. The proceeds benefitted the nonprofit organization. A $100 scholarship will be awarded by The Circle of Arts, in Barton's name, to a graduating Charlevoix High School senior interested in a career in the arts. The gallery is open to the public, Tuesday though Sunday, noon to four pm. The current "The Color of Northern Michigan" exhibit is featuring local artist's interpretations of the autumn season. Call 547-3554 or visit www.circle-of-arts.org for more information.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. And Mrs. Bob Schofield of East Jordan, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Schofield, to Kelly Swanson, son of Michael Swanson of Spokane, Washington. A June wedding is planned.

Sarah is a 1998 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a Chef and a Stewardess aboard private motor yacht "Justa Vacation," based out of south Florida.

Kelly is a1993 graduate of University High School in Spokane and served in the US Air Force in a military and civilian capacity until 1999.

Kelly joined the yachting industry in 2000 and is currently the Captain/Engineer aboard motor yacht "Justa Vacation."

When Kelly and Sarah are not traveling, they make their home in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

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Ragamuffins: *angel in flight*

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will be presenting a musical titled "Angel Flight 777" Saturday through Sunday, Oct. 25-27, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

An experienced cast of both youth and adults will be working together again following their June performance at the Big Ticket Festival in Gaylord.

"'Angel Flight 777' speaks to the heart of those searching for truth," says director Kathleen Whittaker. "It's intense, emotionally gripping, and truly inspirational."

Shauna Bradley, a junior at Charlevoix High School and longtime Ragamuffin member, will perform the lead role in a modern-day version of Jesus' account of Lazarus and the rich man. Supporting her will be veteran actor Ron Schmidt from Elk Rapids portraying Lazarus, as well as comedic actors Abby Wilhelm and Kathryn Sell, both sophomores at Charlevoix High School.

"Angel Flight" features modern, lyrical and jazz choreography as well as several contemporary musical numbers including Madonna's "More."

Seating will be limited so those interested in attending are encouraged to arrive on time. Saturday and Monday shows start at 7 p.m., and Sunday's performance will begin at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

As host, the United Methodist Church will provide home-baked refreshments, coffee and punch.

"Angel Flight" is a PG rated production, and parents are encouraged to leave small children at home.

For more information, contact www.RagamuffinTheatre.com, or call 237-9686.

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Rehearsing "Angel Flight 777" are Ragamuffin actors Shauna Bradley, Kathryn Sell, Meagan Sell, Haley Herzog and Lauren Bartling.

Winning costume

G. RANDALL GOSS/NEWS-REVIEW

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K – 3rd Grade
Come play! Use your whole body to explore music and movement.
Writers Group
Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing.
Story Time
Thursday, October 23, 10:30 am
Birth to 5
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts.
Cyber Security & Safe Computing
Thursday, October 23, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Register with NCMC by calling [illegible]
Latin Dance Workshop
Thursdays through October 30th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor Dirk Esterline. $25 fee, call to register [illegible]
Gamernoons
Friday, October 24, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades [illegible]
[illegible] or DDR – your choice
PAWS for a Story
Saturdays in October 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
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Making a Recipe Book
Saturday, October 25, 1:00 pm
Join paper artist Elizabeth Allan and make a charming recipe book for yourself or as a gift. Also learn how to personalize the technique for other projects such as a baby book or guest book. A demonstration will follow in the computer lab on how to create personalized recipe cards.
Please bring a pencil, ruler, scissors and double sided tape. $10 supply fee.
Creative Writing Workshop for Teens
Tuesdays through November 11, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
This four week session will help young writers begin, enhance or finish materials they are working on or help generate ideas and inspiration to put thoughts onto the page.
Meet the Candidates Forum
Sunday, October 26, 2:00 pm
The Friends of the Library host this forum for the [illegible] Michigan State House race between Greg Dean, Kevin [illegible] and Connie Saltonstall. The question/answer format will allow the audience to ask questions with follow-up [illegible] the moderator, BJ Hetler. Issues such as the statewide ballot proposals, property taxes, [illegible] and more will be open for discussion.
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Coats for Kids drive

Charlevoix-Emmet Department of Human Services is sponsoring the Coats for Kids Program.

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With the support of the community and its generosity Char-Em DHS hoes to make this another successful year.

The Coat drive will start now through Dec. 31.

The are accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens as well as used coats, hats, gloves and mittens that are clean and in good condition.

Donations can be made at K-Mart in Charlevoix and Petoskey as well as Glen's in Boyne City.

Charlevoix-Emmet DHS contact person is Shirley Gillespie at (231) 348-1636

Coats will be available at the following locations beginning the week of Nov. 3:

- 10 a.m. to noon at 7th Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City
- 10 a.m. to noon at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State St., Charlevoix
- Regular business hours at The Salvation Army 712 Pleasant St. Petoskey
- Regular business hours at Charlevoix-Emmet DHS office, 2229 Summit Park Dr. Petoskey

DEATH NOTICE

George Stephan, 61, of Milton, Fla., and formerly of Charlevoix, died at his home in Florida.

Tips for Preventing Falls

BY TRACEY RUPINSKI, RN BA

In life we can expect a few things to fall: brilliant leaves in autumn, a summer raindrop and in these days the stock market.

We look forward to most of these things, but a person in their golden years falling is not so golden.

This will be a short series on six ways to reduce your fall risk.

Each month you will receive information on how to keep your home and your loved one safe.

Don't let life pass you by because you have a fear of falling, take the steps provided and enjoy your independence.

Fall Prevention Step One: Make an appointment with your physician.

Any good plan should start with your health care provider.

Your doctor can review your medication for side effects and interaction that may be increasing your risk for falls.

Sedatives, anti-depressants and anti psychotic drugs can contribute to reduced mental alertness and falls.

If you have fallen before, write down all the details and facts.

This should include when, where and how you fell. Also, include the details of how you felt before you fell and if you noticed anything different in your daily routine.

Try to think about what and when your last meal was and if you were well hydrated.

Hydration and nutrition can have a profound effect on blood sugar l and blood pressure levels.

Your doctor will also want to discuss your overall health, especially eye and ear disorders that may increase your risk for falls.

Also, be ready to describe any dizziness, joint pain numbness or shortness of breath that affect you're walking.

Your doctor may then evaluate your muscle strength, balance and gait.

Statistic to think about: The risk of falling increases every year after age 65 and is greater for women than men.

Shame serves no purpose

BY STEPHEN GUTHRIE
'FAITHFUL SERVANT'

In the last column we took up the topics of guilt and shame and how debilitating those two toxic emotions can be to the human spirit.

Guilt, we said, was a natural response to our own wrongdoing that springs out of our innate sense of right and wrong.

In the typical progression, guilt results in shame and shame leads to a sense of worthlessness, and even to self-loathing.

Guilt, we said, has the potential to lead us someplace good if it causes us to experience a godly sorrow.

That sincere regret in turn leads us to turn away from the bad and seek the good.

In the case of the follower of Christ, that means becoming aware that our actions were wrong (called "conviction" in church-speak), admitting to God that you see things his way (confession), turning back to God with a sincerely regretful heart (repentance), and receiving forgiveness (restoration).

The eventual outcome is a strengthened relationship between ourselves and God.

For the non-believer who experiences guilt and the shame that usually travels with it, they choose to bear that burden alone.

That's an unfortunate but all-too-common choice.

In the counseling office we separate guilt and shame.

Mistakes and sin are part of the human experience, and guilt is part of a universal law of accountability. But shame is the wild card that can move us closer to God or cause us to withdraw.

While guilt can lead us someplace good, there is nothing healthy or productive about the shame that follows. Sometimes that shame keeps us from accepting God's forgiveness and moving on with the day.

And because sometimes the evidence of our particular mistake is there for anyone to see, we don't fully engage with life because of a belief that everyone knows and every tongue is wagging.

Here are several forms of "bad shame" that are particularly harmful to the human heart.

It is not mentally or spiritually healthy when we feel shame for things that are not necessarily bad, or things that are not necessarily anyone's fault.

We should not feel shame for experiencing normal human emotions like anger or sadness, although we could become embarrassed or ashamed of our conduct when those normal emotions run amok.

Likewise, we should feel no shame over conditions beyond our control, such as depression or a physical or mental disability.

We should not feel shame about our basic selves, the way we look and the way our basic temperament is wired.

We should not feel ashamed of our station in life, the importance of our job, or the depth of our resources.

We should not feel shame for things that are normal and pleasurable parts of the human experience, including appropriate and healthy sexual relations.

And certainly we should not be burdened with shame over those parts of our current situation or our past that can't be changed.

No matter how hard we try we are never going to have a different family.

And no matter how deep the regret we are never going to have a better past.

We should feel no shame over abuse we have suffered at the hands of others.

The shame should be entirely in the heart of the abuser.

Those of us who have endured any of the many and varied forms of abuse did not do anything to deserve that treatment, and there is no shame in being a victim.

Finally, we should not feel shame if we have experienced abandonment. There is no more profound wounding of the human spirit than to be abandoned by the people in life who are supposed to love us. It leads the one who is abandoned to believe they have no worth, that the person they are is a disposable person and has no inherent value that deserves loving just for who they are.

Shame serves no purpose.

It never results in meaningful, lasting change (which is one big reason why it should have no place in disciplining our children.)

For the non-believer shame can be just part of the burden of guilt they elect to lug through life.

But for the believer holding on to shame, now is time to lay it down. Jesus has already made provision for that. In Him you will find no condemnation, only an outstretched hand wanting to help you up and free you of that weight.

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K - 8 and Adult	9:30 a.m
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m
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Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

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205 Clinton Street

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m
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Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m
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President Michael Robbins	580-2112
or Missionaries	547-6139

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m
Sunday School	11:00 a.m
Evening Service	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Service	7:00 p
Pastor Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m
Church Office	547-4121

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m

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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	547-3899

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m
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Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m
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June, July & August	10:00 a.m
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
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NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Sabbath School	9:30 a.m
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Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m
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Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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Youth Hunt

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MeeShann Schmidt, 12, shot this eight-point deer on Sept. 27 in Norwood Township during the State of Michigan's annual youth hunt event.

Pauline Sheets (left) shot this deer with a 270 on Beaver Island during this year's annual state-wide youth hunt. Pauline's grandfather John Haggard is pictured with her.

Mersadz' Schmidt, 14, shot this eight-point deer on Sept. 27 in Norwood Township.

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Fire on Beaver Island

JULIE WITTHOEFT
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

BEAVER ISLAND — Flames consumed a pole building on Beaver Island Wednesday pulling the community together and ravaging a local business.

"Our business we've had for 40 years burned to the ground," Laura Gillespie, co-owner of Gillespie Enterprises, said.

Beaver Island fire chief Tim McDonough said firefighters were called to the building of Laura and Richard Gillespie at the corner of King's Highway and Barney Lake Road at about 5 p.m. to a report of flames coming from the warehouse, Gillespie Enterprises.

Laura said she and her husband run a construction and excavation business out of the pole building which is about 60 by 84 feet. She confirmed losses include multiple pieces of machinery including tractors, as well as a vehicle.

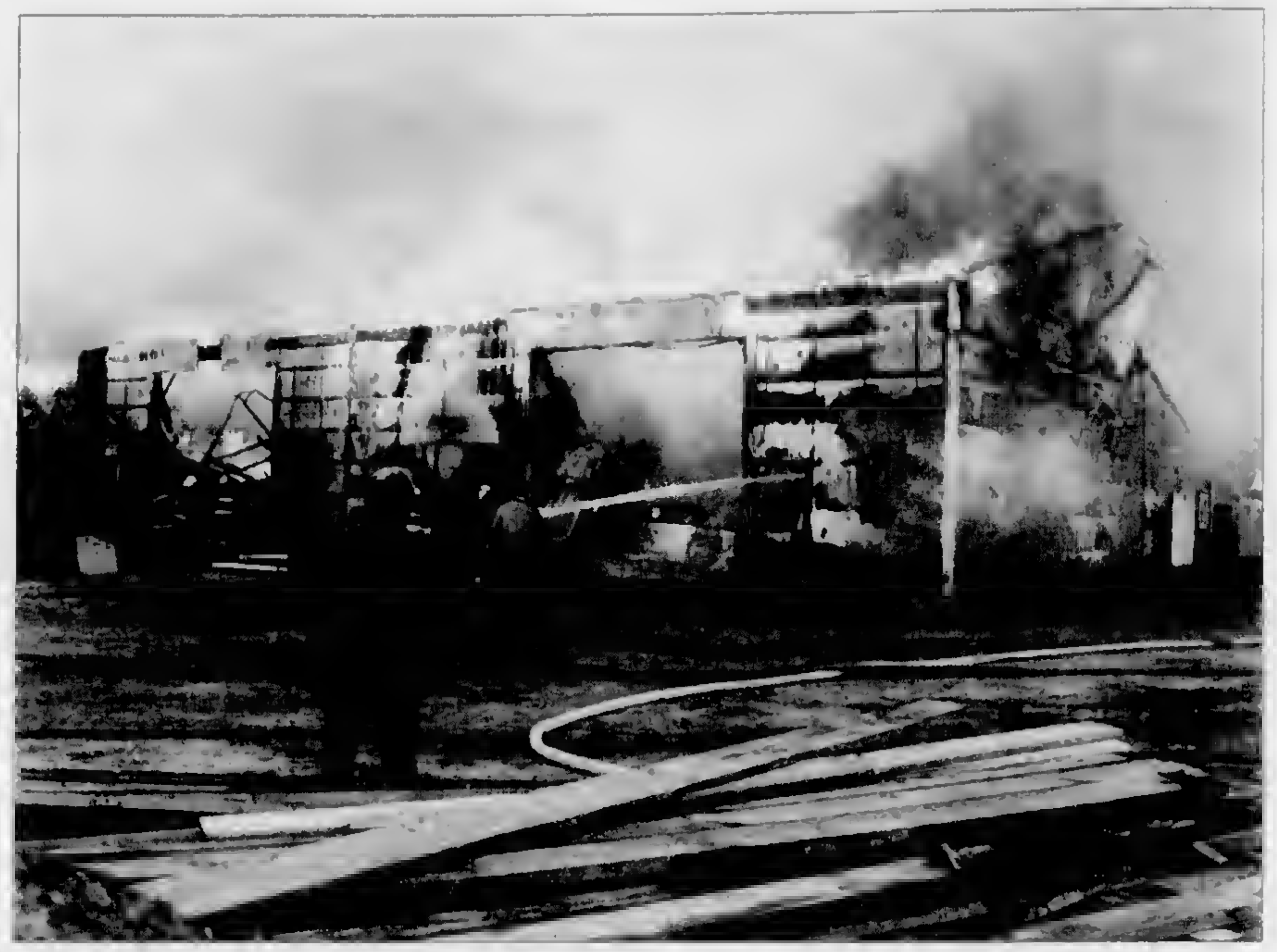
"There was an ungodly amount of machinery in there you can never replace. It was a long night," she said.

Laura said the building is a total loss.

Martin's Grocery Store is located behind the pole building and is a island propane distributor. Firefighters maintained the building's wall facing the store to halt the threat of the flames spreading.

"Everyone on the island responded," Laura said. "People were handing out water, Stoney Acres brought sandwiches to fire department guys there. That's what I love about living on Beaver Island."

The cause is unknown at this time. McDonough contacted a fire inspector to review the incident.



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Rich Gillespie's pole building burns (above) at the corner of King's Highway and Barney's Lake Road on Beaver Island. No one was injured in this pole building fire, but it was a toal loss. The fire occured nearly 50 feet from an industrial sized propane tank, but the Beaver Island Fire Department was able to construct a fire break to prevent the tank from being threatened. The fire began the afternoon of Oct. 15 and blazed well into the night.

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Radon test kits available at no charge

Health Department of Northwest Michigan is distributing radon test kits at no charge in observance of National Radon Action Week, October 19-25. Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health, encourages residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties to pick up a radon kit and test their homes during the coming heating season.

Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless radioactive gas. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the country, surpassed only by tobacco use.

"Fortunately, exposure to radon gas can be easily detected with a radon testing kit," said Kendzierski. "If homeowners discover elevated radon levels in the home, Health Department staff is available for consult to help homeowners resolve the problem," he said.

Radon occurs naturally in soil and rock, but being a gas, it can move upward through the soil and enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation floor or walls. Typical entry points include floor/wall joints, sump openings, crawlspaces, cracks in the floor, and other penetrations caused by plumbing, wiring, or ductwork.

"Radon is diluted outdoors by the atmosphere, but indoors it tends to be more concentrated and can accumulate to unhealthy levels," Kendzierski said. "Because it is invisible and can't be smelled, radon is easy to ignore—it doesn't cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, skin rashes, or other warning symptoms."

Testing is easy and, during National Radon Action Week, free. The do-it-yourself kits are available at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord. After National Radon Action Week, test kits are $15 including postage to an out-of-state laboratory as well as the lab testing and report mailed back to the homeowner.

According to Kendzierski, 20.4 percent of the samples tested throughout the Health Department's four-county health district over the past year indicate results above the EPA recommended action guideline of four picocuries per liter. Maps of radon results by county are posted on the agency's website. But Kendzierski is quick to add, "the only way to know if your home has an elevated radon level is to test your home."

Radon Action Week is an annual commemorative event initiated in 1990 by Congressional Resolution and later incorporated into National Indoor Air Quality Month, which takes place every October.

Radon Action Week serves to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, and if necessary, take action to reduce their exposure.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Studies show diabetes linked to gum disease, tooth decay

recognize National Dental Hygiene Month by learning your risk

If you've been diagnosed with diabetes, it's important to pay extra attention to your oral health.

Studies show those with diabetes are two to three times more likely to develop periodontal (gum) diseases and are also more likely to have tooth decay and oral infections. You can recognize National Dental Hygiene Month this October by getting your oral health checked by your dentist and learning the link between diabetes and gum disease.

Periodontal disease is an inflammatory disease that destroys the connective tissue supporting the teeth, possibly leading to tooth loss and decay.

Periodontal disease is more prevalent, progresses more rapidly, and is often more severe in individuals with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Not only are people with diabetes more at risk for gum disease, those with gum disease may find it more difficult to control their blood glucose level.

A combination of good oral hygiene and glycemic control can prevent a number of tooth and gum-related problems. In addition, proper care of the mouth and treatment of periodontal disease can help people with diabetes better control their condition.

For more information on diabetes and oral hygiene, contact your local diabetes educator by calling TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, at (231) 237-9681 or visiting www.diabetesinmichigan.org.

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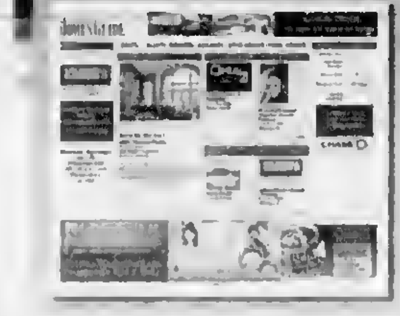

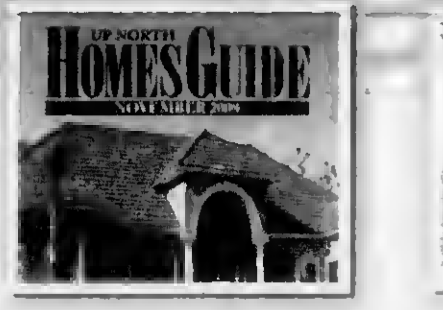

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E. coli outbreak in Emmet County

Public health officials are investigating the cause of an outbreak of E.coli in Emmet County. It is not known at this time if it is related to any of the recent E.coli infections confirmed in many states including Michigan. Four individuals have been diagnosed with a severe type of E. coli infection in the last week. All developed bloody diarrhea and dehydration and were hospitalized at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital for treatment.

Further testing of stool samples is underway to determine if the local cases are from the same strain that has caused at least 30 cases of E.coli in downstate Michigan, which has been linked to institutionally purchased iceberg lettuce. In addition to contaminated food (especially raw fruits and vegetables), E.coli can also be spread from poor hygiene, eating undercooked ground beef, drinking impure water, drinking unpasteurized milk, and working with cattle.

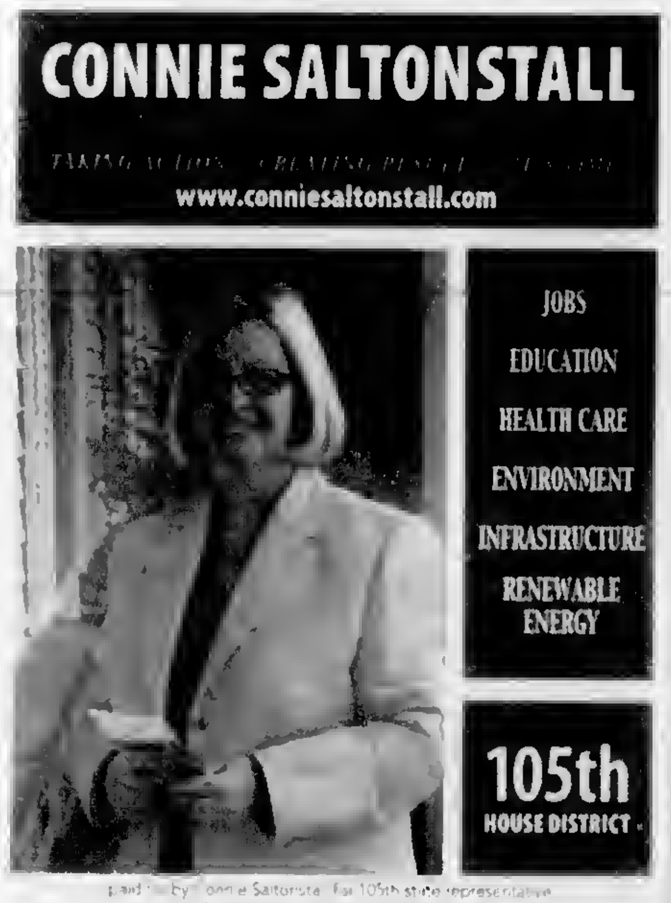
"Right now, we don't know if the outbreak is from person-to-person contact, a foodborne illness, or another source," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Meyerson said Health Department staff are working to identify the source of E.coli in order to reduce the number of new cases. "We start our investigation by interviewing sick individuals. We ask them to try to remember every single thing they've eaten in the past several days. Common foods can sometimes point us to the problem."

One to eight days after you are infected, E.coli can cause severe abdominal cramps and bloody diarrhea. "Symptoms can also include fever, nausea, or vomiting. If you have these symptoms -- especially bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps - call your health care provider right away," said Meyerson.

Good food safety practices can prevent E. coli and other foodborne illnesses. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention recommends:

- Washing hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry
- Washing cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot, soapy water and immediately cleaning spills.
- Keeping raw meat, fish and poultry away from other food that will not be cooked. Use separate cutting boards for raw meat, poultry and egg products and cooked foods.
- Eating ground beef or ground beef patties only after they are cooked to a safe internal temperature of 155°F measured for at least 15 seconds.
- Refrigerating raw meat and poultry within two hours after purchase or one hour if temperatures exceed 90°F and refrigerating cooked meat and poultry within two hours after cooking.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Martial artists do well in tournament

Several members of Northern Martial Arts of Charlevoix recently competed in a tournament held at the World Martial Arts in the Flint area. There were nearly 100 competitors, and the Charlevoix group brought home two dozen trophies. "Our students looked great!" Head Instructor Tim Bruce stated. "Our students competed in Forms, Sparring, and Breaking Competitions. We had a Black Belt Test the prior evning and Steve Sutton was awarded his 2nd Degree and Logan Nuttall was awarded his 1st Degree. I'm am very proud of all of our students."

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Winners were: Rachel Nesberg third sparring, third breaking, second forms; Michael Nesberg first sparring, first breaking, second forms; Spencer Bruce third sparring, first breaking; Danny Nesberg third sparring, first breaking, first forms; Steve Sutton third sparring, second breaking, fourth forms; Natalie Nesberg second sparring, second breaking, third forms; Savannah Miller second sparring, first breaking, second forms; Lexie Miller fourth sparring, third breaking, fourth forms; Kiley Mann first sparring, fourth breaking, third forms; Max Page second sparring, second breaking, second forms; Hunter Argetsinger first sparring, second breaking, first forms; Aaron Spegele first sparring, third breaking, first forms; and Logan Nuttall first sparring, second breaking, third forms.

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Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 55 million Americans will increase 5.8 percent in 2009, the Social Security Administration announced today. The 5.8 percent increase is the largest since 1982.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year.

This year's increase in the CPI-W was 5.8 percent.

The 5.8 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that over 50 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2009.

Increased payments to more than 7 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to $106,800 from $102,000.

Of the estimated 164 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2009, about 11 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2009 can be found at www.Medicare.gov.

Grandparents Day

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John Haggard has lunch with his grandson, William Sheets, 2nd grade student of Krista Jarema's at Charlevoix Elementary School on October 10.

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Lifetime Achievement Award

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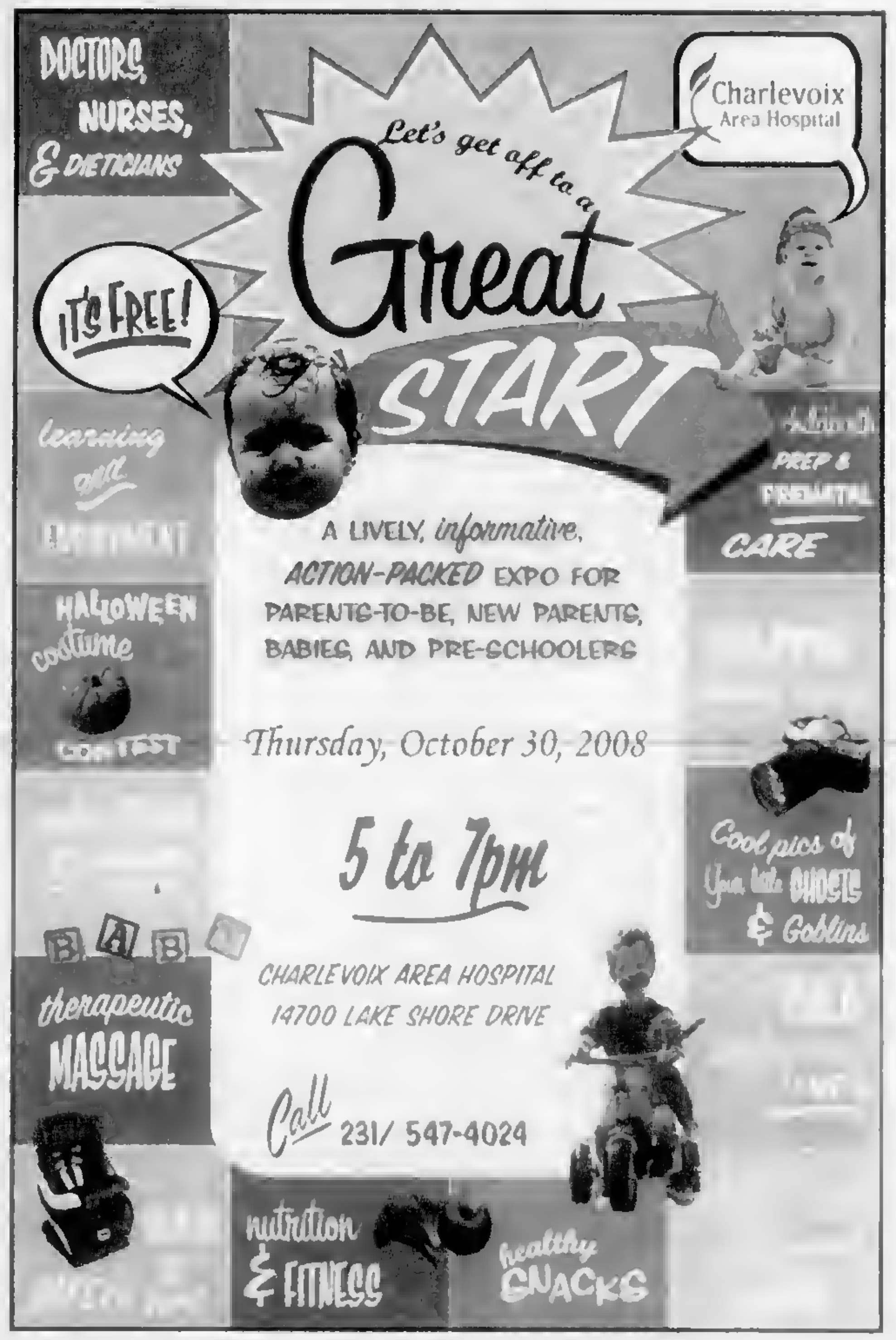
Jackie Letts received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Health Underwriters. Tonya Carmoney of the Northern Michigan AHU presented the award to her at the Annual Awards Ceremony, held last month at the Waterfront Conference Center in Traverse City. The award signifies 10 consecutive years of receiving the Leading Producers Round Table Award from the National Association. Jackie was also recognized by Northern Michigan AHU in a tie vote for Most Valuable Member of 2007-2008.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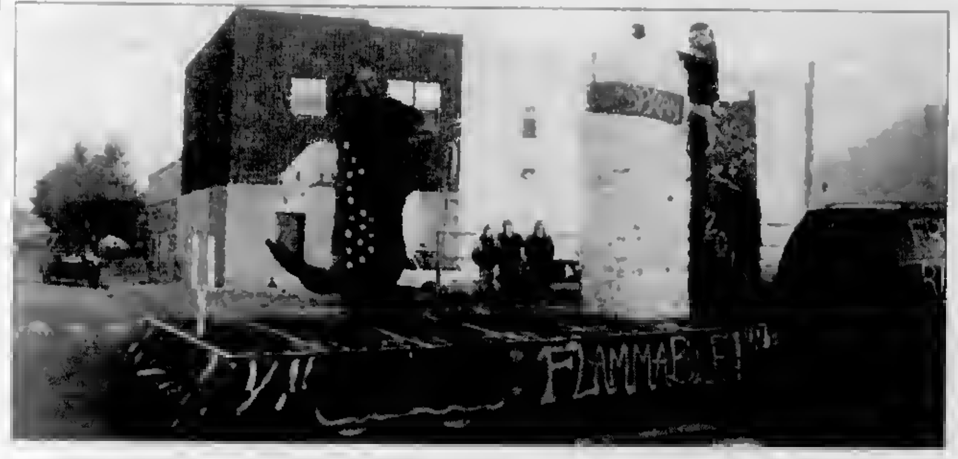


Floating along

KIM TAYLOR

Charlevoix High Schoolers created this homecoming float in this year's theme "Musicals." The Rayders bested rival Kalkaska 28-0 in gridiron action later that evening.

Royalty

Charlevoix seniors Bill Foley left and Marnie Green were named Homecoming king and queen, respectively during half-time of Friday nights football game with Kalkaska. The Rayders won the game 28-0.

KIM TAYLOR

CROSS COUNTRY
Buday a winner

WEST BRANCH — Charlevoix's Alex Buday was first overall with a time of 17 minutes, 1 second Saturday at the Ogemaw Heights Invitational.

Buday led the Rayders to a second-place finish behind Cadillac in the nine-team field. The Vikings finished with 45 points, followed by the Rayders, 66; and Petoskey 77.

Cadillac also won the girls' event with 32 points, edging Petoskey, which finished with 35. Molly Touran placed second to lead the Northmen. Charlevoix placed sixth in the seven-team field with 136 points.

Also for the Charlevoix boys, Eric Buday was fifth, Andrew Plude 15th, Vinny Von Lau 17th, and Neil Salisbury 31st.

For the Northmen, Mike Drake was ninth, Ryan Bozell 10th, Luke Robbins 25th, Jack Touran 30th and Gus Turner 34th.

Cadillac's Kaitlyn Patterson won the girls' race by over a minute in 18:50. Touran was second, with teammates Tia Penfold fifth, Margaret Liederbach sixth, Kat Cartwright ninth, and Catie Gammon 13th.

For Charlevoix, Hilary Way was 22nd, Stirling Witthoeft 24th, Annie Dipert 30th, Katie Withrow 38th and Ellise Smolenyak 40th.

Buday places 3rd, Jeakle 40th

ELK RAPIDS — Harbor Springs' senior Tecumseh Adams finished first in 15 minutes, 33 seconds to win the boys' race at the Elk Rapids Invitational Saturday.

Charlevoix's Alex Buday placed third in 16:35.

Benzie Central won the boys' team race with 47 points, followed by Harbor Springs, 99; Traverse City West, 103; Gaylord, 106; and Elk Rapids, 116. Charlevoix was seventh, while Boyne City was 13th.

In the girls' race, Benzie Central's Michaela Carnegie finished first in 19:06 to lead the [illegible] to the girls' victory with 23 points. Gaylord was second with 74, followed by TC West, 81; Elk Rapids, 109, and Harbor Springs, 111. Charlevoix placed eighth, Boyne City was 12th and East Jordan, 16th.

Also for the Harbor Springs boys, Jacob Brushaber was 14th, 17:19; while Allen McCarty was 15th, 17:22; and Mike Sydow, 33rd. Nick Cooper was 36th.

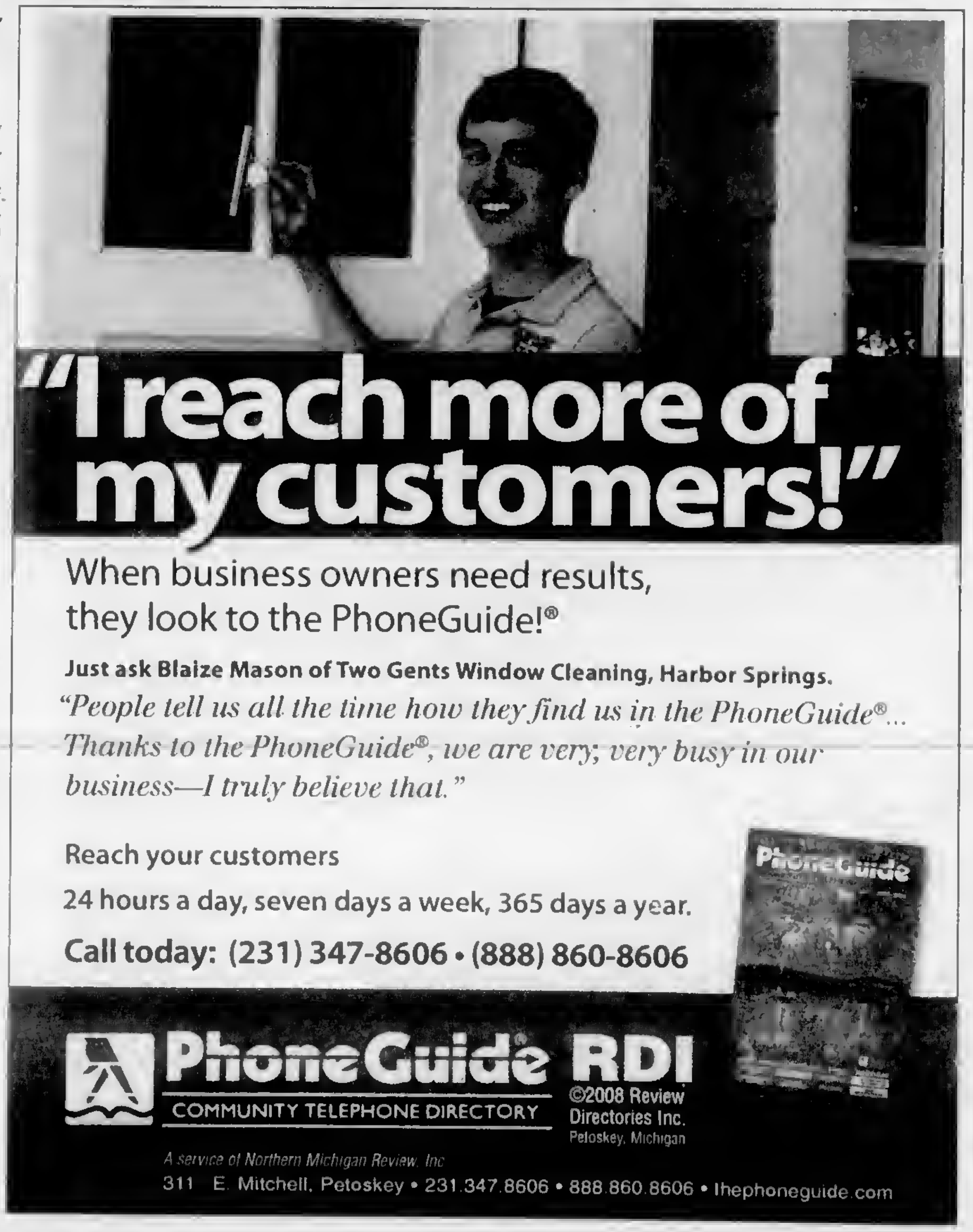
Maddie Buntin was Harbor's top female finisher as she placed 13th in 20:01. Also for the Rams, Alivia Murphy was 22nd, 20:23; Caitlin Reeves, 23rd, 20:36; Kendall McCarthy, 26th, 20:52; Katie Hoffman, 27th, 20:53.

For the Charlevoix boys, Eric Buday was 19th, 17:26. Other Charlevoix boys' runners, 55-Vinnie Vonlau; 58-Alex Gooch.

Molly Jeakle was Charlevoix's top girl finisher as she placed 40th. Other Charlevoix girls runners, 42-Annie Dipert, 49-Hilary Way.

Boyne City's Joslyn Moore finished 25th in 20:52. Other Boyne City girls' runners, 68-Erin Haley; 72 Casmear Kerr.

Boyne City's top boys runner was Zeek Beek, who was 71st. East Jordan's Luke Hawley was 76th.



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ARLEVOIX — Mi- Heckendorn rushed for ards on 15 carries and two touchdowns, while erback Clayton Mitchell added two TDs as the Rayders won their homecoming at ipke Field as Charlevoix honored its 1958 undefeated, unscoredupon state championship team.

The Rayders, 4-4 overall, 3-3 league, need a win in their reg-season finale on Friday, 24, at Harbor Springs, to keep remain in the hunt for a possible playoff spot.

"We keep our hopes alive," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said. "We know we have a huge game coming up in Harbor next week. If we win, there's a chance."

Jess said he was proud of his team's effort on Friday against Kalkaska, 0-8, 0-6.

"The kids did a good job with all the extracurricular stuff going on," he said. "They took care of business right away and I think having some of the guys from the 1958 team talk to them before the game helped."

Heckendorn scored on runs of 26 and 24 yards, while Mitchell added a 1-yard TD plunge and a 20-yard run, Brock Yenglin had a two-point conversion and Bill Foley kicked two extra points.

Jake Rankl made eight tackles, while Yenglin and Jon Putman each had an interception to lead Charlevoix's defense.

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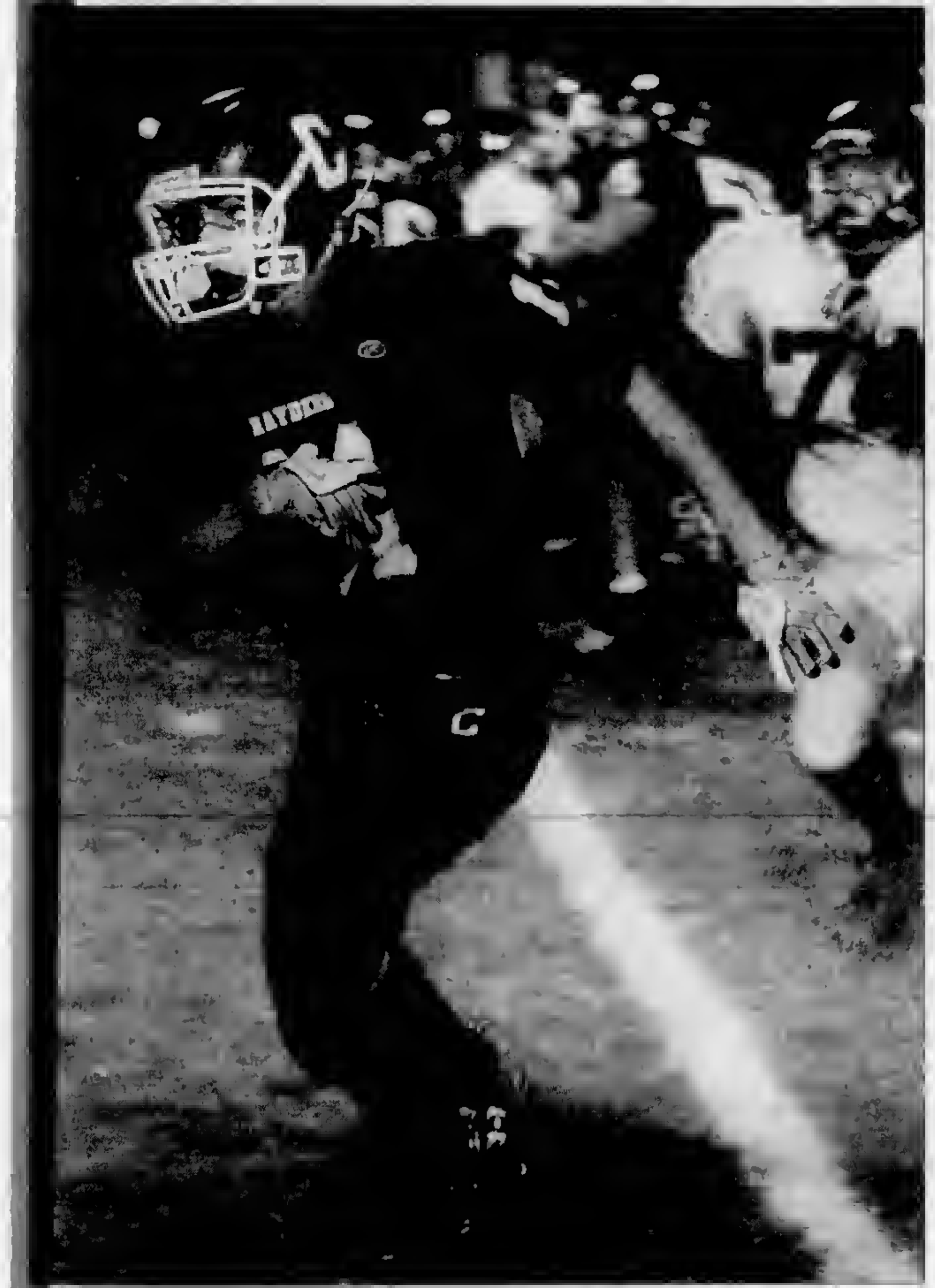
Charlevoix running back Michael Heckendorn (34) runs for a gain as Isaac Hosper (16) looks to block, during the Rayders 28-0 Homecoming victory over Kalkaska.



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harlevoix running back JT Lawrenca breaks open for a big gain during the Rayders 8-0 Homecoming victory ovar Kalkaska.

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Members of the 1958 Charlevoix Rayder football team were honored at half-time for their undefaated and unscored upon season. Members who made it to the ceremony are: (front left to right) Ron Balch, Gary Chew, James Browe, Ron Grunch, Mark Cross, and Ralph Brock. Back row (left to right) studant manager John Pearl, Rod Olstrum, Steve LaBlance, Ken Wojan, Ron VandenBerg, Floyd Genia, Larry Minch, Mike LaBlanca, John Martin, and Bruce Pease.

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Timothy Wise takes over local ServiceMaster Don't Panic franchise

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

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Wise has been running this particular franchise since July with his co-owner R.F. Mazur.

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Outstanding sales

Dry Harbour Marine, located on US 31 South in Charlevoix recently attended the 2009 Formula Boats Dealer Meeting in Fort Myers, Fla. The dealer meeting included three days of boating and product testing of the Formula lineup, as well as workshops and meetings detailing 2009 model-year changes and future product development. Dry Harbour Marine received a sales volume award recognizing their outstanding sales for 2008. Dry Harbour Marine was also recognized for customer service and was awarded Gold status plus the Marine received an award for being a top seller of Formula GEAR fashion. Pictured at the awards presentation for 2008 sales are, left to right, Formula Executive Vice President Grant Porter, Scott Boss and Barney Way of Dry Harbour Marine, and Formula Vice President of Sales Wayne Porter.

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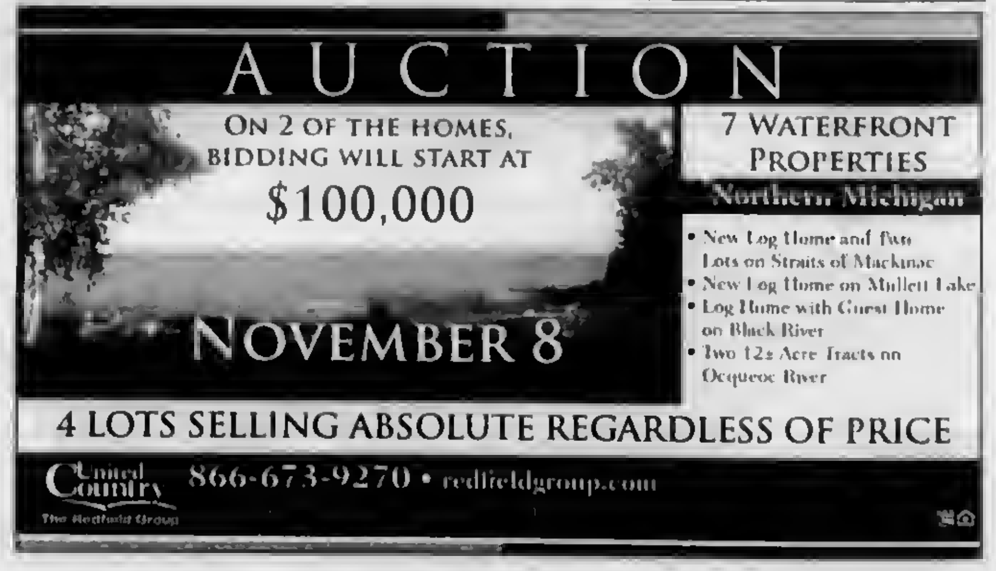

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by James Franklin Blakely, a/k/a James F. Blakely and Melissa Lee Blakely, a/k/a Melissa L. Blakely, to Century Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, in a mortgage dated December 7, 2006, and recorded on December 15, 2006 in Liber 777, Pages 880-890, Charlevoix County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-three and 27/100ths Dollars ($174,323.27).

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday, December 5, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the lobby of the County Building, located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, the County Building being the place of holding Circuit Court in Charlevoix County. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, together with interest at eight percent (8%), legal costs, attorneys fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property is located in Charlevoix County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Land in the Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Addition 2 to Boyne Falls, according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as: 2388 Maple Street, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, unless the premises are deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

CENTURY MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC
Mortgagee

Dated: October 22, 2008

By: David L. Wright, Vice President

Prepared by
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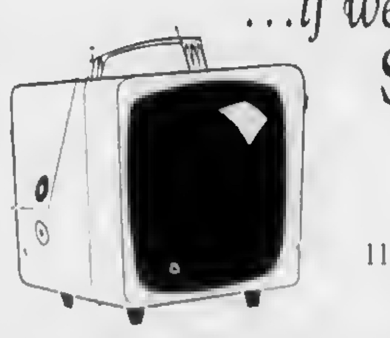

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CANDIDATES

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judge and he filed for the court of appeals seat," she said, referring to Elsenheimer's decision earlier this year not to run for the 105th seat. "Then, when he changed his mind, or someone changed his mind, he said he was 'taking one for the party.'"

"Grasping at straws" is how the 43-year-old Republican described Saltonstall's vision of Elsenheimer's record.

"If you can't win, I guess you need to get personal," Elsenheimer said in response to his opponent's claims. "As for minimum wage, that is correct: I stopped at a Taco Bell, Walmart and McDonald's and couldn't find a single person making minimum wage, which told me the market was working and Lansing didn't need to interfere."

Elsenheimer said the school voucher issue was resolved nearly eight years ago when voters killed the measure in the voting booth, and added that the League of Conservation Voters was not supporting a single Republican candidate this cycle. "I'll let you draw your own conclusions on that one."

"There is one major issue and everything else is secondary to it: how do we maximize northern Michigan's position in the current economy and grow jobs," he said. "Lansing needs to create an environment where businesses can grow, and that means a competitive tax structure with our neighboring states; that means responsible and rational regulation, and lately those are two things we haven't seen from Lansing."

Elsenheimer said his record of 19 bills signed into law by a Democrat governor shows his ability to work in a bipartisan spirit, and added that, despite filing for the judgeship earlier this year, "Anyone who looks at my record knows I'm compassionate about this work and I'm excited about serving another two years."

The 44-year-old Libertarian's platform hinges on major change which he feels is needed in the realms of energy, education and the economy.

"I believe in less government and more freedom ... cutting spending and then taxes; cutting state regulation," he stated on his Web site. " I believe in your freedom to spend your hard-earned dollars on your family or business, and not on some politician's pet project; build a business, free of state interference; create jobs, free of State regulation and second-guessing; (and) be left alone."

Dean said during an interview that he will offer a fresh perspective, one free of partisan politics.

"I'd like to be endorsed by individuals and not special interest groups," he said. "If (the voters) are happy with the status quo, I urge them to vote for one of the other candidates. If they are serious about changing the way Michigan does business, they might want to look at a third party."

Dean has indicated that, if elected, he would fight what he refers to as eminent domain abuse, the monopolistic health service industry, the bloated public education system and wasteful state government.

"I'm socially liberal and fiscally conservative," he said in a June 23 Petoskey News-Review article. "Both Democrats and Republicans are two sides to the same coin. They both need big government. Libertarians believe in small government."

Issues such as the statewide ballot proposals, property taxes, health, the economy, and tourism incentives will be discussed.

Visit the following Web sites to learn more about the candidates:

Greg Dean - http://gregdean.lpwm.org/

Kevin Elsenheimer - http://www.gophouse.com/welcome.asp?District=105

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #2 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009:

	Residents	Non Residents
1. Increase Daily Lift Tickets	from $10-$12	from $10-$15*
2. Increase Daily Adult Rental	from $10-$12	from $10-$15
3. Increase Daily Student Rental	from $8-$10	from $8-$12
4. Increase Season Pass Rates		
1 Person	from $80-$100	from $125-$150
2 Person	from $150-$165	from $195-$220
3 Person	from $200-$210	from $245-$260
4 Person	from $250-$260	from $295-$310
5 Person	rom $300-$310	from $345-$360
6 Person	from $350-$360	from $395-$410
5. Increase Individual/Group Lessons Rates		
Individual Lesson (1/2hour)	from $15-20	same
Snowboard Lesson Only	same	same
Snowboard Lesson w/ Rent	same	same
Ski Lesson Only	from $35-40	same
Ski Lesson with Rental	from $40-50	same

*Raised in 2008-9 budget from $10-14 Not effective until 2008-09 ski season.

Copies of the budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments. We welcome your input.

Richard Brandi
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DNR promotes safe and responsible use of Michigan's ORV trail system

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Earlier this year, the DNR set aside 24 percent of the state's 3,200 miles of designated off-road vehicle trails for motorcycle use only. The land use order gives DNR law enforcement officers the authority to take action against individuals who are operating vehicles with more than two wheels, including ATVs, on the motorcycle only trails.

Michigan is known nationwide for its extensive off-road vehicle (ORV)trail system.

More than 3,200 miles of designated trail routes and 2,198 acres ofscramble areas are located throughout the state on state- and federallyowned forest lands.

Within Michigan's designated trail system, 24 percent are designatedand maintained for motorcycle use only, 50 percent are designated formotorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and 24 percent aredesignated as ORV routes -- open to ORVs of all sizes, including trucks,motorcycles and ATVs.

In addition to the designated ORV trail and route system, thousands ofmiles of state and national forest roads in the Upper Peninsula are opento ORV operation

But it's a new state law that allows northern Lower Peninsulacounties the option of opening the far right portion of their roadsand/or streets to ORV travel that is the biggest change in state ORVpolicy since the early 1990s.

Under the new law, only counties located in the northern LowerPeninsula and Upper Peninsula may open their roads to ORVs. Thisincludes Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Bay and anycounty north of those counties. Huron, Midland and Isabella counties arenot included. State and federal roads and highways are not included."It is important for all ORV enthusiasts to know they may not legallyoperate their ORV on a public street or road until the county, city,village or township approves a specific ordinance that allows it," saidSteve Kubisiak, recreation and trails program coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "We encourage all riders tocontact the counties direct to determine the status of localordinances."

Kubisiak said the new law also voided previous agreements the DNR hadwith local governmental units in Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency,Iosco and Ogemaw counties that authorized existing state-designatedtrails to use county roads in order to connect trails together.

"We are working with the counties to reestablish these routes so trailusers will know exactly where they may safely and legally ride theirORV, particularly for those visitors who wish to ride into town topurchase fuel, food or find a place to stay for the night."

To assist ORV riders even further, the DNR has improved the quality andavailability of ORV maps, which can be accessed on the DNR's Web site atwww.michigan.gov/dnr under Recreation, Camping & Boating.

"These maps accurately represent the current trail system and will helpriders to stay on the trails," Kubisiak said.

Designated scramble areas include the Black Mountain Scramble Area inCheboygan County, St. Helen Motorsport Area in Roscommon County, BullGap Hill Climb in Oscoda County, Silver Lake State Park in Oceana Countyand the Mounds ORV Park in Genesee County.

Michigan's ORV trail program is 100 percent user pay, fundedexclusively from ORV licenses fees. An ORV license is required when anORV is operated on public trails, roads, designated scramble areas and frozen public waters. The fund is protected by the state constitutionand may be used only to pay for trail maintenance, new traildevelopment, law enforcement, safety education, and restoration ofdamage caused by illegal ORV use on public lands. A small percentagealso is set aside for administration.

The ORV trail maintenance program in Michigan is carried out by

nonprofit clubs and public agencies that receive grants from the DNR

These trail sponsors are responsible for grooming, signing and brushing

the trails.

"We rely on these partnerships to accomplish all of the on-the-ground work done by the groups who apply for and are awarded grants," Kubisiak said. "Proper maintenance of the designated trails is a vital component of the program."

The DNR spends approximately $1.6 million each year on the maintenance of existing designated trails. In addition, the DNR annually spends about $400,000 on restoring damage caused by illegal ORV use.

"Riding ORVs off designated trails and roads on public lands is illegal and can seriously damage the environment," Kubisiak said. "Riding through streams and wetlands can tear up the stream bed, river bank or wetlands, causing loss of habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife species."

Riders should only cross streams where there is a bridge or culvert, he said.

"Illegal hill climbs are another major problem," Kubisiak added. "Some riders just can't resist the temptation to test their machines by climbing hills. This activity is okay if done in a designated riding area or trail where the impacts can be monitored and managed, but it is illegal otherwise. Illegal hill climbs create ugly scars and erosion on the forest landscape and can jeopardize future legal riding opportunities on public lands."

Riders and other forest recreation enthusiasts who observe illegal ORV use are encouraged to call the DNR's Report all Poaching hotline at (800) 292-7800

To help riders better understand what is safe and responsible riding and what is not, the DNR has published The Handbook of Michigan Off Road

Vehicle Laws, which is available from DNR Operations Service Centers and most ORV dealers. The publication also may be found online at www.offroad-ed.com/mi/handbook/laws.htm.

Fundraiser

Charlevoix City Recreation Director Ike Boss and Sonia Cetnarowski serve pancakes and sausage to hungry patrons on Saturday, Oct. 18 in Judy's Restaurant. Cetnarowski donated the food and beverages as well as her cooking skills for this fundraiser aimed at helping purchase a new ski hill groomer for Mt. McSauba. Hundreds of pancakes were flipped and thousands of dollars were raised throughout the day.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

To help them continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdorff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Saturday Night Alive: fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information: Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Wednesdays in October

4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Movement and Music (for Kindergarten through third grades) come play and explore music, movement and your body.

- Thursdays in October

6:30 to 8 p.m., Latin Dance Workshop - Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor, Dirk Esterline. ($20 fee)

- Thursday, Oct. 23

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Cyber Security and Safe Computer (NCMC $29 fee)

- Saturday, Oct. 25

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Make Your Own Recipe Book - Make a charming recipe book for yourself or as a gift with paper artist Beth Allan. ($10 fee)

- Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 28 and 30

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Web Page Design Basics (NCMC $59 fee)

- Monday, Oct. 27

At 6:30 p.m. - Sleepy Time Stories (birth – 8); Come in your pajamas and bring your lovey to hear stories before bedtime.

- Saturday, Nov. 1

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Native American Heritage Day - Come to hear and see Native American storytellers and craftsmen spin their tales and crafts.

Nov. 15, "Ratatouille" comes to town. Bring the family for this fun movie and enjoy popcorn provided by the library.

All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

OCT. 23, 30

Latin Dance

Learn three Latin dances: merengue, salsa and bachata, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays in the youth activity center at Charlevoix Public Library. The instructor will teach a new dance step as well as add some advanced elements. At the end of the classes there will be a final dance party to practice all the steps learned. Single dancers are welcome.

OCT. 22

Prop 2 forum

The Charlevoix Ministerial Association is sponsoring a community forum on Proposal 2, the human embryo research proposal, at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Charlevoix Library Community Room B.

Snap Shot Sessions

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Oct. 22 - "Health and Cooking"

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This - Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

OCT. 24, 25

Halloween activity - Charlevoix high haunted prison

- From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 24, and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Oct. 25 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, the Charlevoix Performing Arts class will present their annual spook house. This year's theme is "Haunted Prison" and costs $4 per person or $3 and a non-perishable food pantry item.

OCT. 25

Singles for Christ

Christmas in October dinner with social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. on Oct. 25. Bring a dish to pass and a $10 gift to exchange to this event at 1459 Kemp Road in Petoskey. Wear your best Christmas outfit because Lee will have everything decorated for Christmas; even a tree. R.S.V.P. to Elfrieda at 347-3438 days or 347-5747. E-mail at frieda@compnor.com.

Make your own recipe book

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., paper artist Elizabeth Allan will be at the Charlevoix library to show you how to make your own recipe book from family recipes. The techniques learned may be applied to creating baby, guest and wedding books. Pre-registration is required by calling 237-7340. Cost is $10. Bring a pencil, ruler, scissors and double-sided tape.

Ongoing Tuesdays

Youth group

Following is the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix youth group calendar:

- Oct. 26 – Middle school and high school will meet at 6 p.m. to play culture pursuit. Snacks will be provided.
- Oct. 29 – All-church Halloween party

Call (517) 331-2665 or 547-9122 for more information about any of the events.

OCT. 27

Great Lakes restoration: Public input sought

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft framework that will serve as Michigan's action agenda for Great Lakes restoration at a meeting scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 27, in Petoskey at the North Central Michigan College. Lt. Governor John Cherry, staff from both the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) and Michigan United Conservation Clubs will attend. For more information on the Initiative or to obtain a copy of the draft visit www.watershedcouncil.org or call (231) 347-1181 or e-mail jenniferm@watershedcouncil.org

OCT. 28

Halloween activity - McSauba party/fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Mt. McSauba ski hill groomer will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mt. McSauba Lodge. Bring an appetizer or treat to share. There will be games, prizes, a DJ, dancing, costume contest and more. Cost is on a donation basis.

OCT. 28, 29

Halloween activity - Coast guard haunted station

- From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Oct. 28 and 29 in the coast guard boat house at 101 Coast Guard Road just south of Depot Beach, members of United States Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will perform their second annual "Haunted Station." Cost of entry is one nonperishable food item for the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

Oct. 28 through Nov. 18

Courageous Parenting 101

This free five-session substance abuse education and prevention program will be offered from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., every Tuesday from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18 at Harbor Springs High School. This program teaches parents how to prevent their children from abusing controlled substances. Topics covered will include: teen drug use trends and party culture; drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and its physiological consequences; protective, psychological and developmental guidance to help reduce the risk of substance use; dangers of enabling and hands-off parenting, communication and listening strategies; warning signs; the power of denial; practical steps if use or abuse is suspected; sources of help and more. Although walk-ins are welcome, those interested in attending are encouraged to complete and submit a registration form available at the Harbor Springs High School office. Call (231) 838-9233 for more information.

OCT. 29

Volleyball sign-up and meeting

Anyone interested in sponsoring or forming a men's and women's' (co-ed) volleyball team should meet at 7 p.m. in the basement of City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

OCT. 30

Hunter's Banquet

The Knights of Columbus Hunter's Banquet, Community Food Bank fundraiser is at 6 p.m., Oct. 30 at the VFW Hall. The Pig Roast dinner is $15 per person. There will also be a raffle for a $1,000 shopping spree at a sporting goods store. Tickets are $5 or five for $20.

All profit from the raffle and dinner go to the food pantry. For further information, call Larry Campbell at 547-4208 or Gabe Campbell at 547-9739.

Blood drive

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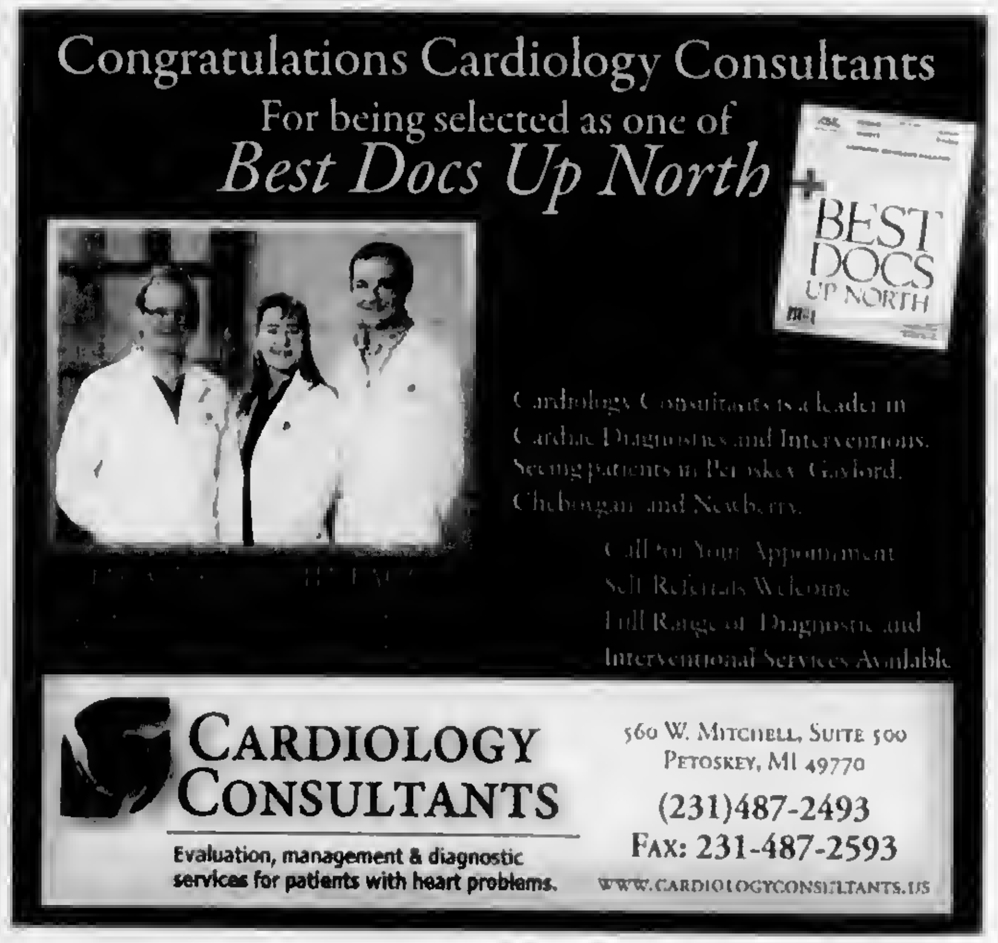
OCT. 31

Halloween activity - Halloween for the Hungry

From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Halloween evening, teams of volunteers will go door-to-door trick or-treating for non-perishable food items which will be donated to local food pantries and the Salvation Army. A party, free for participants, will follow the food drive at the Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St., in Charlevoix. Teams will meet at 5 p.m. at the church before disembarking on the drive. Others are welcome for a donation of $5 or a bag of groceries. Participants are asked not to where costumes. Call 547-9482 for more information.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NOV. 8

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Mom to mom sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 8, at St. Mary Family Center. More than 20 vendors will sell clothes, toys, books, makeup, furniture and more. Admission is $2 for 18 and older. Call 547-1768 for more information. Vendor space still available.

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Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

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Medusa retirees

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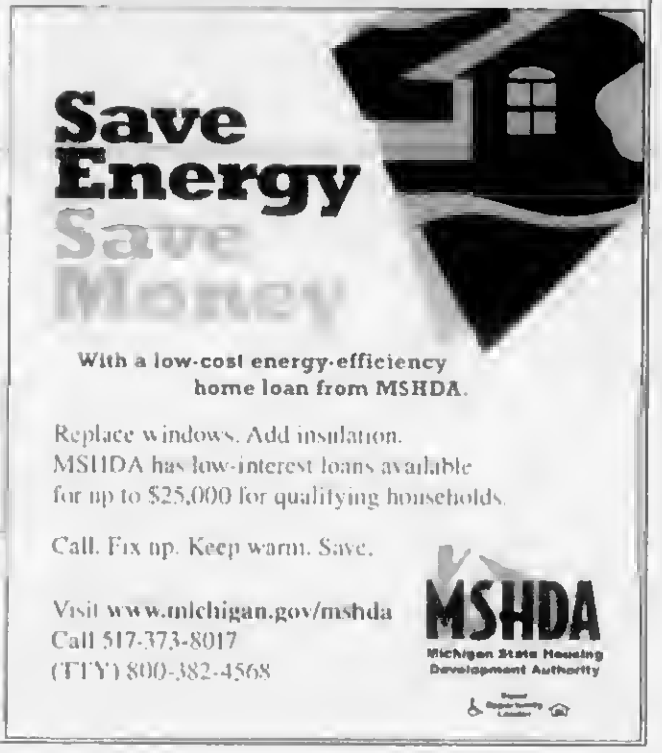
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Pot, stem cells and economy top forum

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Candidates for the 105th Michigan House of Representatives District seat opined on ballot measures one and two, education, taxes and health Sunday, Oct. 26.

Charlevoix's newly reincarnated public library played host to Republican incumbent Kevin Elsenheimer, Democrat Connie Saltonstall and Libertarian Greg Dean as the moderator and audience questioned the three.

Saltonstall opened the forum by supporting Proposition II—a measure to allow embryonic stem cell research—saying it would be an incredible opportunity to promote health and well-being using cells which will otherwise be thrown away.

"Without the ability to do this kind of research we stand the potential for losing that type of research," she said. "Cloning is not an issue. Cloning will still be illegal. It will not cost the taxpayers any money."

Dean said, "To be against Proposal II is almost to be against the fertility clinics in general; ... I don't see it as an ethical issue."

Dean said he is against using tax dollars to fund any such measures, and said feels ballot proposals are divisive politics designed to polarize voters.

Elsenheimer disagreed with his rivals.

"An embryo is a life. And, as such, it's inappropriate to

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National attention for Charlevoix business

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

It was just any other business day until representatives of ABC's hit TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" said they wanted his product.

Mike Way's Pine River Inc., of Charlevoix, has been producing the e-log for four years now. And, while he has shipped his product from Canada to California, he never thought he would be on TV.

"They (ABC producers) selected a family for the makeover, and the mother's dream was to have a log home," Way said. "She realized that would probably not happen for them because they are heavily involved in caring for foster kids. But, they asked her what she wanted and she said something rustic, so the producers as well as the local builder in Ohio got on some of the projects on our (Web) site and they said that is the log look they wanted."

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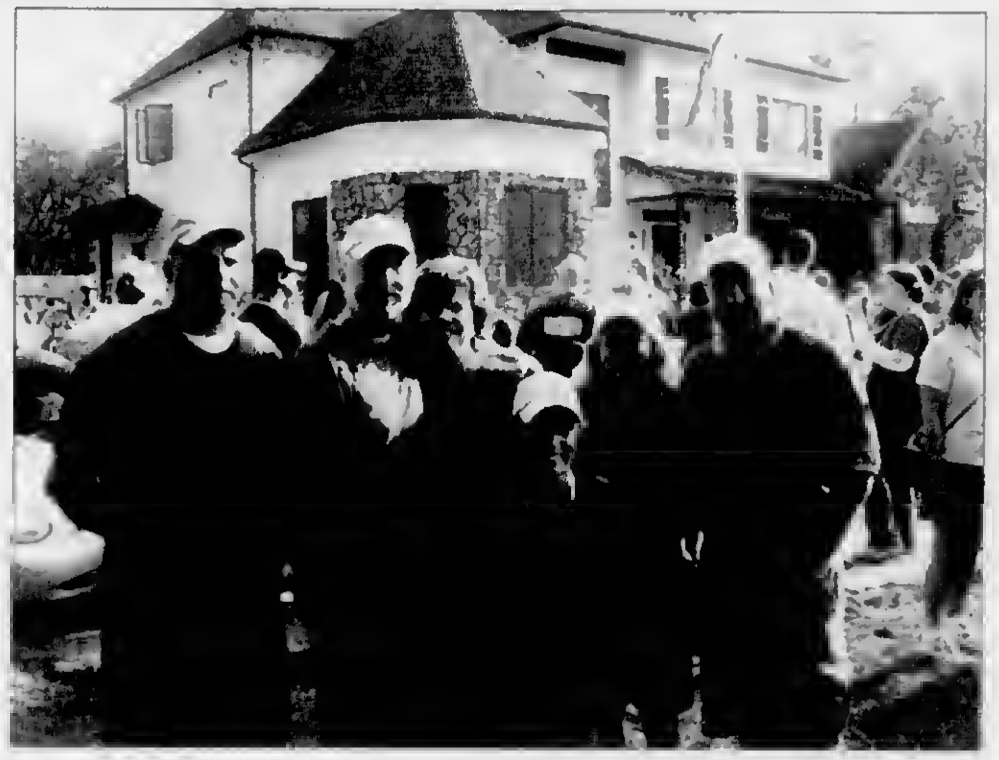

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Owner of eLog manufacturer Pine River Inc. Mike Way is seen here with employees, fellow volunteers and his daughter in front of a house under renovation for ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Way donated between $8,000 and $10,000 worth of product to turn the inside of the house from just another dwelling to a stacked log home. Pictured are (back, from left) Mike Kasuske, Production Manager; Don Neill - Sales Manager; Don's wife Terrie Neill; Mike's wife, Chris Way; Mike Way, president; and (front) Mike's daughter Aubrey Way.

More lay-offs

CHRISTINA ROHN
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

St. Marys Cement Plant in Charlevoix announced Thursday that it would be laying off about 80 percent of its hourly workforce by Dec. 1.

The plant currently employs 100 hourly and 27 salary workers.

Steve Gallagher, vice president of human resources for St. Marys Cement Group, said their corporation anticipates the lay-off will last for one month.

"This is a temporary lay-off," he said. "We anticipate in early January we'll start bringing people back — we'll be bringing back most if not all."

Gallagher said this decision was made as a result of the slowing economy.

"It's economics driving this decision — there's a lack of demand for our product and we have excess inventory. Charlevoix's (problem), in part, is linked to the construction industry," he said. "It's in no way a reflection of people who work at the plant — we have great employees."

Gallagher said the situation in Charlevoix mirrors what is happening at several of their other locations.

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County budget hearing open to public

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on their 2009 general fund budget at 7 p.m., Oct. 29 in the commissioner's chambers, 203 Antrim St.

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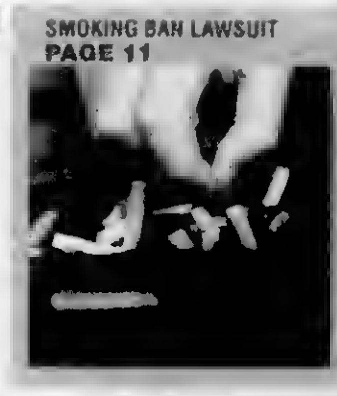

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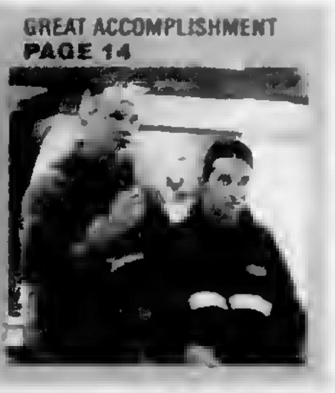

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Joella Elaine Foster, 45, Boyne City. Sell/furnish alcohol to minors. Credit for one day in jail; to serve four days in jail; 40 days held in abeyance; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $600 in fines and costs.,

Billie Lynn Crowell, 31, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle operator without security; $315 in fines and costs.

David Harry Busch, 59, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Totaling $200 in fines and costs.

Scott David Collen Jr., 21, Jackson. Minor in possession of alcohol Serve 30 hours of community service work; $200 in fines and costs.

Daniel Robert King, 21, Cement City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 30 hours of community service work; $200 in fines and costs.

Kurt Jay Wangeman, 48, Rockford. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Scott Daniel Cortez, 37, Elmira. Larceny by conversion more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for two days in jail; 363 days held in abeyance; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $919.45 in fines and costs.

Scott Edward Pair, 52, Madison Heights. Disorderly/drunk. Credit for two days; to serve 18 days in jail or release after 10 days upon payment of $200.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Scott Daniel Cortez, 38, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for one day in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $1,570 in fines and costs.

Raymond Thomas McManus, 20, Charlevoix. Controlled substances delivery/manufacture (schedule 1, 2 and 3 except marijuana); controlled substance delivery/manufacture (narcotic/cocaine) less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for 51 days in jail; to serve 365 days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; $1,005 in fines and costs.

Brandon Anthony Quinn, 22, Pontiac. Controlled substances delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine), less than 40 grams. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for 71 days in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

All Phase Remodeling, 05115 Church Road, Boyne City, by Dennis Cadarette

Rostar Concrete LLC, 13385 Phelps Road, Charlevoix, by Tonya Livorno

B.I.P.S. Beaver Island Paranormal Society, Beaver Island, by Joseph B. Timsak

Jarema Aviation LLC, P.O. Box 66, Boyne Falls, by Eric Jarema

Bayshore Manufacturing Group, 05215 Ridge Road, East Jordan, by John A. Laursen

Petriv Handyman Service, 5176, Korthase Road, Boyne City, by Jerome Petriv

Home Land Defense, 318 North St., Boyne City, by Robert E. Lee

Linda Laughlin-Thiessen Custom Picture Framing, 08623 Mercer Road, Charlevoix, by Linda Laughlin-Thiessen.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Arthur Glaser weighing eight pounds was born Oct. 20 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jamie Trowbridge and Adam Glaser of Mancelona. His siblings are Madison, Audrey and Teryn. Her grandparents are Art and Wanda Trowbridge of Bellaire, Joanie Vanderlaan of Central Lake, Ruth Glaser of Mancelona and James Glaser of Decatur, Ohio.

Ella Mae Hankins weighing six pounds 12 ounces was born Oct. 19 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jennifer Garcia and Frank Hankins of Central Lake. Her siblings are Justin, Zackary, Henry, and Franklin II. Her grandparents are Sharon Bailey of Mancelona, Janet Amy Garcia and Tony Garcia, both of Central Lake.

Jayden Allan English weighing five pounds 12 ounces was born Oct. 18 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tiffany Ann Page and Joseph Thomas English of Petoskey and Columbiaville, respectively. His grandparents are Ray Page and Sherry Schrage both of Petoskey, Nancy Hagopian of Columbiaville, and Jim English of Boyne Falls. His great-grandparents are Pam Stevens of Paris, Mich., and Carmen Espina of Columbiaville.

Caitlyn Lorene Burks weighing eight pounds two ounces was born Oct. 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Steven and Dawn Burks of East Jordan. Her sibling is Coen R. Burks. Her grandparents are Deborah Meads and Paul and Barbara Burks from East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Raymond and Sally Meads, Dennis and Mildred Gocha all of East Jordan and Paul and Cathy Chapman of Florida.

Sweepstakes scam

Scams are not uncommon but Charlevoix county Sheriff George T. Lasater advises citizens to be aware of sweepstakes scams that have been circulating locally.

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News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance. Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event. It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Deer alert

Charlevoix City Police Chief Gerard Doan asks people to use extra caution during this period of increased deer activity. Simply slowing down can be the difference between avoiding a car/deer crash and incurring potential expense and injury. Ensuring that your headlights are adjusted properly will help you see farther and wider down the road.

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In brief: The public hearing was held on whether to renew an agreement to give Michigan Consolidated Gas Company permission to use public right-of-ways to maintain their infrastructure including gas mains and pipes along, across and under roads, alleys, bridges and other public areas.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: COLORADO CHALLENGE GRANT

In brief: Colorado Challenge organizers requested support to apply for a Grand Traverse band of Indians grant which allocates two percent of its video gaming revenue to local government. The Colorado Challenge is a week-long camp with activities from Christian fellowship and devotional to physical challenges including mountain rappelling and white-water rafting for teenagers. The challenge is fee-based, but scholarships are available for those in need.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: FOOD PANTRY SEEKS GRANT

In brief: The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry also sought tribal funds--a $5,000 grant--to help an average of 92 families per month

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: COUNTY-WIDE ROAD MILLAGE

In brief: Council was asked by the Friends of the Charlevoix County Roads, the group spearheading the ballot measure, to lend their support to the millage request.

Board action: Failed, 4—2

ITEM: INSURANCE RENEWAL

In brief: Request to renew the city's municipal property and liability coverage. There was a 4.63 percent increase--$5,474-- in their premium over last year at a total cost of $123,779. A jump in property value, increased payroll and a new vehicle were cited as the cause for the increase. However, there was an actual decrease in premiums because $10,326 worth of boiler insurance is no longer necessary, yielding a 4.1 percent drop in the annual premium.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: IDENTITY THEFT POLICY

In brief: In order to comply with the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, which states all municipalities must provide identity theft protection for customers by Nov. 1, the city is implementing a program that will help identify suspicious activity and prevent identity theft to city utility customers. The city proposes to do this by authenticating customers wishing to perform transactions, monitoring said business, verifying changes of address and keeping abreast of scams used to defraud.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: BILL PAID

In brief: Amounts of $825 for diver training;

Board action: Passed 5—0; councilman Greg Stevens abstained to avoid appearance of a conflict because his brother is the dive instructor

ITEM: BILL PAID

In brief: Firefighter protective gear totaling $1,034.50.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: JET TRUCK CLEANER

In brief: Request to purchase a truck to clean sewer mains, remove roots and other blockages from the sewer, clean the storm catch basin, hydro excavation and more. The 1990 model is outdated and in disrepair. Two bids were received on this specialized piece of machinery: Jack Doheny Company at $264,600 (base price), and Fredrickson Supply, LLC at $271,575 (also base price); add $761 for three year chassis and transmission coverage for Doheny, and $2,310 for the same on the Fredrickson machine.

Board action: Doheny chosen by unanimous vote

ITEM: FLURRY FEST

In brief: Keith Carey, downtown development authority executive director, requested the city support his move to apply with Michigan Department of Transportation to close Bridge Street from noon to 9 p.m., Dec. 6, between Antrim and Park to allow for a larger tent, increased foot traffic and other activities.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: AT&T RIGHT-OF-WAY

In brief: Request by AT&T for an extension of use of the public right-of-ways to maintain communications equipment on, under and over public areas.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

ITEM: MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

In brief: Request by the league for council to vote on three-year terms for two league members, Kate Lawrence of Brighton and Jason Eppler of Ionia. The league performs various lobbying duties for municipalities like Charlevoix statewide.

Board action: Passed, unanimous

A public hearing on the proposed measure to increase Mt. McSauba ski rates is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at City Hall in council chambers.

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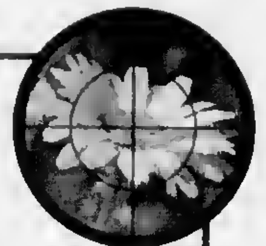

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Is money or lack of it letting you down?

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

"Brother can you spare a dime": A popular song on the radio waves in 1931 during the Great Depression.

Today's song could be re-written with "Sister can you spare five bucks?"

Recession, depression whatever term you use whether it's considered accurate or not, people are losing jobs, homes and retirement benefits as well as health insurance.

Lessons we learned from our grandparents and parents should be put into effect. We need to consider buying in bulk, items on sale, using coupons and becoming resourceful. Children old enough to work and wanting an allowance could help the family or themselves by shoveling snow in the next few months, helping a neighbor with yard work, baby-sitting or selling newspapers.

Parents need to sit down and figure out how much comes in and how much goes out and then set up a plan.

When I am counseling couples about to get married, finances are the first topic covered since that is the number one reason cited for divorce in the United States today.

You may be a saver and your spouse a spender, or both of you savers , both of you spenders, and I bet at some point you went to bed angry arguing over bills regarding the financial situation you had been in or are presently in. With today's economy I am concerned about the number of couples heatedly discussing their finances.

Hopeful ideas, one household account and each spouse having their own account.

If you are a stay-at-home parent, your spouse should plan on putting equal amounts of spending money in each of your accounts.

Lessen arguments by knowing the history of your spouse regarding spending.

If one of you had very little growing up you'll have a tendency to spend more, wanting things you didn't have as a child and now feel as a grown up you deserve.

If you grew up in a household where money was not an issue you are apt to be cautious and saving for things the household account needs rather than things you want.

Just knowing this and trying to be understanding where your spouse is coming from financially will help lessen the tension.

Look for positives that each of you are doing and say something about it.

For the spender who is unhappy about the conservative spouse a comment such as , "I like the way you pay our bills on time" will lessen tension and show support.

When the spender passes up purchasing an item a comment from the saver may encourage them such as; "It's hard to stay on budget but you're doing a great job helping by passing this item up."

Discuss your spending plan at least once a month.

The one who pays the bills will feel better sharing their concern and the one who is the spender will feel less threatened if they know it's a planned topic that will occur rather than a shouting match in the heat of the moment.

When it comes to getting work done it's helpful to know the people with whom you are doing business.

Living in a community as small as ours its nice to know the job will be done well and if you are on the receiving end you can assuredly be paid in full soon after the service is rendered.

It's also important in these trying times to never borrow money without a plan of how you will pay it back.

Re-evaluate what you own before tossing it out.

We used to giggle when we saw our grandparents and parents washing aluminum foil and saving countless plastic butter containers reusing them again and again.

When cleaning dad's house before selling it we found reused tin foil, butter containers, jelly jars and bags stored neatly away because you never know when you might need them. We saw it as clutter and garbage; he saw it as useful items.

Now we recycle those very items so they can be utilized again in another fashion

What the country is going through now is pale in comparison to the crash of 1929 which is often referred to as "Black Tuesday" and whose anniversary is Oct. 29, 1929.

I asked dad what he was doing during this stressful time.

He was 13 years old and going door to door selling newspapers.

He recalls a man grabbing the paper from him and slamming the door without paying.

His own father was fortunate to find a job sorting various metals that were melted down for military use. We haven't hit a depression like the '30s and we won't let things get as bad as they did.

Many years ago John Rockefeller said something that still rings true: "These are the days when many are discouraged but during the 93 years of my life, depressions have come and gone and prosperity has always returned and will again."

My own philosophical take on this is: From hardship comes wisdom and creativity will blossom when finances are lacking

We are in this together, and together, with our can-do attitude, we will endure whatever we are faced with.

WEEKLY POLL

Do you support the state's deer season ban on baiting?

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Yes (38 Votes, 55%)

No (31 Votes, 45%)

This week's poll question: ***Do you favor state-run health services should the federal government fail to institute them?***

How to fight poverty: leaders at a loss

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Extra! Extra! There are poor people in Michigan.

According to a press release from the Michigan Department of Human Services, roughly 1.3 million Michiganders get food stamps annually.

Maybe you've heard, 300 Michigan residents including Governor Jennifer Granholm, at least one senator and the president of Grand Valley State University are spending a week attempting to "bring attention to the effects of poverty and increase donations to local food banks and soup kitchens.

Participants in the "Food Stamp Challenge"—my god, they make it sound like a game show—may donate time or money to a food bank or soup kitchen leading up to the Nov. 13 Action 2008 Poverty Summit.

I can't pass a hobo without scrounging a couple bucks to assuage the guilt of having a good job and stable home life, but I have real heartburn with the well-off playing poor.

Human services hasn't released specifics on what this is costing us, but assuming the participants aren't paying cash for the food stamps they use, I figure this little publicity stunt misdirects about $8,800 from people who actually need it.

Those of us who have either grown up poor or hit rough patches as adults know exactly what it's like to go without.

Granholm, according to an early October Associated Press story, said she was buying a lot of macaroni and cheese to feed her family with her $5.87 per person per day allowance, but she still lives in the governor's mansion with all her creature comforts.

You really want to give these people a taste of hunger and the horrors of poverty?

Let them bathe in cold water every day because the gas has been shut off;

Let them do nothing while their children die of pneumonia because they are afraid to incur hospital bills they could never repay;

Let them send their children to bed without food, knowing tomorrow won't be any better;

Let them live out of their car for a week;

Let them be evicted from their residence because their rent money went to pay the tickets incurred from driving a car with too loud a muffler or a broken windsheild—ironically items which they could not fix because they did not have the money to do so.

I know I run the risk of being ousted from the capitalist club. But, growing up as poor as I did, I have a real tough time turning a blind eye to those in need—or making a mockery of their suffering.

Some poverty is self-inflicted. I know that from experience. But, some is not.

And, while I don't suggest tax funded handouts for all, there has to be something we can do to decrease the number of those enduring abject deprivation.

Since we have no problem feeding, clothing and caring medically for murderers, rapists and thieves, perhaps it's time to revisit the idea of the workhouse—I'm thinking of a kinder, gentler place than the grim institutions cited by Dickens.

And, then again, maybe I'm wrong. Perhaps the Food Stamp Challenge will generate the awareness needed to fix the problem.

Next time you see a pauper or a struggling single mother of three, just tell them you are aware of their plight and watch their faces light up with appreciation and gratitude; or, if you really want to help, call your local food banks at 547-6430, 547-4300 or visit the First Congregational Church from 10 a.m to noon, Monday and Thursday

Check out www.michigan/gov/poverty for more on the "challenge" or visit www.feedmichigan.org to donate to Harvest Gathering food bank.

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LETTERS to the editor

[Editor's note: In the spirit of fairness, Charlevoix Courier publishes this rebuttal to our editorial stand on supporting the Charlevoix County-wide Road Millage. BJG]

MILLAGE AN INEQUITABLE FIX FOR ISLANDERS

In 2004, a 1-mill, five-year county-wide road millage proposal was on the ballot. It promised Beaver Island some assistance on repaving the deteriorating portion of Kings Highway during "year four" of the plan.

The millage failed, in large measure because Beaver Islander's overwhelmingly voted no.

They doubted that they would benefit from the county road millage money we send across to mainland America.

It's back on the ballot again this year. However, this time around the county-wide millage proposal is asking for 1 mill for 15 years. That's a lot of money: About $30 million!

The Road Commission says that the millage would fund the repaving of 61.34 miles of roadway. Beaver Island's Kings Highway would benefit from the repaving of a whopping 4.04 miles. That's only 6.6% coming back to Beaver Island and 15 years of higher taxes. The "list" of roads has not been prioritized. For all we know, Beaver Island might be in year 15 of "the plan," should the money actually hold out.

A clear and detailed proposal should have been refined at this point so voters could have all the information about how and in what order this $30 million will be spent. It hasn't happened.

A real plan of 5 years in length with prioritized projects clearly explained to the voters may have a chance in a couple years when the current economic picture brightens. It would be wise to offer Beaver Island something early on. Islanders are a little jaded about getting their fair share, especially after we paid for paving our main street with little help from the rest of Charlevoix Country.

The likely outcome is that a big majority of Beaver Island and many on the mainland will once again will vote NO to the current 15 year non-plan. It should fail again.

Steve West, Beaver Island

GET FACTS STRAIGHT

Editor,

Just where is Dr. Pepin a Professor of Anatomy, Biology and Physiology?

I am not aware of any institution of higher learning in East Jordan.

He ought to get his facts straight.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research has been in place for about ten, not 25, years.

Ten years of research in any scientific endeavor rarely, if ever, results in discovery of cures.

Tremendous discovery is going on right now regarding unlocking the mysteries of genetic defects which may be responsible for many chronic diseases for which we have no cures.

Many of these advances are through embryonic stem cell research.

Clinical trials will occur when the science of ESCR advances far enough to allow ethical studies to start, and not before.

There are not over 70 medical conditions for which adult stem cells have been curative; there are seven, virtually all of which are blood diseases.

It is one thing to oppose embryonic stem cell research based on your religious convictions.

It is quite another thing, however, to distort facts in an attempt to scare voters to support a position that has no scientific or ethical merit.

Melvin A. Lester, M.D.
Co-founder, J.P. McCarthy Cord Stem Cell Bank
Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit

CHARLEVOIX BLESSED

Editor:

There are few areas in America as fortunate as ours blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, a population of concerned, involved citizens and civic and business infrastructure that rivals what exists in larger communities.

A major part of that infrastructure is Charlevoix Area Hospital nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan and providing excellent patient care for nearly 90 years.

Our staff physicians and nurses take exceptional care each person coming to us for care in facilities that are modern, clean and exude sense of family that matches the personal attention given to each patient.

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This year, we need your support more than ever and hope that you'll make a gift today to help your hospital maintain and continue to improve our record of excellence in patient care. A gift of just $100 can help provide a mammogram for a woman unable to afford the cost. A gift of $50 will provide a health screening to detect cardiovascular risks in area school children or high cholesterol in an adult. Gifts in any amount can be combined to provide for the more than $2 million in capital equipment needs for the Hospital this year.

Please make your contribution today! All gifts are fully tax-deductible. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Marge McGoff
annual support chairperson

THANKS NWA

Editor:

The Charlevoix Retail Committee would like to thank the Northwest Academy students that participated in decorating the downtown area with cornstalks. The students enthusiasm for the project was a pleasure to see and their service to the community is greatly appreciated

Jacqueline Diperi
Charlevoix Retail Committee
Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

VOTE REINHARDT

Editor:

I strongly support Ron Reinhardt's re-election as Charlevoix County Commission for District 3.

Ron Reinhardt is a home grown dedicated native of Charlevoix County. His political concerns and ambitions are solely directed to improving life and government in Charlevoix County.

When I vote for my County Commissioner my decision is based on several very simple questions.

Do I know this person?

Do I respect this person?

Does this person care about control growth in Charlevoix County?

Does this person support open land and the natural beauty of our county?

Most of all, I want a person with experience, that is level headed and a logical analytical thinker. He or she must possess the ability to work with a group and help bond a team together.

When you look at Ron Reinhardt's record in county activities both in business and political experience, it is clear he understands what the county needs. Ron scores an absolute "yes" to all five of my qualifying questions. His legacy includes proactive participation in the road

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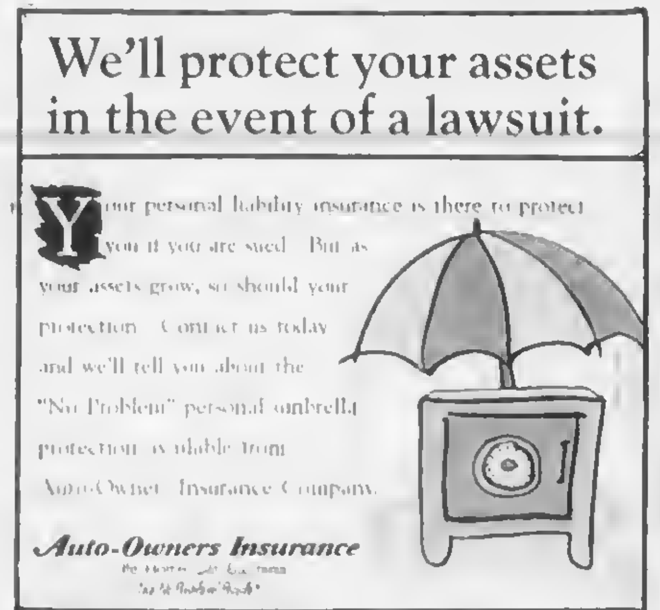

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commission meetings and being a pinnacle member of the county wide conservation program.

He is the liaison for the humane society, a member of the Charlevoix Transit Committee, he has supported the commission on Aging by making sure that transportation is available for our seniors.

Finally, he was a cornerstone in the Wilson Township Planning Commission.

Ron stays in contact with his constituents. He has made sure that I know he is my representative for District 3 of the County Commission. He is receptive to questions and inputs from his constituents.

We need experience on the County Commission. We need Ron Reinhardt to be re-elected.

Gail O. Fox, Charlevoix

VOTE ELSENHEIMER

Editor:

Kevin Elsenheimer has a stellar track record for taking action and getting results in northern Michigan.

He effectively demanded the state re-open state forest campgrounds and successfully led opposition to MDNR proposed hungting/fishing fees instead of sacrificing northern Michigan during budget cuts. He stood up for the snowmobile/ski industry when the DNR wasn't paying for grooming, and money is now being sent to local communities. He advocated for the M-32 extension from East Jordan to Atwood. He initiated the effort to have the state assume jurisdiction over the Charlevoix/Boyne City Road and, for the first time, language to that effect has been included in the state budget. He expedited the clean up of the Black Lake Forest Campground. He passed the Renaissance Zone for the Georgia Pacific property and supported training and other incentives to soften the blow of the Georgia Pacific closure. He advocated for the M-32 overpass in Gaylord.

His legislative accomplishments include consolidation of local zoning acts into one regional uniform act; late fee waiver for military people delayed in renewing their driver's licenses due to their service; local government purchase of US flags to mark veterans graves in private cemeteries; and elimination of bureaucratic permiting process for using police scanners.

In concert with Senator Jason Allen, Representative Elsenheimer initiated and passed legislation to retain the Mackinac Bridge under the Mackinac Bridge Authority, avoiding a potentially costly MDOT takeover. They also initiated and passed 'Heidi's Law' to require drunk driving convictions remain on the record instead of dropping off over time.

Representative Elsenheimer has impressive awards and recognition as 'Legislator of the Year' from Michigan Association of Planners, Michigan Manufacturers, Police Officers Association of Michigan, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Chiefs of Police, among many others. Kevin also has an A+ endorsement from the National Rifle Association

Representative Elsenheimer's accomplishments, awards and recognition are too numerous to mention, but it is obvious he is a man of action and achievement.

His opponent, on the other hand, likes to say she will 'take action' and 'create results.' In fact, although she lists various board memberships, associations and jobs, there is absolutely no evidence of accomplishment or results. To the contrary, the personal agenda she brings to efforts with which I am familiar hinders the ability of a group to make timely decisions and progress.

This is undoubtedly one of the reasons that she was ousted as county commissioner in 2006, after one term, by a 60-40 margin.

Please vote fnr Representative Kevin Elsenheimer who has proven to be a tireless, principled legislator on behalf of northern Michigan.

Margo A. Johnson, Charlevoix

THREE CHEERS FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Editor:

On Oct. 13, Charlevoix High School had the opportunity to host national presenter and consultant Rob Miller on the role of high school athletics and sportsmanship.

We were very impressed that almost 150 athletes, parents, coaches, and community members attended the presentation and want to thank all of those who came out to attend the workshop.

Mr. Miller conveyed a phenomenal message: Athletics are about more than physical skills or performing better than an opponent on a given day; but rather they are about the character, effort, and attitude that athletes need to develop and possess.

Mr. Miller offered breakout sessions specifically for parents, coaches, and fans to share the importance of committing to character education and sportsmanship and how we, as adults, can impact our athletes in positive ways.

As school administrators, parents, and Rayder fans, we feel empowered to lead the way and work with our student athletes and coaches on character and sportsmanship.

We feel these traits are invaluable in creating positive, successful adults. We are hopeful that our parents and fans will see the benefit of this information and join us in this endeavor.

For those of you who don't know, our Lake Michigan Conference schools rate each other on sportsmanship, and the winning school gets the honor of displaying a LMC sportsmanship banner in their gym.

Charlevoix High School has never won this award.

It should be our goal as a school and community to win this award every year and display it next to our other awards.

Rayder pride is more than winning a game; it is also about modeling poise, confidence, and character.

We are excited about the possibilities to host Mr. Rob Miller in the future and would like to personally thank some individuals who made this event possible.

Thanks to Jack Taylor and Brent Marlatt from "Beyond the Scoreboard," a non-profit organization dedicated to improving character and sportsmanship in high school athletics, for assisting with sponsorship and helping out throughout the evening.

Also, special thanks to Dean Davenport and Jack Taylor for conducting the break out session for our student athletes. All athletes that attended the workshop received a "Rayder Pride" t-shirt.

We would like to personally thank the businesses (responsible) for underwriting the cost of the shirts and supporting our athletes.

Suzanne Klinger, principal

Doug Drenth, assistant principal

Ann Gorney, athletic director

BEWARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Editor:

I am pleased to join the country in recognizing October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. October offers me the opportunity to look at how far the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) has come in providing critical services to survivors of domestic violence, as well as the opportunity to thank the community for their ongoing support.

The WRC operates the only shelter for survivors of domestic violence in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego Counties. This past fiscal year we provided a safe haven by offering shelter to over 175 women and children. The WRC also assisted over 460 survivors through non-residential services, including counseling and support groups. Our violence prevention program engaged over 930 local high school students in healthy discussions about respect and responsibility in relationships.

Thanks to your community support, the WRC is making a difference to many who live in Northern Michigan.

Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center program director

VOTE SALTONSTALL

Editor:

It is important in the upcoming election to study the issues and the positions of our candidates.

I support the candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives who believes that stem cell research is a great hope for the elimination of many debilitating diseases. These embryonic stem cells will continue to be trashed if not used for research.

I support the candidate who has a proven record in mediation and is able to work with both

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LETTERS to the editor

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Lou Ann McKimmy, Rapid City

DIABETES AWARENESS

Editor:

For children with diabetes, managing their condition is a full-time job. Their daily tasks include monitoring their blood sugar levels several times and often taking multiple insulin shots. For these children, proper management of their condition is not a choice, it's an absolute necessity. Keeping blood sugar levels under control enables kids to live healthier and more productive lives at school and at play and to avoid health complications.

Unfortunately, students with diabetes are sometimes left with no assistance in caring for their condition at school. This is why it's so important for the Michigan Legislature to pass House Bill 6555, prompted by the American Diabetes Association's Safe at School Campaign and supported by the Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The legislation will allow diabetic students to bring necessary personal equipment to school to monitor their condition during class or school-related activities.

The legislation will also ensure that schools have personnel to assist with daily and emergency diabetes care tasks. All too often, a single nurse is assigned to cover as many as 10 schools. Even when schools have a full-time nurse, they are not always available, especially during field trips and extracurricular activities.

By training school personnel to perform diabetes care tasks, students will safely get help when a nurse is not present.

I am going to contact my state representative and state senator and encourage them to support the Safe at School Campaign. I hope you will do the same.

Ann Scott RN MSN

Julie Shippy RN CDE

Diabetes Educator, TIPDON Director, TIPDON

TAXATION COMPLEXITIES

Editor:

I found the letter from Phil Pachulski to be unfortunately misleading.

Even with over 30 years practice as a tax attorney, I cannot predict with certainty the paradigm which may be used in future tax legislation.

However, to the extent that future tax methodology follows that which has been in place for well over 50 years, taxable income is taxed incrementally.

As such, for an individual with $150,000 of taxable income, the first $100,000 of taxable income for that individual would be taxes identically to another individual who had a total of $100,00 of taxable income. Taxable income in excess of $100,000 would be in a higher bracket and taxed at a higher percentage.

It is for that reason that if "Joe the Plumber" or any other taxpayer were to earn $255,000, it would only be the last $5,000–above the $250,000 amount–that would be subject to the higher tax bracket percentage.

The table that an extra dollar of earnings would dramatically increase one's taxes never has been true.

Furthermore, Mr. Pachulski's letter fails to distinguish between gross revenue and taxable income.

Business expenses, medical expenses, charitable contributions, interest, state and property taxes, depreciation, etc., are all items that are deductible from gross revenue to determine taxable income.

The use of a limited liability company partnership or "S" corporation would not adversely impact these factors.

The above comments are not intended to support the tax plan of either candidate, in fact, with the national debt having doubled to almost ten tollion dollars during the seven years of the Bush administration, hopefully Congress accepts its responsibility to carefully develop priorities, to tax appropriately and to spend far more wisely and not just increase the debt that will be burdening future generations.

Richard A. Shapack, Charlevoix

VOTE McCAIN

Editor:

Our next president needs a record of fighting Washington "Business as Usual." Senator John McCain has a proven record showing be is not more of "Bush Same.: John McCain has sponsored 473 Reform Bills and co-sponsored 809 Reform bills since Jan. 21, 1993. Examples are:

Sen. John McCain foresaw the Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac Mortgage Crisis more than two years before it happened, and co-sponsored legislation in 2006 that would have required greater oversight of the mortgage lending entities. Obama did nothing to speak out at the time in behalf of the legislation, and would not sign on as a co-sponsor.

Taxpayer Bill of Rights Amendment of 1996.

Voted YES on Minimum Wage Increase Act of 2006.

A bill to amend the Social Security Act, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on social security benefits and to provide incentives for the purchase of long-term care insurance.

A bill to establish certain environmental protection procedures within the area comprising the border region between the United States and Mexico.

A bill to provide increased rail transportation security.

A bill providing greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities.

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John McCain is a member of 14 Senate Committees ranging from Armed Forces to Interstate Commerce, Transportation, Science, Technology and Innovation.

John McCain isn't the eloquent speechmaker as Senator Barack Obama; however, actions speak

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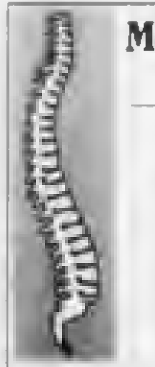

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OBITUARIES

Geneva Lutz: April 30, 1934 - Oct. 22, 2008

Geneva Lutz, 74, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral was from 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Jerry Hunko officiated and burial took place in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Geneva was born April 30, 1934, in Virgie, Ky., the daughter of Columbus and Lillie (Little) Tackett.

She married James Lutz and they made their home in Westland before moving to Boyne City in 1970.

In 1974, they moved to Charlevoix where Geneva was employed by Bogg's Pastry Shop, and then at Traverse Bay Woolen Company.

She was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Geneva enjoyed quilting, restoring antiques and gardening.

She is survived by her husband James; daughters, Peggy (Dan) Wenzel, and Catherine Linse all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Ryan Wenzel, Lisa and Heather Waltonen, and Britiny Gibson; brothers, Edsel Tackett of Homer, Columbus Tackett of Virgie, Ky.; sisters, Edith (Donald) Mullins, and Wanda (Robert) Bartoff all of Virgie, Ky., Gloria Gerrity of Taylor. Geneva was preceded in death by her son-in-law Greg Linse in 2002.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Digital mammography

comes to Charlevoix Area Hospital

A new, state-of-the-art radiology system was recently introduced at Charlevoix Area Hospital, making the accurate breast imaging procedure available to more women. Unlike traditional mammography, which uses x-ray film, digital mammography captures high-resolution diagnostic images electronically. Those images are transmitted instantly to a computer, where they can be rotated, enlarged, or enhanced to aid the early detection of any abnormalities.

Local women now have access to one of the most advanced methods of detecting breast cancer: digital mammography.

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According to Susan Lamb, lead mammographer at the hospital, the new system holds many advantages for patients.

"This is so much faster and more accurate," she said. "Because the images generated are much clearer, it's rare for a patient to be called back for a second take, and that greatly reduces anxiety."

For the hospital, the process improves efficiency.

Shorter waiting times mean more patients can be seen.

And there are advantages for the environment, too. Traditional x-ray film requires chemicals for development—making the new process far greener.

The mammography unit is part of Charlevoix Area Hospital's PACS, or Picture Archiving and Communication System.

That Web-based technology captures and stores images, allowing on-demand access within the hospital, and among physicians and specialists in distant locations. "PACS connects us in ways never before possible," Lamb said. "Our radiologist can consult with other physicians, or report quickly to a patient's primary doctor—all of which results in better care."

Lamb said patients may notice no difference in the actual mammography procedure, but they will see several outward changes in their visit to the imaging department.

Along with the installation of the new digital unit, the entire suite has undergone a facelift. The mammography area was redesigned to be less clinical and more home-like.

Patients are given plush robes and a quiet, comfortable place to wait.

Acquisition of the new equipment would not have been possible without strong community support.

In addition to a federal grant, funding from area foundations and hundreds of donors to the hospital's own foundation helped make the digital system a reality.

Other contributions, including cancer walks and the Circle of Strength group, aided countless volunteer efforts to battle breast cancer.

"We're very fortunate to have such caring donors, and a community that really values good health," said Bill Jackson, hospital CEO. "They've helped us improve our services and become the progressive, well-equipped hospital we are today."

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club is sponsoring an essay contest open to all Charlevoix area youngsters currently in the 5th grade. Students are to explain, in one to two pages, to which charity they think an award of $50 should be given and why they have selected that particular charity. There will be multiple student essay-contest winners. At an award ceremony to which winners and their parents will be invited, each student who wrote a winning essay will be presented with a $50 check from Kiwanis, and the students will in turn then present their $50 check to their favorite charity.

The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club hopes to encourage fifth grade students to think about all of the good things that the various charities in our area do to help our community, and intends to make this essay contest an annual event. This will be the First Annual Charlevoix Kiwanis Club Vandenberg Essay Contest. This essay contest is named after former Charlevoix Kiwanis Club member Merle Vandenberg. Merle Vandenberg served Kiwanis as president of the local club and as a Lt. Governor. He was a teacher and dedicated his life to helping to nurture Charlevoix-area youngsters.

Essay contest application forms will be available at the Charlevoix Middle School, St. Mary's School, and Northwest Academy.

Home-schooled students can pick up applications at the Round Lake Book Store.

Essays must be submitted by Nov. 10. Call Gayle Gennett at 547-5598 for more information.

Fundraiser

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Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information. Pictured (above) are students of the Charlevoix Children's House.

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Thursday, October 30, 10:30 am
Birth to 5
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The Boy Scouts of America Scenic Trails Council honored the 2008 Eagle Scout class at the 69th annual Recognition Luncheon on Sunday at the Hegerty Center on the Northwestern Michigan College Great Lakes Campus in Traverse City. This year's class includes 54 scouts who have attained the Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in Scouting. Pictured (from left) are Sen. Jason Allen, Paul Stolt of Charlevoix, and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer. Allen and Elsenheimer are also Eagle Scouts.

ohBOIX!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Emily Foster has been accepted this fall into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at Albion College.

Honors students are required to enroll in four great issues seminars in humanities, science, social science and fine arts.

In addition to the seminars, honors students must graduate with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and produce an honors thesis.

Emily Foster is a first-year major in biology.

She is the daughter of William and Hannelore Foster of Charlevoix and a graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Charlevoix third graders take care of their environment

ALICE PERRAULT
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

As part of a new unit, Charlevoix third-graders are selling reusable grocery bags.

Third-grade teachers at Charlevoix Elementary have been teaching their students about the importance of recycling and taking care of their planet.

"The unit focuses on natural resources, and how they are renewable and non-renewable," third-grade teacher Sara Jonker said.

When the three Rs, reducing, reusing and recycling were introduced, the students wanted to do their part by selling reusable grocery bags with a Rayder logo.

"These bags would reduce the amount of plastic and paper bags being used," Jonker said.

Third-grader Mathew Vanniman said, "I learned how to help the earth by not using plastic and paper bags."

The 88 third-graders at Charlevoix elementary took forms home to sell the bags. No student was obligated or rewarded for any sales.

"The bags are maroon with a large white C, and say Charlevoix Rayders around the C. They are being sold for $5," Jonker said.

So far, 350 bags have been sold. Any and all proceeds are going to an environmental organization in the area the students will later vote on.

Jonker said "The kids had a wonderful time designing, selling and promoting the reusable bags. They know that they can make an impact on our environment with simple little changes."

"Instead of throwing away your garbage, you can make a compost pile," third-grader Spencer Haan said.

"The kids also felt this project was another way for them to make a difference for our planet. It is amazing how environmentally conscience they are after learning about how they can help," Jonker added.

"My favorite part was helping the environment and by not filling up land fills with plastic and paper bags," third-grader Naomi Batdorf said.

Charlevoix third-graders will do this project again next year, although there may be some variations.

According to Jonker, the point of the unit is to get the message out that small changes, such as reusable grocery bags, can make an impact on the environment.

There are roughly 50-100 bags still available for purchase. Bags can be ordered through the front office. Call 547-3215 for more information.

ALICE PERRAULT

Charlevoix third-grade teacher Sara Jonker (back left), and her class are spending time learning about the environment. Students are selling reusable grocery bags for $5 a piece.

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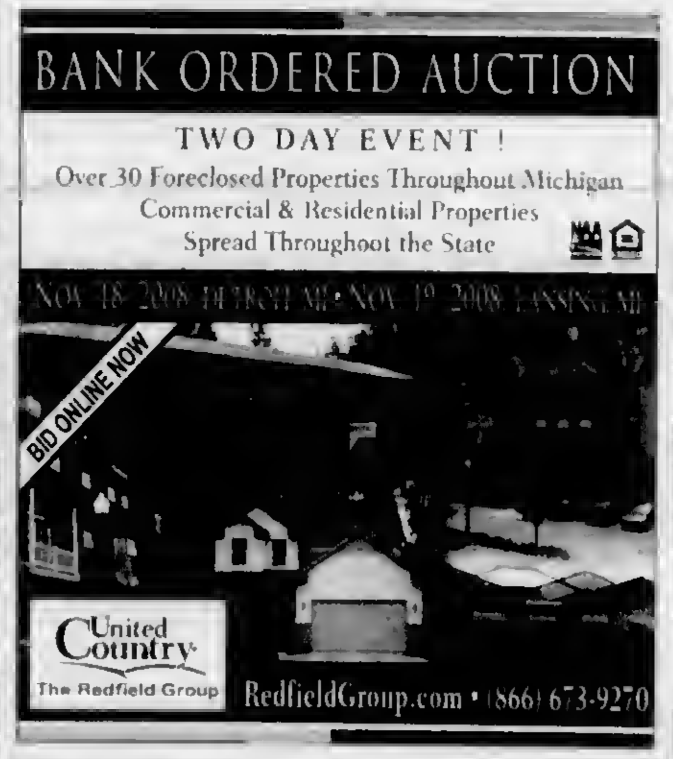

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Plaintiffs dismissed in smoke ban suit

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By an order issued on Oct. 17, the Michigan Supreme Court upheld the validity of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's smoke-free business regulation in Charlevoix County by accepting an appeal only on the limited question relating to the "nonretaliation" section of the regulation.

The court dismissed all non-Charlevoix County plaintiffs from the case as part of its order.

Attorneys for the two remaining plaintiffs, Jeff Legato owner of NAPA Auto Parts in East Jordan and Petoskey and Scott Way of Way Transportation in Charlevoix, will argue against the section of the smokefree business regulation that reads, "No person or employee shall discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against any employee, applicant for employment or customer because such employee, applicant or customer exercises any right to a smokefree environment afforded by this regulation."

"It's not right," Legato said. "I don't smoke but I don't think there should be regulation dictating where you can and cannot smoke. If a restaurant has a no smoking policy, I'm fine with that but this regulation is just not right — they should quit selling cigarettes instead. What are we paying taxes for if the government keeps stripping away our rights one by one?"

The Michigan Supreme Court's decision to uphold all but this one section of the clean indoor air regulation is a major victory for most workers in Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties, said Jim Young, who represents the health department.

"Scientific evidence shows that secondhand smoke is a known health hazard which causes cancer and heart disease. This regulation is about saving lives," he said.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, about 24 non-smokers die every year from the effects of secondhand smoke in the health district that includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"We knew the smoke-free portions of the regulation were legal," Young added "The Charlevoix Circuit agreed with us, then the Court of Appeals agreed with us and now the Michigan Supreme Court has agreed with us. The supreme court will only hear about the nonretaliation provision, which is a very minor provision in the regulation. This is a major victory for the health department and the counties that have supported this regulation."

The "Regulation Eliminating Smoking in Public and Private Worksites and Certain Public Places" went into effect on Oct. 4, 2005, after being adopted by the county boards of commissioners from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Of the 30 commissioners serving at the time, 27 voted for the regulation.

The health department's Clean Indoor Air act covers most worksites in Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties, except for restaurants and bars, which cannot be included in smokefree legislation according to Michigan law. The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners voted to withdraw from the regulation earlier this year.

Scott Way declined the opportunity to provide a comment for this story.

For additional information about the Clean Indoor Air Regulation, visit www.nwhealth.org, or call Teresa Sington, Tobacco Reduction Coordination at 533-1012.

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Passing the test

Eleven school districts within Emmet and Charlevoix counties passed their Michigan State Police school bus safety inspections

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On Wednesday, Oct. 8, the Michigan State Police Traffic and Safety Division released their annual school bus safety inspection results for the 2007-08 school year, and of the 17,220 school buses inspected throughout the state, 90 percent, or 15,503 buses passed. This represents an increase from the 2006-07 school year when 89 percent, or 15,448 buses passed.

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Schools in Emmet and Charlevoix counties have passed the test when it comes to school bus safety.

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Of the buses that passed inspection during the 2007-08 school year, 137 came from 11 districts within Emmet and Charlevoix counties, including Beaver Island Community School, Boyne City and Boyne Falls public schools, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Littlefield and Pellston public schools, the Public Schools of Petoskey and St. Francis Xavier School.

"The high number of buses passing inspection exemplifies the commitment of school bus transportation managers to school bus safety, further ensuring a safe transportation system for Michigan's school children," said Colonel Peter C. Munoz, director of the Michigan State Police.

Each school bus in each district throughout the state was subjected to a 198-point inspection by the state police.

"It's a bumper-to-bumper, top-to-bottom inspection," said Inspector Randy Coplin, assistant division commander for the Michigan State Police Traffic and Safety Division. "We look at the lights, all the seats, tires, exhaust, the frame, warning lights, steering, brakes, suspension and emergency exits — it takes an inspector between half-an-hour to an hour to fully inspect a bus."

For the past five years, Boyne City and Boyne Falls public schools have had an exceptional record, but Joe Howie, transportation supervisor for both school districts, said he doesn't like to brag.

"I take pride in my work. I would feel bad if I failed — I'd be disappointed," he said. "I contributed (the success) to a good superintendent and a good board (of education) that are very supportive to what I need to keep the buses running good. I also have a good bunch of drivers that can tell me what's wrong in advance."

The Public Schools of Petoskey, who have had a private contract with Johnson's Buses Inc. since 1939, have also had a perfect record during the last five years according to state police records.

Don Johnson, transportation director for Petoskey, said he attributes this to many years of experience, a hard-working mechanic, Glen Coolman, and bus drivers that know their equipment.

"We generally always have a good rating — very seldom do we see a bus that's red-tagged," he said. "We've been doing this for so many years, we know what we're doing — we take a lot of pride in it. If an inspector catches something, Glen takes it personally.

"It comes down to training your staff and training your drivers real well," Johnson said. "Safety is so important — it's the No. 1 thing."

In the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years, several local school districts received yellow and red tags on their buses, including Concord Academy-Petoskey and Harbor Light Chrisdan School, which no longer have buses, and Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Littlefield public schools.

Buses that are given a yellow tag may continue to operate as long as the defect that is identified is repaired within 60 days — buses that are red-tagged are immediately placed out-of-service and cannot transport students until the defect is repaired.

Gordie Russell, transportation supervisor for Charlevoix Public Schools, said even with some school districts receiving red and yellow tags in the past, he said he believes most area schools are diligent when it comes to school bus safety.

"If you went through most any school's past you'd find something (wrong) somewhere — it may not necessarily be a safety thing," he said. "We try to keep (the buses) as safe as we can and keep on top of things. I think with every (district) in the area, that's pretty equal — if it's not safe we're not going to send them out, that's all there is to it."

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Petoskey Pointe high on issues list

Ryan Bentley and **Noah Fowle**
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Petoskey Pointe, and parking, are issues facing those voting for mayor in Petoskey.

Nearly three years after leaving the Petoskey mayor's seat, Ted Pall is challenging current mayor Dale Meyer for the position in the Nov. 4 election.

Meyer

Pall

A co-owner of Meyer Ace Hardware, the 55-year-old Meyer is currently in his third consecutive one-year term as mayor. Pall, a 48-year-old anesthesiologist, served one mayoral term during 2005 and did not pursue re-election that year.

Through the years, the two candidates have had contrasting positions on Petoskey Pointe, a now-stalled proposal to rework a downtown block with a hotel/condominium complex.

The city has a contract to purchase one floor of Petoskey Pointe's parking garage, and developers are obligated to have the project "substantially complete" by Nov. 2. If developers fail to meet the deadline — a scenario local officials see as likely — the city could take steps to recover the value of land which it transferred to developers for use in the project.

Meyer said he's been advised by legal counsel to limit his comments about the city's next steps in advance of the deadline.

If Petoskey Pointe is completed, he believes it would offer benefits such as additional public parking at a key downtown entry point. Meyer said he'd like to work with developers in order to preserve the city's ability to acquire the parking — provided that some yet-to-be-disclosed stipulations are met.

"When it's complete, it will be a real asset to the city," Meyer said of the project. "The community needs to pull together rather than be divisive. We also have to look at this in a certain timeline. That area has been underdeveloped for years. We're making progress."

Pall has been a vocal critic of the Petoskey Pointe proposal. He sees the project's physical scale as excessive for its surroundings, and questions whether the plans would improve on downtown parking availability as much as some others expect.

The mayoral challenger has differed with current city officials on how they've handled the leadup to the deadline.

"The thing I'm really pushing is talking to attorneys, getting professional advice on where we stand, getting ideas to go forward," he said.

Some city council members have said a discussion of deadline issues could adversely affect the city's legal position, but Pall believes the ability to discuss privileged material with an attorney in closed session would protect against these risks.

If faced with the question of giving developers more time Pall said he'd consider an extension — with conditions attached.

These terms could include payment of back property taxes the developers currently owe, payments to contractors who've placed construction liens on the project site, a presentation by developers at a city council meeting and review of options with legal counsel.

Seeing an extension as a concession by the city, Pall believes the recipients also should be made to improve fencing and ensure safety along the perimeter of the excavation, and that the extension should be limited to a reasonable timeframe.

Pall also said he'd be willing to consider the concerns some local residents have shown about the Petoskey Department of Public Safety's approach to some police matters.

Some of the concerns focus on officers' responses to two underage drinking parties earlier this year. One young man who fled a busted February party on foot was found dead of hypothermia later, and another man committed suicide after being cited at a May gathering.

Pall said the police questions are worthy of discussion at a city

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Two positions open on Petoskey City Council

Two run for 4th Ward

Ryan Bentley

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As he pursues another term in the Petoskey City Council's 4th Ward seat, Jeremy Wills sees experience as an attribute that will serve him well.

But Ron Marshall believes there's room for improvement in how the 4th Ward's residents are represented on council — and he's making his first run for elected office in hope of doing so.

Wills

Marshall

Wills, a 60-year-old dentist, has spent about 15 years in mayoral and council seats through the years, and also has filled appointed city board and commission positions. He said he's been able to network in the community and establish a grasp of local issues.

"My same guiding principle is that Northern Michigan and Petoskey offer a very unique quality of life," he said.

Seeing change as a given, Wills said it's important to guide change in a way that doesn't adversely affect that quality of life.

Marshall, a 64-year-old psychologist, has served on the Friendship Center board and was involved with planning/land-use and drug abuse prevention initiatives when he previously lived in Detroit. In pursuing the council seat, he said he's looking to open new communication channels.

If elected, Marshall said he'd establish a Web site with updates on local issues and options for contacting him; and schedule occasional opportunities to interact with residents in person.

"That way, I can better represent them because I'll know what their concerns are," he said.

This year, the stalled Petoskey Pointe project downtown is proving to be a key discussion topic for the council.

Petoskey has an agreement with the project's developers, Lake Street Petoskey Associates, for a city purchase of one floor in the parking garage.

Developers need to have the project's shell complete by Nov. 2 as a condition for the city's acquisition. The city would capture new property taxes generated by the Petoskey Pointe development to finance the parking purchase.

The city has long had a goal to establish public parking in that part of downtown, Wills noted, one which doesn't change with the deadline's arrival. He believes it may be in the city's best interest to renegotiate options with developers.

While Wills believes the proposed hotel/condominium complex would fit well downtown, Marshall has had concerns about its large physical scale and impact on views.

He also noted one analysis showing "a wash" in parking availability before and after Petoskey Pointe's construction.

"The last thing we need to do is an (agreement) extension," Marshall said.

The 4th Ward challenger said the city might wish to consider a new arrangement with Petoskey Pointe's current developers or new ones. But he sees flaws with the current agreement, like the fact that developers could excavate the site before having to post a performance bond to assure work could be finished.

• Noting concerns that the retaining wall along the project's perimeter could deteriorate through exposure to the elements, Marshall said developers should be made to ensure safety.

During conversations with local residents, Marshall said he's heard concerns that the city's public safety department sometimes take a "rough" approach to police matters involving youth.

Marshall said he's not sure whether there's a basis for the complaints, but added that the issue is worth discussing in a public forum.

"I don't want to do a witch hunt and so forth," he added. "That's not my intention."

Before the council takes action on the public safety matter, Wills said he would need to hear more from those who have complaints — and from public safety officials and the city manager. As Wills sees it, the public safety department promotes a safe atmosphere that enhances quality of life.

"To judge the public safety department on a few situations I don't think is the right thing to do," he said. "Being a police officer is a very difficult, very demanding and sometimes not appreciated line of work."

Challenge in 2nd Ward

Ryan Bentley

and Noah Fowle

As Cynthia McWatters pursues re-election to the Petoskey City Council's 2nd Ward seat, she's emphasizing dedication to the position and her constituents.

But her challenger in the Nov. 4 election, Bill Fraser, believes the 2nd Ward and the city could benefit from a new leadership approach.

McWatters, 60, works as a nurse at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. She's currently in her fourth two-year term on council.

"I'm committed to this task and I care about this city," she said. "There are headaches with this job, but it's making a difference that really matters."

If re-elected, McWatters said she wants to address safety issues on Petoskey's roads, including lowering the speed limit on the corridor out toward Bay Harbor and adding sidewalks where Division Street meets Arlington Avenue, and added that the city should continue its success with beautification and recreation projects.

"The safety of our citizens is my priority," she said. "I don't bring a personal agenda to this job and I think we can maintain our quality of life through sound investments."

The 59-year-old Fraser co-owns Jesperson's Restaurant and is seeking his first public office. Believing that the council has shown a reactionary style of leadership in recent years, Fraser favors a more proactive approach along with greater transparency and more frequent discussions with the public.

McWatters

Fraser

"Over the last year or two I've heard an awful lot of silence on the council. I think the people of Petoskey and the 2nd Ward deserve better representation," he said. "Dollars could be harder to come by in the future and a good business background will be helpful."

The stalled project to redevelop a downtown block into the Petoskey Pointe hotel/condominium complex is proving to be one of this year's key discussion topics for city officials.

The city has an agreement to purchase one floor of the complex's parking garage. This contract requires developers to have the project finished by Nov. 2, but officials no longer expect developers can meet this deadline.

Although McWatters opposed the Petoskey Pointe project, she said she has gone along with it after citizens voted for it. Despite her reservations, McWatters said the best course of action is to wait out the deadline and weigh the city's options then.

Fraser supported the mixed use idea behind Petoskey Pointe, but said he was not thrilled with the size and scale of the project. He said if the agreement with the current developers does expire, he would be more open to working with a different developer, but added the city needs to improve its position within any further agreements.

This year, some local residents have expressed concern about the Petoskey Department of Public Safety's approach to some police matters. In Fraser's view, the department tends to do an "excellent job," but he also believes the questions are worthy of public discussion.

A review board might be one option that the city could consider for dealing with complaints against police, Fraser said, noting that the U.S. Department of Justice offers guidelines for communities interested in setting these up.

McWatters does not favor this type of review board for the public safety department. She said the city's current government model already has proper oversight in place and urged citizens to not be so critical of policing without understanding the job more thoroughly.

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council meeting, and that he'd like to have the public safety department represented in the dialogue. The mayoral challenger said there may be some confusion among the public about what officers can do in a given situation, and added that new oversight options — perhaps the creation of a panel to review complaints against police — might be worth considering.

Meyer believes it would be unfair to hold the public safety department totally responsible for the aftermath of those parties. He doesn't see much benefit to the formation of a review board and questions whether it would be appropriate to put laypeople without police training in the position of reviewing complaints.

Both candidates noted additional priorities that they'd like to see the city pursue.

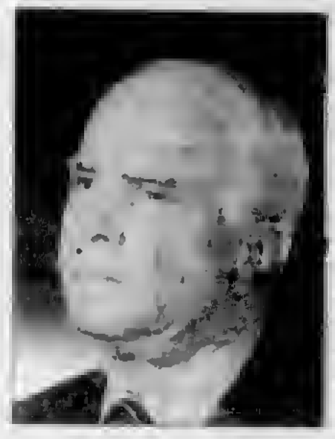
Meyer is emphasizing recreational opportunities, such as the development of a recreational corridor in the Bear River Valley and the acquisition of a rail corridor through downtown to create a linear park and trolley service.

Pall would like to see the city revive the Mayor's Youth Council — a teen advisory panel for city government which he had established — and do more to keep residents in the loop. He favors advertising for candidates when board and commission seats are available and taking more long-range planning steps so that residents know what projects are on the horizon.

Candidates promising help for workers, automakers

Kathy Barks Hoffman

AP Political Writer


John McCain

Barack Obama

LANSING — The fight for Michigan's 17 electoral votes was expected to be heated this year, bringing the frequent candidate visits, constant TV ads and endless automated calls Michigan voters have grown used to in this traditional battleground state.

But since Republican presidential candidate John McCain pulled his staff and TV ad dollars out of Michigan on Oct. 2, neither he nor Democrat Barack Obama has stepped foot in the state. The same is true for their running mates, GOP Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and Delaware Sen. Joe Biden.

Still, voters are paying intense attention to the election, registering to vote in record numbers, putting up yard signs and volunteering.

They're motivated by the economic troubles that are shaping the presidential race in the state and nationally, with the meltdown in the housing and financial sector, increased pressure on ailing automakers and talk of a recession.

Both major party candidates are promising ways to help strapped homeowners keep their homes and domestic automakers retool their plants and invest in new technology. Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently joined Obama at a campaign jobs summit in Florida, talking about how the Illinois senator's plan to invest in alternative energy could create more jobs in Michigan.

Michigan voters have gone for the Democratic presidential candidate in the past four elections, last backing a GOP presidential candidate in 1988, when they supported then-Vice President George H.W. Bush. Still, the McCain campaign initially thought it had a chance here.

The Arizona senator hoped to attract conservative Democrats and Catholics in suburban Detroit and along Interstate 75 in rural and urban areas just north of Flint. He won the state's 2000 GOP primary with the help of independent and Democratic voters who respected his status as a former prisoner of war and his straight-talking style.

But Obama has hit McCain hard this election for supporting free trade agreements and other policies Obama says has cost Michigan workers' jobs. He has run ads promising to "reclaim our economic future" and tied his opponent to the unpopular policies of President Bush.

The contest remained relatively close until late September, when a credit crunch, failing banks and tumbling stock market intensified fears over jobs and the economy in already nervous Michigan.

Palin

Biden

Facing poll numbers that showed Obama racking up a double-digit lead, McCain shifted resources to states he still had a chance to win. The abrupt withdrawal left Republican activists surprised and angry. State GOP Chairman Saul Anuzis called the McCain pullout "a tough blow" that left "a tremendous hole in our ground campaign."

McCain's departure has allowed the Obama campaign to shift some resources out of the state, although it continued to run ads. It recently posted online a series of Web videos urging volunteers to help get out the vote on Election Day.

Every poll shows the economy is the primary issue on Michigan voters' minds. With a state unemployment rate that regularly is the nation's highest, Michigan has had a tough time getting its feet back under it, especially as the national economy has weakened and the domestic automakers — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC — have struggled to downsize amid plummeting sales.

The state's high rate of foreclosures — Michigan is in the top five nationally — and loss of more than 315,000 manufacturing jobs since mid-2000 has many voters wondering when the downward slide will stop, especially given the shaky conditions on Wall Street.

Gloria Lipka, 60, lives in Roseville and cuts hair at a barber shop in Mount Clemens. A Republican who backed George Bush in 2000 and 2004, she plans to vote for McCain and likes his choice of Palin as a running mate.

But Lipka says the bad economy is hurting even the demand for barbering.

"You think people need haircuts, but they'll put it off longer to buy groceries or make a house payment," she said.

Annie Wildfong, a 19-year-old Michigan State University student from Ferndale, is so excited about Obama that she volunteered to register voters before the Oct. 6 cutoff date in the hope of getting more pro-Obama voters to the polls.

"We recognize what the other candidate (McCain) is offering is more of the same," she said. She sees Obama as "just so hopeful."

The race also features four third-party presidential candidates and their running mates:

— Ralph Nader of Washington, D.C., is running in Michigan as the Natural Law Party candidate, although he's running as an independent in many other states. He got 2 percent of the Michigan vote in 2000 when he ran as the Green Party candidate but got less than 1 percent in 2004 as an independent. His running mate is Matt Gonzalez, a former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors who lost his 2003 bid for mayor of San Francisco as a Green Party candidate.

Cynthia McKinney, the Green Party candidate, is a former Democrat who served 12 years in the U.S. House after becoming the first black woman elected to Congress from Georgia. She also served in the Georgia Legislature. She now makes her home in Los Angeles, Calif. Her running mate is Rosa Clemente, a New York City native who makes her living as a Puerto Rican hip hop activist and journalist.

Chuck Baldwin of Pensacola, Fla., is running in Michigan as candidate of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, although the party is known nationally as the Constitution Party. The conservative minister and talk show host has chosen as his running mate Darrell Castle, an attorney who served two terms as Constitution Party of Tennessee state chairman and is in his third term as vice chairman of the national Constitution Party.

— Bob Barr of Smyrna, Ga., is the Libertarian presidential candidate. Barr served in the U.S. House from 1995 through 2002 as a Republican but left the GOP in 2006 over what he called bloated spending and civil liberties intrusions by the Bush administration. His running mate is Wayne Allyn Root, a businessman, professional sports handicapper and TV producer from Las Vegas, Nev.

Pick a president

NAME: CHUCK BALDWIN

AGE: 56 (Born May 3, 1952 in LaPorte, Ind.)

RESIDENCE: Pensacola, Fla.

PARTY: U.S. Taxpayers Party in Michigan (Constitution Party elsewhere)

EDUCATION: Attended Midwestern Baptist College in Pontiac, Mich., for two years, bachelor's and master's degrees in theology, Liberty Bible Institute.

Baldwin

RELIGION: Baptist

EXPERIENCE: Founder and minister at the Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.; radio talk show host.

FAMILY: Wife, Connie; three children.

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NAME: ROBERT LAURENCE BARR JR.

AGE: 59 (Born Nov. 5, 1948 in Iowa City, Iowa)

RESIDENCE: Smyrna, Ga.

PARTY: Libertarian

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in international relations, University of Southern California, 1970; master's degree in international relations, George Washington University; law degree, Georgetown University.

Barr

RELIGION: Methodist

EXPERIENCE: Attorney who runs a public affairs and lobbying firm, Liberty Strategies LLC, 2003-present; Republican, U.S. House, 1995-2002; U.S. attorney for the northern district of Georgia, 1986-1990; lost 1984 bid for Georgia legislature; CIA intelligence analyst.

FAMILY: Wife, Jeri; four children

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NAME: JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN III

AGE: 72 (Born Aug. 29, 1936 in Panama Canal Zone)

RESIDENCE: Phoenix

PARTY: Republican

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, U.S. Naval Academy, 1958, National War College, 1973-1974

RELIGION: Baptist

EXPERIENCE: U.S. Senate, 1987-present; unsuccessful Republican presidential candidate, 2000; U.S. House of Representatives, 1983-1987; director, Navy Senate Liaison Office, Washington, 1977-1981; captain, Navy pilot, 1977; prisoner of war, Hanoi, 1967-1973; commander, U.S. Navy, 1958.

FAMILY: Wife, Cindy Hensley; five sons and two daughters; divorced once before.

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NAME: CYNTHIA ANN MCKINNEY

AGE: 53 (Born March 17, 1955 in Atlanta, Ga.)

RESIDENCE: Los Angeles

PARTY: Green

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in international relations, University of Southern California, 1978; master's degree in law and diplomacy, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1994.

McKinney

RELIGION: Unknown

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If elected: How would President McCain govern?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A rabble-rouser from his earliest days, John McCain has never been one who likes to be told "no." There's no reason to think a President McCain would be any different.

McCain styles himself as a Teddy Roosevelt Republican, eager to be in the arena. If elected, he could be expected to pick certain issues and push them to the limit. Look for him to throw down the gauntlet in a few high-profile battles — vetoing legislation larded with pork-barrel projects, for example.

He's already promised to make an example of legislators who try to finagle government dollars for pet projects without thorough review, saying over and over, "You will know their names. I will make them famous."

He'd plant his feet firmly in resisting a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq. He'd try to give people new tax credits for health insurance and — in a first for a Republican president — move to deal aggressively with global warming even while opening more offshore waters to oil drilling.

But his my-way-or-the-highway approach would only take him so far, particularly when the nation's economic crisis is sure to limit maneuvering room for whoever becomes the nation's 44th president. And especially for McCain, since Democrats are likely to strengthen their majorities in the House and Senate come Election Day.

As a candidate, McCain has stressed his ability to work with congressional Democrats while standing up to those in his own party. There's no skill he'd need more if elected.

"He's going to have to truly be the maverick McCain who takes on his own party," said Darrell West, director of governance studies at the Brookings Institution, a think tank. "He will not be able to govern as a conservative Republican."

McCain's task would be further complicated by the conservative stances he adopted during the campaign season.

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greats supporters at a rally at St. Anselm College in Goffstown, N.H., Oct. 22.

Promises they've made to the American people

By The Associated Press

IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN

Promises and proposals from Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama:

McCain: Opposes scheduling a troop withdrawal from Iraq, saying latest strategy is succeeding. Promises to employ same strategy in Afghanistan, with unspecified boost in U.S. forces there. Willing to have permanent U.S. peacekeeping forces in Iraq.

Obama: Promises to complete the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops within 16 months of taking office. But hedges by saying this would require consultations with military commanders and, possibly, flexibility. Says he will use the drawdown to bolster U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

McCain: Proposes $300 billion plan for the government to buy bad mortgages and renegotiate them at a reduced price. Proposes a one-year suspension of requirements that people age 70 1/2 begin cashing in retirement accounts. Would eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits; guarantee 100 percent of all savings for six months; lower the tax rate on retirement funds to the lowest rate, 10 percent, on the first $50,000 withdrawn; cut the tax rate on capital gains in half, down to 7.5 percent for two years.

Obama: Calls for immediate, post-election passage of new stimulus measures including a 90-day moratorium on home foreclosures at some banks, $3,000 tax break to businesses for each new job created, unpenalized withdrawals of up to $10,000 from retirement accounts, cutting capital gains taxes for investment in small businesses, an extension of unemployment benefits, short-term federal loans to keep state and local governments functioning, money for infrastructure construction, and doubled loan guarantees for automakers.

ENERGY

McCain: Advocates increased offshore drilling, and building 45 nuclear power reactors by 2030. Seeks mandatory reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 60 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, using a market-based cap-and-trade system the would increase energy costs. Supports $2 billion program to develop carbon capture and other clean coal research and development. $5,000 tax credit for the purchase of zero carbon emission cars; $300 million prize for improved batteries for hybrid vehicles.

Obama: Proposes emergency cost-fighting measures such as a windfall-profits tax on largest oil companies to pay for energy rebates of up to $1,000 per couple and the release of up to 70 million barrels of oil from Strategic Petroleum Reserve to boost supplies. Ten-year, $150 billion fund to encourage biofuels, wind, solar, plug-in hybrids, clean-coal technology and other "climate-friendly" alternative supplies, with financing to come from selling pollution allowances in a market-based, cap-and-trade system. Aims for mandatory reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. Supports increasing federal fuel economy requirements from 35 mpg to 40 mpg. Now would consider limited expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling, but opposes drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

HEALTH CARE

McCain: Promises $2,500 refundable tax credit for individuals, $5,000 for families, to make health insurance more affordable. No mandate for universal coverage. Would no longer shield from income taxes those payments that businesses and their workers make toward employer-sponsored health insurance. Would let people buy health plans offered by insurers located in other states.

Obama: Proposes mandatory coverage for children, no mandate for adults. Aims for universal coverage by requiring larger employers to share costs of insuring workers and by offering coverage similar to that in plan for federal employees. Proposes spending $50 billion on information technology over five years to reduce health care costs over time.

EDUCATION

McCain: Proposes more money for community college education. Advocates expansion of District of Columbia's voucher program, but not a federal voucher program as he did in 2000. Sees No Child Left Behind law as vehicle for increasing opportunities for parents to choose school.

Obama: Proposes encouraging, but not mandating, universal pre-kindergarten; teacher pay raises tied to, although not based solely on, test scores; an overhaul of No Child Left Behind law to better measure student progress, make room for subjects like music and art, and be less punitive toward failing schools; and a tax credit to pay up to $4,000 of college costs for students who perform 100 hours of community service a year.

TAXES

McCain: Proposes extending all of President Bush's tax cuts and cutting corporate tax rate to 25 percent. After initially pledging not to raise taxes, now says nothing can be ruled out in negotiating compromises to keep Social Security solvent.

Obama: Promises immediate tax cuts for households making under $250,000, and increased taxes on families making over $250,000, as well as on corporations and capital gains. Promises to create new tax breaks for lower-income families, including tripling Earned Income Tax Credit for minimum-wage workers, giving larger families a higher credit, and eliminating the tax-filing requirement for older workers making under $50,000. Also calls for tax incentives for savings, child care and mortgage expenses.

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If elected: How would a President Obama govern?

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WASHINGTON — For all Barack Obama's talk about change, there are signs that in style , — if not substance , — a new White House under Democrat Obama would operate much like the current one under President George W. Bush.

Think discipline, efficiency and secrecy. These are hallmarks of Obama's campaign, just as they have been for the last eight years in the leak-proof, tightly managed Bush administration.

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If Obama becomes the nation's 44th president, however, the extraordinary history-making aspects of his ascension could for a time overshadow almost everything else.

The nation would have its first black leader, one of its youngest presidents ever and someone with a varied, even exotic, background. The hook on the United States' checkered history of race relations would add a new chapter. And even if Obama's honeymoon was short-lived, the world would see America in a new light.

There are other ways, small and large, that an Obama White House promises to usher in newness.

Obama's two daughters, at ages 10 and 7, would be the youngest residents to roam the White House since 9-year-old Amy Carter tagged along with President Jimmy Carter and his wife in 1977. Obama's poise at the podium would end an era of water-cooler jokes about presidential malapropisms.

On issues, Obama's approach on everything from Iraq to health care would look much different from the last eight years. He has pledged to preside over an unconventional style of politics and policy development virtually blind to party, an intriguing possibility even if hard to trust after years of divisive partisanship.

Circumstances often spring game-changing surprises on a new president. But how candidate Obama has managed his campaign, and what he's promised along the way, offer hints of how a President Obama would govern.

Obama, like Bush, demands an orderly shop.

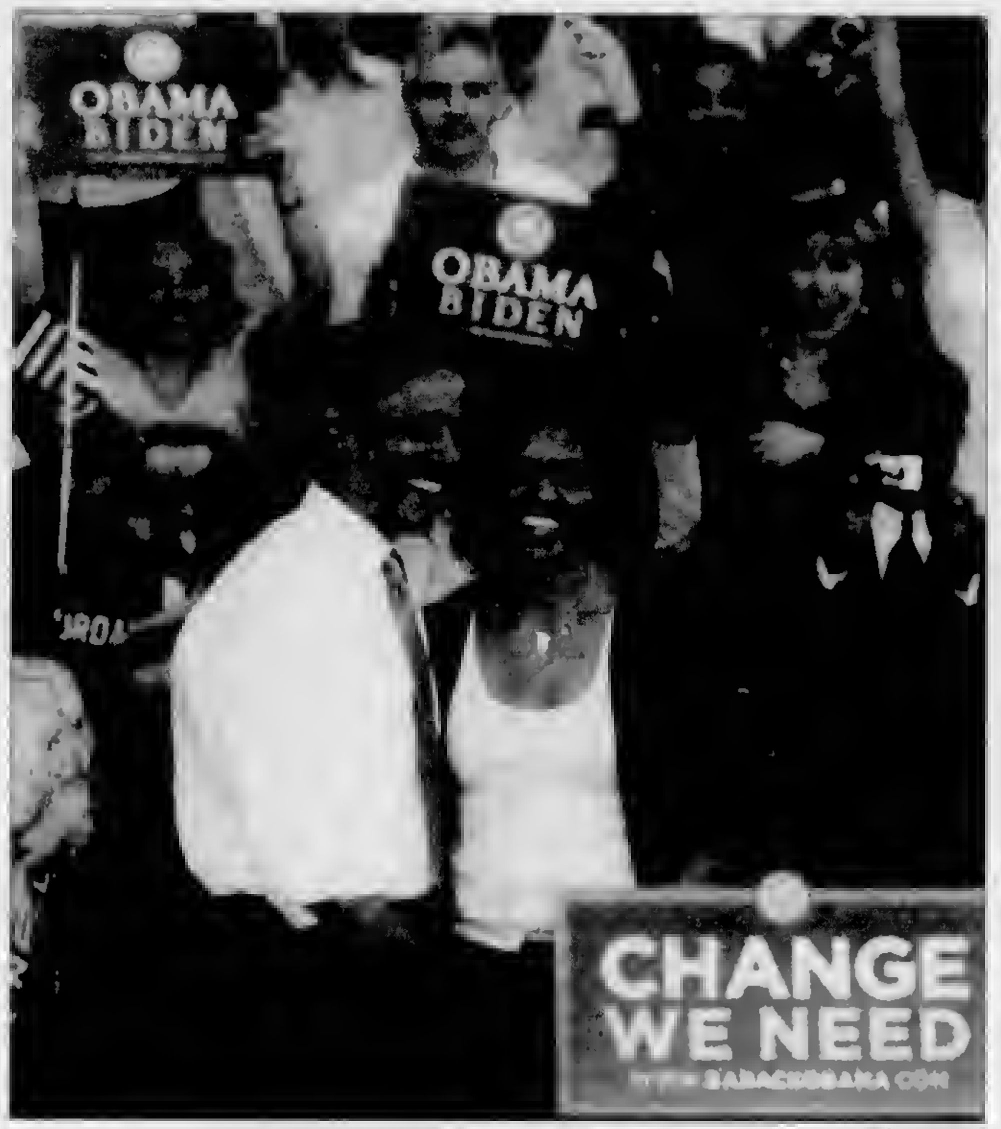
Aides are expected to be both tightlipped and tight-knit. They get a "no drama" speech upon hire. And even if that rule is violated, histrionic disagreements over strategy, policy or personality are expected to stay behind closed doors, and they actually do. Most events come off like clockwork.

Obama's style as a candidate predicts a chief executive officer-style president, one who delegates rather than micromanages.

It's the same model as for Bush, the nation's first president with a masters in business administration. It derives in part from something the two men have in common: natural political gifts that set them on a path to the White House that took shortcuts around much government experience. That means policy experts are needed for heavy lifting.

The 47-year-old Obama hasn't finished his first term in the U.S. Senate, and before that had just eight years as a state lawmaker under his government belt.

Obama, like Bush, relies most on a small, hard-to-penetrate inner circle. It's been a successful formula, but can irk power players in his party and in Congress, who sometimes see Team Obama as too insular. This image was only fed by the decision to place Obama's campaign headquarters far from Washington in Chicago and the way his campaign used the Internet and grass-roots supporters, more than party bosses, to capitalize on the Obama phenomenon.



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Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and his wife, Michelle, embrace during a rally Oct. 21 at Bicentennial Park in Miami.

Obama's discipline is less about the importance of secrecy and more about making the organizational trains run on time, said Princeton University political historian Julian Zelizer.

Bush and Obama stand for very different things, says Zelizer, but Obama "runs his campaign with the same sort of methodical efficiency and closed nature of the Bush White House."

"He's not going to have a freewheeling White House where people are free to go out on their own and do what they want and be allowed to talk to the press," Zelizer said.

Sen. Dick Durbin, a longtime Obama friend and fellow Illinois Democrat, says Obama created a tight ship in part by being willing to hear things he doesn't like from aides, and by not ripping into them when mistakes were made. "There were setbacks, but there was no bloodletting," he said.

Obama is known for his loyalty, as well as for preferring aides who keep their mind on the work and the attention on the boss. Know much about David Plouffe or Valerie Jarrett or Pete Rouse or Steve Hildebrand or Robert Gibbs or David Axelrod? These campaign masterminds could well soon have offices in the White House, but none has become a celebrity aide in the mold of Bill Clinton's James Carville or Bush's Karl Rove.

Obama's own style combines cool-to-the-point-of-detached bearing with cerebral decision-making and natural charisma.

His Republican rival, John McCain, casts Obama as indecisive, inexperienced, and aloof , — a celebrity empty suit. Obama's camp counters that he is a leader who thinks first, decides later and remains calm in a crisis.

Regardless, Zelizer said, Obama will need to guard against abandoning his natural caution to launch a spree of legislative action right off the bat. Going too far to please Democrats excited about finally being in control again of both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue could risk a backlash from the public, he said.

With all the attention that is paid to a president's first 100 days in office, candidates themselves often divide their proposals between those with get-it-done-now status and those that will have to wait.

One issue that won't wait even until Inauguration Day is the battered economy.

Obama supports immediate action, in a special post-election congressional session, to spend billions on new economic stimulus measures. His ideas: a moratorium on home foreclosures, tax breaks for job creation and small-business investment, penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts, an unemployment benefits extension, support for state and local governments, money for infrastructure construction, and doubled loan guarantees for automakers.

Beyond that, Obama has defined three big issues for the first 100 days of his presidency: working to bring combat troops home from Iraq in a little over a year, beginning a plan to achieve universal health care coverage, and getting started on a far-reaching energy plan.

During 20 months of campaigning, he also has promised that many other things will gain his immediate attention, among them: immigration reform; a strict ethics code; a review of Bush's executive orders, particularly those dealing with warrantless wiretaps, the prison at the Guantanamo Bay Navy base, and interrogation techniques; and a rural policy summit in Iowa with accompanying legislative proposals to Congress.

With an economic emergency at hand, many may have to be postponed.

But for a man whose candidacy got rocket fuel from his opposition to the decision to go into Iraq, the one promise Obama cannot afford to put off is the one to end the war. Obama has promised that ending the war would be a priority not for his first 100 days in office , — but for his very first.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff will find themselves in the Oval Office on Jan. 21, he says, being handed a new mission from their commander in chief "to end this war, responsibly and deliberately, but decisively."

In all these things, Obama has reached big. That means he would need to spend a fair amount of time early on building bridges to Capitol Hill. Working with a Congress controlled by his own party doesn't guarantee he'd easily get what he wants.

To marshal public support for his agenda, he'll need to draw on his vaunted oratorical skills.

His speeches may be as measured as his "No Drama Obama" demeanor. But with subtle shifts in volume and pacing, Obama can move an audience to thunderous ovation or hushed attention. That's a potent tool, in governing as well as politics.

"The smart thing to do," Zelizer said, "would be to keep that up."

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Voters to decide stem cell research measure

LANSING (AP) — Michigan voters will be thrust into the crossroads of science, ethics and religion this November when they decide whether to loosen the state's restrictions on embryonic stem cell research.

Supporters of the ballot measure say it could put Michigan researchers at the forefront of an emerging science that might help discover cures for spinal cord injuries, diabetes, Alzheimer's and a host of other illnesses.

Opponents say the research is unethical because it involves the use and destruction of human embryos. The Michigan Catholic Conference and Right to Life of Michigan are among the proposal's opponents.

Many scientists believe embryonic stem cell research holds more promise for medical breakthroughs than less controversial adult stem or umbilical cord blood research. Embryonic stem cells are more versatile.

Local perspective

— Dr. Daniel Pepin, a former orthodontist and current biology instructor at North Central Michigan College, said the proposal goes too far. He has joined the local Right to Life movement and the Catholic Church in opposition of Proposal 2.

"We're against unrestricted science and experimentation," he said. "We believe cloning is at the heart of embryonic stem cell research."

— Chris De Witt, a spokesman for Cure Michigan said Proposal 2 does not change the state's ban on cloning.

"Embryonic stem cell research has been described as the gold standard as one of best opportunities for finding cures for multiple diseases," he said. "It provides for safe and ethical research as permitted under federal law."

"Maybe not in my lifetime, but eventually, the majority of therapies and cures will be coming from genetic therapy," said Joe Schwarz, 70, a doctor and former Republican congressman from Michigan who chairs the CureMichigan campaign.

Michigan's current stem cell laws are among the nation's most restrictive. Some embryonic stem cell research is allowed in Michigan, but only on stem cell lines already established by researchers in other states.

The stem cell measure, on the ballot as Proposal 2, would change state law to allow people to donate embryos left over from fertility treatments. Those embryos, not suitable for implantation, would otherwise be thrown away as medical waste.

An opposition group says the proposal would take away Michigan lawmakers' ability to regulate the emerging discipline.

"There are a lot of reasons to vote 'no' on this, and one is that it would lead to unregulated research," said David Doyle, a spokesman for an opposition group called Michigan Citizens Against Unrestricted Science and Experimentation.

Supporters counter that research using human embryos is regulated by federal law. And the proposal spells out some other limitations that would be specific to Michigan.

The embryos would have to be donated. Buying or selling human embryos for the research would be illegal. Stem cells couldn't be taken from embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.

The measure takes on added significance because of possible upcoming changes to federal law.

President Bush restricted the use of federal money going to embryonic stem cell research. But both Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama have said they support relaxing federal restrictions.

That could result in more grant money and life sciences jobs in states prepared to capitalize on the changes. California, for example, already plans to invest $3 billion on the research.

A study done for the Michigan Prospect, a Lansing-area think tank with several Democratic directors, suggests that even a 1 percent boost in biotech employment from stem cell research would lead to more than 400 new biotech jobs, not counting potential spinoff jobs. It estimates a 5 percent boost in biotech employment would bring more than 2,000 jobs.

Stem cell ballot battles are relatively rare in other states.

In 2006, Missouri voters approved an amendment protecting stem cell research by a narrow margin, 51 percent to 49 percent. Efforts to undo the proposal began almost immediately, although the counterproposals did not make the 2008 ballot.

In Florida, two competing stem cell proposals failed to make the ballot this year. One proposal would have banned state funding of embryonic stem cell research, while the other would have required the state to provide $20 million a year for such research.

Ballot wording

PROPOSAL 1

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The proposed law would:

— Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.

— Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.

— Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.

— Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Should this proposal be adopted?

PROPOSAL 2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

— Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits:

— the embryos:

— are created for fertility treatment purposes;

— are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;

— would be discarded unless used for research;

— were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

— Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.

— Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.

— Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Should medical marijuana be legal?

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan may become the latest state to let some severely ill patients use marijuana to treat pain, nausea and other symptoms.

If the Nov. 4 ballot proposal is approved, Michigan law would allow doctors to recommend marijuana for patients with cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS and other conditions the state agrees are covered under the law.

Those patients would register with the state and could legally buy, grow and use small amounts of marijuana to relieve pain, nausea, appetite loss and other symptoms.

Similar medical-marijuana laws have been enacted in a dozen states in recent years, most by ballot initiative.

While the measure would remove state-level penalties for registered patients using marijuana, it wouldn't create legal dispensaries for the drug, nor would it affect the federal ban on marijuana.

But the Drug Enforcement Administration and other federal agencies are focused on battling large-scale drug trafficking operations, not small-scale users, said DEA Detroit office spokesman Rich Isaacson. Medical-marijuana patients typically would not be targeted by the DEA, he said.

The Michigan initiative, on the ballot as Proposal 1, is spearheaded by the Ferndale-based Coalition for Compassionate Care. Spokeswoman Dianne Byrum says the law would apply to "a very small percentage" of the population, perhaps less than half of 1 percent, and would not affect state narcotics laws except for patients who have a doctor's recommendation to use cannabis.

"When nothing else works, this is an option for them," she said.

The measure is opposed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, and Attorney General Mike Cox, a Republican.

Dr. George Wagone, retired obstetrician and gynecologist, said that marijuana was the most successful medicine his wife found in her unsuccessful fight against cancer last year.

"Everyone in her situation should be allowed to do this legally," he said.

Terry Newton, the director of Harbor Hall a substance abuse center in Petoskey, disagreed that marijuana was needed to help patients cope with pain.

"There are plenty of other good medications to treat people," he said. "This is slippery slope."

A report by the independent Citizens Research Council of Michigan says the initiative, if passed, could create some confusion for local law enforcement officials when it comes to telling the difference between legal medical use of marijuana and illegal recreational use.

Ron Marshall with his wife Carolyn Matzinger and daughter Grace

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Challenger looks to restore balance

Ed White
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — The fourth floor of Wayne County's Murphy Hall of Justice isn't a place to settle fender-benders.

Judge Diane Marie Hathaway handles rapes, robberies and murder. When she recently tried to pick a jury in a sexual-assault case, some people said they had a history of abuse, too.

"You've never told anyone until just now?" Hathaway gently asked a woman, glasses perched near the tip of her nose.

Now, after nearly 16 years on the bench, the circuit court judge wants voters to send her to the Michigan Supreme Court. The Democratic nominee is casting herself as a populist standing up for the little guy in a court where she believes the "wealthy and corporations" have too much influence.

"We need to restore justice to the Supreme Court," Hathaway says.

She says she's not the only one frustrated by the decisions of the court, where four Republican justices, including her opponent, Chief Justice Clifford Taylor, often vote together to form a majority.

"People have walked out with me after meetings and told me how they were appalled because cases are being thrown out without arguments," she says. "People from across the state — Democrats, Republicans and independents — are fed up."

She's more critical of how the Supreme Court handles civil cases than how it rules in criminal appeals.

One example she cites is a 4-3 decision issued in 2007 that dismissed a lawsuit over a fire that killed six children in public housing. The fire started because of faulty wiring, but the court said the Detroit Housing Commission was immune to liability under state law.

It's a case that can stir emotions among people who might otherwise see the court as a distant arm of government.

"Most of the decisions are 4-3," Hathaway says. "One justice can make a huge difference. ... I want to make it a people's court again."

Hathaway

But there's a key issue for the challenger: Do voters share Hathaway's concern or even care who sits in Lansing?

The race will be near the end of the ballot. There are no party affiliations listed, but Taylor is identified as the incumbent.

People who go with a straight party ticket and then leave the booth won't even weigh in on the race. Hathaway acknowledges that half the voters typically don't vote for Supreme Court justice, but her campaign slogan urges them to move down the ballot: "Vote All the Way — Vote Hathaway."

When it comes to decisions from the state's highest court, "the public doesn't pay attention to the results the way lawyers do," says Robert Sedler, who teaches constitutional law at Wayne State University.

Hathaway is getting her name out with help from the Michigan Democratic Party, which began campaigning against Taylor long before she became the nominee in September.

The party purchased Taylor's state-owned car when the justices and Appeals Court judges gave up their vehicles in 2007 as part of belt-tightening by state government. Party Chairman Mark Brewer says the Ford Five Hundred was a sign of Taylor's abuse of "perks and power," although Democratic justices drove public cars, too.

Unions, which complain the GOP-dominated court is unfriendly to workers, also are working to get Hathaway elected. That helps make up for some of Taylor's large advantage in campaign cash.

The 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident is the daughter of a Detroit police officer and the mother of five grown children.

She worked as an X-ray technician at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital before getting her law degree at age 33.

"I was always interested in the law but interested in medicine also," Hathaway says. "I have two brothers who are doctors. But after I saw doctors at the hospital who didn't sleep for 36 hours, I didn't think I could do it."

In 1992, after five years as a prosecutor in Macomb County, she finished first among 12 candidates running for three seats on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Her ex-husband, Richard Hathaway, is a former judge. She's extremely close to another judge, Amy Hathaway, her former sister-in-law.

"We call each other sisters," Diane Hathaway says.

William Winters III of Livonia, president of the Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association, says Hathaway has "great judicial temperament."

"It means a judge can maintain his or her composure, issue fair rulings, not fly off the handle — the type of calm, deliberative person that we would all want to be in front of," says Winters, speaking for himself and not the lawyers' group.

Also running for Supreme Court

NAME: ROBERT RODDIS
AGE: 57 (Born 3-30-51)
RESIDENCE: Grosse Pointe Farms
NOMINATED BY: Libertarian Party
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Michigan State University, 1974; law degree, Detroit College of Law, 1980; master of laws degree in taxation, Wayne State University School of Law, 1984.
CAREER: Attorney with Ann Arbor law firm Kantner and Associates, 1985-present.
PERSONAL: Divorced; three children.

Taylor seeks another Supreme Court term

David Eggert
Associated Press Writer

LANSING — Chief Justice Clifford Taylor is at an age when he could retire to a nice life reading about Abraham Lincoln and helping his wife garden at their rural lakeside home.

Instead, the 65-year-old is running for a final eight years on the Michigan Supreme Court because preserving the court's conservative philosophy is so important to him. Taylor has aligned with three other Republican-nominated justices to overturn precedents they say were wrongly created by liberal judges dismissive of lawmakers' wishes.

"We are largely remaking the legal culture in this state to return it to a traditional, jurisprudential approach — which is that courts interpret the law, they don't make it," Taylor says. "If I can get another term ... we can really fully expose a whole generation of Michigan lawyers to this approach to the law and perhaps internalize it to some degree."

He expects a fierce battle from trial lawyers, labor unions and Democrats who see Taylor as part of an activist court on the far fringes of the American legal system. Taylor bristles at being assailed as a stooge of corporate interests who doesn't give regular people their day before a jury.

He says allegations of favoritism for certain parties over others distort what's really going on: Judges deferring to policymakers.

"This approach to the law is not pro-business, it's not pro-labor, it's not pro-Republican, it's not pro-Democrat. It's pro-law," Taylor says.

He has been on the state's highest court since 1997, when he was appointed by his friend, Republican Gov. John Engler. Taylor's wife, Lucille, was Engler's chief legal counsel.

Taylor won election in 1998 to finish a partial term and got re-elected for an eight year term in an expensive and bitter 2000 race. He can't run again in eight years because judicial candidates must be younger than 70.

Today, he works in a spacious office in the top floor of the sparkling Michigan Hall of Justice near the state Capitol. He has spent his entire legal career within a four-block area in downtown Lansing.

There was a brief stint in the county prosecutor's office, 20 years as a lawyer in private practice and five years on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Taylor

The son of a Presbyterian minister turned school teacher, Taylor attended Flint public schools at the height of the auto town's prosperity and graduated from the University of Michigan. He met his wife when both were law students at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. — they sat alphabetically, and her last name started with an "S."

In law school, his father's heart attack forced Taylor to take night classes so he could earn extra money to pay for his education. Slightly fewer credit hours threatened his draft deferment during the Vietnam War. So Taylor persuaded the Flint draft board to keep his deferment intact by vowing to join the military after graduation.

He kept his promise and served in the Navy, where he was a line officer on a destroyer escort and later a staff officer for NATO's supreme allied commander of the Atlantic. The Taylors settled in the Lansing area after his discharge.

After failed runs for Congress in the 1970s and for state attorney general in 1990, Taylor joined the appeals court in 1992 when Engler appointed him to fill an open judgeship. The former governor says Taylor has been an exceptional judge.

"I think he has conducted himself with great dignity and great honor in an at times difficult environment," says Engler, now president of the National Association of Manufacturers. "The people of Michigan take politics seriously. He's been in the majority and minority. I think he's been very consistent with his philosophy and approach."

In his limited spare time, Taylor likes to read and go on walks. He recently read historian Doris Kearns Goodwin's book on Lincoln, "Team of Rivals."

As chief justice, Taylor says he has continued efforts to post rulings online, hold oral arguments in courtrooms outside Lansing and change jury practices. Citing a decline in lawsuits and appeals, he has unsuccessfully proposed eliminating trial and appeals judgeships through attrition to save money. Democrats see partisan motivations behind the proposal.

When a newspaper last year scrutinized taxpayer-funded vehicles used by Supreme Court justices and others for work and personal use — a perk dating to the 1960s — Taylor gave back his car and got other judges to join him.

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Budget issues face state university candidates

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — With the state's ongoing budget and economic problems, money continues to be one of the biggest issues facing the boards that govern Michigan's public universities.

Figuring out how to hold down expenses is among the main responsibilities of the state's three elected university governing boards, which serve the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. Each board has two openings to fill in the Nov. 4 election.

The boards have general supervision over the universities and their funds.

When they recently announced higher tuition costs for the 2008-09 school year, many school officials said the increases were necessary in part because the state has cut taxpayer aid to universities over the past five years. That put pressure on them to raise student tuition.

Public university tuition and fees rose 11 percent in Michigan last year compared with 6 percent at private schools. Room and board and other costs add further to the typical college student's bill.

Nine candidates are competing in each of the three board races, with the top two vote-getters in each contest winning eight-year terms.

One incumbent on each board chose not to run for re-election.

Running for seats on the University of Michigan Board of Regents are Republicans Susan Brown and John G. LaFond; Democrats Laurence B. Deitch, the incumbent, and Denise Ilitch; Ellis Boal of the Green Party; Libertarians Eric L. Larson and Kerry L. Morgan; and Richard Ryskamp and Joe Sanger of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

Six Democrats and two Republicans make up the eight voting members of the board. Dietch is running for re-election. Another Democrat, Rebecca McGowan, a member first elected in 1992 and then re-elected in 2000, decided not to seek a third term.

Seeking election to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees are Democrats Dianne Byrum and Diann Woodard; Republicans Lisa Bouchard and incumbent George Scott Romney, the brother of one-time presidential hopeful Mitt Romney; Libertarians David A. Brown and Joseph Rosenquist; Robert Gale and Crystal Van Sickle of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, and Therese Marie of the Green Party.

There are five Democrats and three Republicans on the board. Romney is running for re-election. Democrat Dorothy V. Gonzales was not nominated this year at the state party's convention for another term.

Vying for spots on the Wayne State University Board of Governors are Republicans Torion J. Bridges and Danialle Karmanos; Democrats Paul Massaron, an incumbent, and Gary S. Pollard; Margaret Guttshall of the Green Party; Rick Butkowski and Terry Haines of the U.S. Taxpayers party; and Libertarians Dan Keizer and Nicole Michalak.

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AGE: 64 (Born Sept. 27, 1944)
RESIDENCE: Charlevoix
PARTY: Green
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Bowdoin College, 1966; law degree, Wayne State University Law School, 1972.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Part-time private law practice, 2000-08; private law practice, 1974-2000.
POLITICAL CAREER: Ran unsuccessfully for Charlevoix County prosecutor, 2004; ran unsuccessfully for Charlevoix County commissioner, 2006.
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State Board of Ed candidates discuss graduation rates

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — One of the biggest issues facing the State Board of Education following the Nov. 4 election will be the fiscal well-being of Detroit Public Schools, which is grappling with a roughly $400 million budget deficit.

In mid-September, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan declared that Michigan's largest local school district has a "serious financial problem." The designation could eventually lead to an emergency financial manager being appointed to make its decisions.

The designation was the latest in a series of financial problems for Detroit schools being monitored by the state school board, which has two openings to fill in the election.

In all, nine board candidates will be on the statewide ballot, seeking the seats held by incumbent Democrats John Austin and Kathleen Straus, both of whom are running for re-election. The top two vote-getters will win the two eight-year terms.

The other candidates include Republicans Scott Jenkins and Richard Zeile, Dwain Reynolds III of the Green Party, Karen Adams and Gail M. Graeser of the U.S. Taxpayers Party and Libertarians Bill Hall and Jeff A. Steinport.

Six Democrats and two Republican make up the eight voting members on the board. It has a number of supervisory duties in connection with local school districts and community colleges, and indirectly coordinates duties for the four-year state colleges and universities.

Its eight voting members also select and appoint the state superintendent of public instruction, who administers the Michigan Department of Education.

A report this past summer by the Washington-based Council of the Great City Schools, a coalition of 66 of the nation's largest urban public school systems, found Detroit schools lacked a long-term finance plan and financial policies and procedures.

"We've really been pushing the state superintendent to do something about Detroit schools," said Straus, 84, of Detroit.

Many people seem interested in improving the school district but few appear to be "absolutely committed" to doing whatever it takes to make the transformation, said Jenkins, 41, of Williamston.

"I think the financial difficulties that Detroit Public Schools are facing are really the symptom of a larger problem," he said. "The larger problem is the safety and the quality of the education provided to the students. Until the school district can stabilize its financial situation and the educational process, they're going to continue to lose students at a pretty heavy clip."

Austin, 46, of Ann Arbor, said he hopes it won't be necessary for the state to bring in an outsider to manage the finances of the Detroit district.

"My best sense is this process is likely to produce some good teamwork with Detroit," he said. "That may get the job done, in terms of a budget plan that is acceptable."

Detroit Board of Education President Carla Scott and schools Superintendent Connie Calloway said Flanagan's designation was in the district's best interest.

Another major issue facing the new state board will be Michigan's declining high school graduation rate, which was calculated at 75 percent statewide for 2007 by the Center for Educational Performance and Information. Individual districts' rates varied around the state.

Statewide graduation rates were above 85 percent in each of the two previous years. But those calculations used different methodology that didn't necessarily require regular diplomas within four years and didn't track individual students as accurately.

Fewer high schools now meet the No Child Left Behind requirement that schools have an 80 percent graduation rate. The rate for Detroit schools was 58 percent under the new formula.

Zeile, 53, Detroit, Republican said the issue of graduation rates is often sensationalized and people need to "look behind the numbers that are thrown out there."

Two run for open seat on Michigan Court of Appeals

LANSING (AP) — Ingham County Circuit Judge Paula Manderfield and Flint-based trial lawyer Michael Kelly got an unusual chance this election year to run for an open seat on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

It's rare for incumbent judges to lose re-election, so challenging a sitting judge is often an exercise in futility. But when Court of Appeals Judge Bill Schuette decided to step down at the end of his term, it opened up one of 28 judgeships.

The winner of the seat will be chosen by voters in the 4th District, which spans 58 of the state's 83 counties and extends north from Lansing to include the Thumb region, northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Appeals judges are elected to districts but serve statewide.

Though they will appear on the nonpartisan section of the ballot, either Manderfield or Kelly likely will tilt the conservative-leaning court a bit more to the left.

Manderfield, 55, promotes her 15 years as a judge in Lansing handling criminal cases, family law and issues involving state agencies.

"You're basically judging the judges," she said of being an appellate judge. "It'd be difficult to do if you haven't worked in the trenches."

Kelly, 46, says over half the judges on the appeals court and Michigan Supreme Court were never trial judges. He has worked 19 years as plaintiff's lawyer in auto no-fault, negligence and other civil cases.

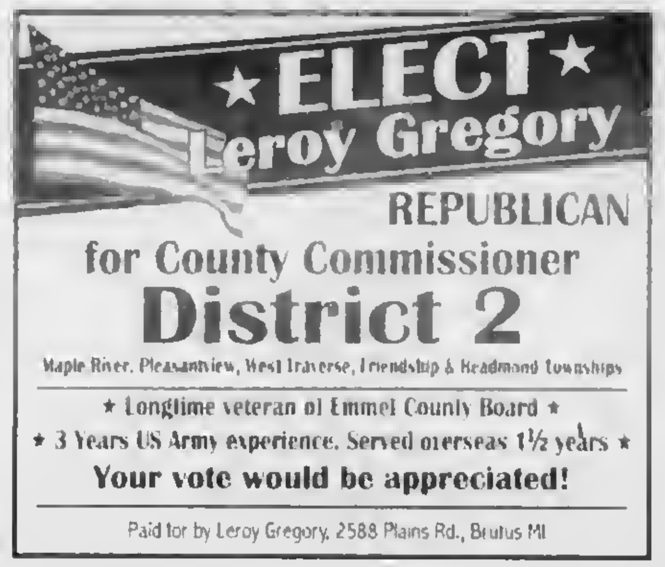
Kelly said the court "needs people who have represented real people, who haven't lost touch with what the whole system is about and who it's for."

Kelly has an Irish surname that should give him an edge in the low-profile race. Marilyn Kelly (no relation) is on the Michigan Supreme Court, and Frank Kelley was Michigan's longtime attorney general.

"He has a great name to run on," Manderfield said, adding that she's "running scared." She says more than 100 judges have endorsed her, along with other current or former law enforcement officials such as Frank Kelley.

Appeals judges earn $151,441 annually.

All four districts have seats coming open, but the only position being contested is the one sought by Kelly and Manderfield.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Charlevoix County asking for road tax

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BOYNE CITY — When voters in Charlevoix County go to the polls on Nov. 4, they will decide the fate of a 15-year, one-mill tax levy to pay for road repairs in the county.

In 2006, county voters turned down a similar five-year, one-mill levy by a margin of about 150 votes.

This new proposal was prompted in part by a citizens group called the Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County that formed in late 2007 asking government officials to do something about the poor conditions of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road — the county's main east-west road.

Bay Township resident Jerry Matelski, who lives on the road, is one of the founding members of the citizens group. For months, he and members of the group have been begging everyone from the Charlevoix County Road Commission on up to members of the state and federal legislatures to find a way to fix what they say is a dangerous road.

The answer they've received is: "There's no money."

LOCAL ROAD	ESTIMATED COST OF REPAIR
Ellsworth Road	$2,500,000.00
Boyne City-Charlevoix Road	$5,000,000.00
Camp Ten Road	$2,000,000.00
Deer Lake Road	$1,000,000.00
River Road	$1,500,000.00

Road	Miles
Camp Ten Road	6.39 miles
Springvale Road	5.45 miles
Six Mile Lake Road	3.38 miles
Kings Highway	4.04 miles
Deer Lake Road	3.47 miles
Korthase Road	2.65 miles
River Road	2.20 miles
Marion Center Road	7.12 miles
Norwood Road	1.76 miles
Penninsula Road	1.5 miles
Ferry Road	1.97 miles
Slashing Road	2.59 miles
Chandler Hill Road	1.30 miles
For total reconstruction	
BC-Charlevoix Road	13.73 miles
Ellsworth Road	5.59 miles

Road commission manager Pat Harmon concedes that sections of the road — and many others in the county — are in desperate need of repair or reconstruction, but increasing costs and decreasing revenue from state gasoline taxes has left the road commission struggling to pay for running snowplows in the winter.

The road commission's only other source of money for major road projects is a pool of money allocated annually from the state and federal government. But that money must be shared among the road commission, the three cities and Boyne Falls and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Harmon has said that relying on that money, it will likely be 2012 or 2013 before the first four-mile section of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road can be rebuilt.

Harmon recently prepared a list of county roads that are most in need of repair — 61.34 miles in all including about 13 miles of total reconstruction for Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. That's an additional 17 miles from the list presented to voters prior to the 2006 vote. Harmon said more roads were added to the list not only because they are in need of work, but also in hopes of appealing to voters throughout the county.

Two of the most outspoken opponents of the proposal have been Eveline Township Supervisor John Vondran and Bay Township resident Bob Taylor. Both spoke against the millage proposal at a recent Boyne City Chamber of Commerce-sponsored forum on the issue.

Both expressed concerns about how the money would be spent and the added financial burden it would put on residents during difficult economic times.

Of particular concern to both men was the notion that road commission officials might use bonds to pay for the road work to be done.

That is, road officials would borrow money to get the work done sooner and then pay off the debt using future income from the millage.

"We have people right now who don't know where their next meal is going to come from. People are losing their jobs and can't even afford to buy gas," Taylor said. "This is not the time to put this burden on the people in the county. People are hurting really bad. Are roads more important than people's lives?

"People can slow down on the roads a little. We may just have to live with it (the road conditions) for a while."

Taylor is also concerned that the added financial burden of the county-wide millage could cause voters to not support future renewal requests for road millages that many townships already have.

Although the ballot language for the proposal does not discuss the bonding issue, road commissioner Keith Ogden said the road commission, and nearly every public official he's spoken with has said they would not support using bonding to pay for the road work should the millage pass. Instead, he said, most support a pay-as-you-go plan.

Ogden said the plan is to appoint a committee made up of representatives of the road commission, the county board of commissioners, townships and perhaps a member of the business community who would be charged with prioritizing the list of roads to be repaired.

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce recently endorsed the proposal.

In the endorsement, the chamber's board president Kathy Anderson said, "Nobody likes to pay more taxes, but it has become obvious that many of our roads are in terrible condition and this is the only way we are going to fix them. It's an important issue that can affect tourism, home prices, safety, getting to and from work and our ability to do business."

The one-mill levy would cost the owner of a home with a taxable value of $100,000 (taxable value is typically about half of the home's actual value) $100 per year.

If the proposal passes, any road millage money collected in the cities of Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City and the village of Boyne Falls would stay within those communities to be used for road work.

The three cities and Boyne Falls account for about a quarter of the county's taxable value and thus, would receive the same proportion of the road millage revenue.

In 2009 the millage is expected to generate a little more than $2 million — about $1.5 million would go to the road commission and the rest would be split up among the three cities and Boyne Falls.

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin faces Republican opponent

LANSING (AP) — With nearly 30 years on the job, Carl Levin has spent more time as a U.S. senator than anyone in Michigan history.

He's not ready to quit yet. The Detroit Democrat is seeking his sixth consecutive six-year term representing Michigan this November. He's heavily favored to defeat Republican challenger Jack Hoogendyk, a relatively unknown state lawmaker from Kalamazoo.

Talk of possible retirement surfaced before Levin's 1996 and 2002 re-election races. But not this time around.

"I felt very strongly I should" run again, the 74-year-old Levin said. "Equally important, my wife did too."

Levin has been married to wife Barbara since 1961, long before launching his political career. He practiced and taught law before joining the Detroit City Council in 1970.

Levin edged incumbent Republican Robert Griffin in the 1978 U.S. Senate race and has been building his political power base ever since. He's now chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, where as a frequent critic of the Iraq war, he has clashed with Republican President George W. Bush.

Levin

Hoogendyk is the Republican nominee in part because Levin — who won more than 60 percent of the vote in 2002 — scared off better-known candidates with his relatively high approval ratings and campaign fundraising ability. But Hoogendyk hasn't shied away from his underdog status, noting he's known as a political outsider even in Lansing.

The potential for changing Washington's political power structure has given Levin fresh motivation in the 2008 election cycle.

Hoogendyk

Democrats hold a razor-thin 51-49 edge over Republicans in the Senate and expect to pick up a few more seats at the GOP's expense this fall, nudging the Democrats closer to a 60-seat filibuster-proof edge.

The Senate's effectiveness may be shaped in part by the outcome of the presidential race between Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

Levin never misses an opportunity to weigh in on that race, mostly by blasting Republican policies he says have contributed to Michigan's woeful economy. The state has had the nation's highest average annual unemployment since 2006.

One of the Levin's top concerns is the loss of manufacturing jobs. He said Michigan and the U.S. needs to continue diversifying its economy, but that policies are needed to help protect manufacturing jobs.

"There's a lot of damage done by Bush's economic policies, tax policies, trade policies," Levin said. "A lot of repairing needs to be done. I want to be part of that repair."

Hoogendyk says Levin has been part of the problem.

"He says it's all George Bush's fault. ... I think a lot of people are saying it's time to quit the finger-pointing and take some personal responsibility for this," Hoogendyk said. "Carl Levin has been in Washington for 30 years."

Hoogendyk, 53, was in sales and marketing man-

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Elsenheimer challenged by Saltonstall, Dean in 105th

Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, 43, has two opponents in his campaign for a third term, Democratic candidate Connie Saltonstall, 63, and Libertarian candidate Greg Dean, 44.

Elsenheimer

The Republican incumbent said the state's economy is the biggest issue at the state level and he said he plans to rely on his work with other legislators as well as organizations like the state's chamber of commerce, farm bureau, bankers association and sheriff's association to put Michigan in the best position possible.

Saltonstall

Dean

"I've build relationships that will lend themselves to be being part of the solution," he said. "I know the system and I know how to get things done."

Saltonstall has worked on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, the Charlevoix commission on aging, and her local school board. She said the state's health care plans need to be reformed, along with the education system and the state's tax structure. Saltonstall also advocates for stronger legislation to protect Michigan's environment.

"We need to look at who is paying and who is not and make the taxes fair," she said. "We need to protect our environment otherwise there's not reason to come here to Northern Michigan."

Dean said he favors less government, more personal responsibility and greater instances of local control. He said the state's primary responsibilities are to protect natural resources and maintain infrastructure.

"I believe in keeping government out of the boardroom and the bedroom," he said. "Government is not the answer. The answer is amongst ourselves and in our own communities."

McDowell in 107th faces conservative opponent

House seat up

State Rep. Gary McDowell is facing off against newcomer Alex Strobehn for the 107th state representative seat.

McDowell is running for his third term as a state representative, highlighting his political and small business experience at both the state and county level.

McDowell

McDowell, 56, a Democrat, favors a new tax on car rentals to provide permanent funds for tourism promotion, expanding the state's health care policies and reforming the state's prison system. First elected to state office in 2004 following a lengthy run on the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, McDowell said he wants to continue his work on the behalf of his constituents.

Strobehn

"I truly enjoy this job and there are a lot of things on my plate," he said. "If there was a time when we need to come together, this is it. The issues are too important."

Strobehn, a senior at Lake Superior State University, said he does not favor any tax increases. Strobehn, 21, a Republican, said he would cut his own salary if elected and also suggested cutting the salaries of state workers to bring spending under control.

"I'm willing to cut where I can to make sure taxpayers get what they deserve," he said.

Emmet County Commission District 2

Two candidates are running for the Emmet County Commission's District 2 seat.

Incumbent Leroy Gregory, 72, is running for one more term as county commissioner. He has served on the commission on three separate terms since 1973.

Gregory, a Republican, said following his appointment to the board's historical commission this year, he wants to be a part of the reopening of the McGulpin Point Lighthouse scheduled for July, 2009.

Gregory

Current supervisor of Friendship Township, Dale Scott, 58, is running against Gregory with no-party affiliation.

Scott

Scott said he wants to improve the interface between the county board and the townships that are not currently represented on the board.

Charlevoix County Commission District 3 pits experienced pair

Two candidates are in the running for the Charlevoix County Commission's 3rd District.

Ronald Reinhardt, 68, is running for re-election to his fourth term as county commissioner. Reinhardt, a Republican, said his top priorities will remain preserving agricultural and land conservation interests on the board. Reinhardt also said the board must work to find funding to fix local roads, whether voters approve the upcoming millage or not.

Reinhardt

Webster

Melrose Township supervisor Mike Webster, 49, is challenging Reinhardt. Webster, a Democrat, said he wants to push the board to be more forward thinking. He agreed with Reinhardt that more must be done to correct the county's roads, and said protecting the local environment would be his top priority.

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Races and issues around Emmet County

3 seek trustee posts in Resort

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Resort Township voters will pick from among three candidates to fill the two township trustee seats available in the Nov. 4 election.

Incumbent Don Caird and fellow Republican Dean Carper are seeking trustee seats along with independent candidate Shawn Wonnacott. The top two vote-getters will be elected for four-year terms.

Caird

Caird, 63, is retired from work with the Social Security Administration and has served as a Resort trustee since 2004.

"It's always been my goal to honestly and fairly manage the taxpayers money that they provide us," he said. "I think we've done a pretty good job so far."

Caird's public involvement also has included six years on the Petoskey school board during the 1980s, as well as appointed positions on Resort's planning commission and zoning board of appeals and the Emmet County Planning Commission.

In Caird's view, some of the most significant issues facing Resort include getting East Park reopened following a recent environmental cleanup and continuing to address road-construction and fire department needs.

Carper, 70, is retired from a 40-year career in management for propane companies. He currently serves in an appointed position on Resort's board of review and has chaired Emmet County's economic development and brownfield redevelopment boards.

Carper also serves on the boards of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, the Emmet County Veterans' Council board and a state veterans' trust fund. He's been part of a state response team for propane emergencies and a committee that raised funds to build North Central Michigan College's Student and Community Resource Center. He also has held leadership positions with the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Jobs Council, U.S. 131 Area Development Association and Little Traverse Association of Home Builders.

Carper

Carper believes experience and expertise in numerous fields would serve him well as a trustee, and noted that he'd serve with no hidden agenda.

"I do not make seat-of-the-pants judgments," he said. "I study, analyze and look at the facts of where we should be four or five years from now."

Key issues that Carper sees for Resort include maintaining the township's rural setting amid growth, improving firefighting capabilities in an effort to boost property-insurance ratings, staying current on homeland security mandates for local government and keeping roads in good repair.

Wonnacott, 32, is seeking public office for the first time. He's been self-employed since 1996, currently operating a welding and steel fabrication business.

If elected, Wonnacott believes he'd bring a down-to-earth approach and the perspective of a younger generation to the township board.

Wonnacott

"I think that my youth would complement the board," he added.

Wonnacott, who served for six years on the Resort-Bear Creek Fire Department, believes that experience also would be useful on the board. He believes it's important for the township to ensure that the fire department has the facilities, equipment and training it needs.

Along with a proposed fire substation on the township's south side, Wonnacott sees a larger township hall/office as another building project that the board will need to consider in the coming years. He also sees completion of East Park's reconstruction and continued efforts to repair local roads as priorities for Resort.

Bear Creek treasurer candidates have experience

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When Bear Creek Township voters cast ballots in the Nov. 4 election, they'll find one contested race at the township level — for the treasurer's seat.

Suellen Anderson, a Democrat, and Connie Golding, a Republican, are vying to become treasurer. The winner will replace Gary VanHorn, who decided not to pursue re-election.

Anderson, 50, works as an administrative assistant at the Women's Resource Center, and previously was employed as a secretary at the Bear Creek Township office.

She has held three appointed public offices, serving on the Bear Creek Township Planning Commission since 2001 and the Emmet County Planning Commission since 2005, and on the Springvale-Bear Creek Sewer Authority board from 1992 until 2001.

Anderson

Golding

"I like to be involved with my community," she said. "It was just a natural process for me to look at that (treasurer's) position."

Guiding local growth and ensuring that roads and transportation resources meet local needs are among the issues Anderson sees for the township.

Anderson said she'd bring relevant experience to the treasurer's position. As township secretary, she handled tasks such as sewer billing and taking in payments. While serving on the sewer authority, Anderson became familiar with its financial operations.

The treasurer's seat would be the first public office for Golding, 49. After working for Emmet County for six years, Golding became Bear Creek's building department secretary eight years ago. In addition to this secretarial work, she has worked on property tax collections for the past two years as the township treasurer's assistant.

"I will be available to attend meetings to keep up on the issues at hand," she said. "I have worked the last two years to bring stability to the treasurer's office with regular office hours and availability for questions to help the public any way I can.

"I have put everything on the computer and have been collecting tax payments and keeping up on the daily duties involved to keep the treasurer's office up to date and working smoothly."

Regarding transportation, Golding would like to see the township follow recommendations from a recent study, such as using existing roads where possible in improving local traffic flow.

Concerning library service, Golding believes the township's contract with the Petoskey Public Library currently seems to be working well.

While she'd be willing to consider a district library arrangement for Petoskey and surrounding areas at some point, Golding said she'd want to ensure that township voters could decide for themselves whether Bear Creek should be part of it. Current township board members recently decided against pursuing a district because the vote to form it would be decided through a combined tally of city and township ballots.

Incumbents in the other four Bear Creek board seats are running unopposed for re-election this fall. They include supervisor Dennis Keiser, a Democrat, and clerk Judy Mays and trustees Joe Hoffman Jr. and Bert Notestine, all Republicans.

Springvale tax issues back on ballot

Springvale Township voters will be asked on the Tuesday, Nov. 4, election ballot to reconsider firefighting and road-repair tax proposals which got rejected last August.

Through one of the proposals, voters will decide whether the township can continue to collect a property tax levy to support fire department operations, maintenance and equipment needs. Springvale proposes to collect the tax for four years at a rate of one mill.

The other proposal asks voters to consider approving an additional mill in taxes for four years to accelerate the township's plans for local road upkeep.

A mill is equivalent to $1 in taxes for each $1,000 of a property's taxable value. The taxable value for a piece of real estate typically is about half of its market worth.

Township supervisor Tom Bernard described the fire proposal, which is expected to generate about $86,000 in its first year, as crucial to the fire department's survival.

"If that is not approved, then we will have to close the fire department," he said.

Before the fire millage's rejection in the August primary election, Bernard noted that voters had been approving this type of levy periodically for four decades.

If the fire millage is rejected Nov. 4, Bernard said the township would be forced to shut down the fire department within months. Even if firefighting operations cease, Bernard noted that Springvale would still be obligated to make payments on the fire building loan through the general fund.

If approved, the road proposal would generate about $86,000 to help fund Springvale officials' plans for repairing and improving all of the community's local roads in the next few years.

Springvale and many other Emmet County townships already collect one mill in taxes to cover local road needs. They've been given this ability through countywide ballot proposals, the most recent of which was approved in August.

If Springvale's separate road millage proposal is approved Nov. 4, Bernard noted that the proceeds would be combined with the existing levy to cover local road needs.

Provided that voters support the new levy — and renew it in 2012 — Bernard expects that all of Springvale's roads could be brought into good repair in four to six years.

It's too early to tell the seque. .e Springvale would use in repairing the roads, the supervisor said, noting that the township often tries to coordinate construction schedules with the Emmet County Road Commission and neighboring communities. But officials likely would try to get roads which are in the worst shape taken care of first.

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Races and issues around Emmet County

Three vying to replace longtime Resort Township treasurer

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A three-way race has taken shape for the Resort Township treasurer's seat in this November's election.

Carolyn Jankowski, a Republican and current Resort trustee, is pursuing the position along with Suzanne Coveyou and Rufus Welsheimer, two independent candidates making their first runs for public office.

The winner will replace longtime treasurer Marv Veurink, who decided not to pursue re-election this year.

Coveyou, 45, believes her work and educational backgrounds — including accounting and clerical experience — would serve her well as treasurer. She currently serves as operations manager at Central Industrial Manufacturing in Harbor Springs, having worked there 11 years. She previously held a management position at what is now Charter Communications in Petoskey, and earned an associate's degree in computers from Muskegon Business College.

Jankowski

Coveyou

Welsheimer

In addition, Coveyou has been involved with organizations serving the organ transplant community. She is co-coordinator for the Organ Transplant Support Group, which was founded by her family and assists Northern Michigan residents before and after transplant surgeries, and she is a volunteer speaker for Gift of Life.

"I consider myself a pretty good speaker," she said. "I have 20-plus years working in accounting and doing things with computers."

If elected, Coveyou said she'd like to help keep Resort a family-friendly community. She'd like to see the township continue to expand on park and playground offerings, and promote traffic safety along local roads.

Jankowski, 55, has been a Resort trustee since 2004. She also believes her work experience and educational credentials would be relevant in the treasurer's position.

"I have worked as a retail store manager, secretary at the Women's Resource Center's Safe House, human resources coordinator for a home health care agency, and a bookkeeper. I now work part-time at a medical office. My work experience is diverse with each position offering a new challenge and learning experience."

As she grew up, Jankowski helped out in the office of her family's construction business. She obtained a bachelor's degree in business management from Central Michigan University, and has since taken law, accounting and computer-related classes at North Central Michigan College for personal enrichment.

"With the economic instability of our country, I will carefully watch your township funds," she said. "If elected, I plan to meet with an officer of each bank to determine if our funds are invested in the best way possible, discuss the stability of their bank, listen to their recommendations and determine if any changes are necessary."

Jankowski sees several priorities for the township to pursue. Among these are continued efforts to repair local roads, completion of East Park's restoration following an environmental cleanup and some updates for the township Web site.

"I'd like to see agendas and meeting minutes, a calendar of upcoming events and meetings, township history, and any other pertinent information available to all via the Web," she said. "Tell us what you want."

Welsheimer, 38, sees his roots in Resort — he's a lifelong resident — as an asset for serving the township, along with honesty, loyalty and his work and educational background.

Currently, Welsheimer works as a dealer at the Odawa Casino Resort. He previously has been employed as an office manager and movie theater supervisor, and has taken accounting classes at North Central Michigan College. Welsheimer also served as treasurer for the former Petoskey Area Jaycees.

Welsheimer believes Veurink has helped keep Resort in a good position as treasurer.

"We just want to keep moving forward," he added.

Completion of East Park's restoration is one priority Welsheimer sees for the township. He also would like to see Resort eventually pursue a larger township hall, noting that office needs have left limited space at the current one for public events.

Three run for two Cross Village seats

A trio of familiar locals are running for the two open positions on Cross Village's board of trustees.

Howard Wood, 68, said he is not running for another term as township clerk because of a recent medical condition. However, Wood, who is running with no party affiliation, contends that he still has a lot to offer the community and wants to be a part of the decision making process.

Wood

"By staying on the board I can be an asset to the community," he said.

Catherine Schlappi, a Democrat, and Stephen Keller, a Republican, currently hold the two seats and both are seeking re-election.

Keller

Keller, 42, said that no matter who voters choose, he believes the board will remain strong.

"I'm in the election because I like the work," he said. "But I think it will be a good board either way."

Schlappi could not be reached by press time.

Four running for two trustee seats in Friendship Township

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HARBOR SPRINGS - Four candidates will vie for two trustee seats on the Friendship Township board and only one of them is an incumbent.

Republican Al Major, 62, is about to complete his first four-year term on the board. He has been the co-owner of the Harbor Springs-based Al and Jim's Tree Service for the past 39 years and has lived in Friendship Township since 1964. In that time he has served for more than 30 years on the Readmond-Friendship-Cross Village Fire Department either as a firefighter or on the department's board.

Major said a desire to serve the residents of the township is what drove him to run for the trustee post four years ago.

He said he believes things are going well overall in the township and he is seeking re-election in hopes of continuing that trend. He agreed with other candidates that keeping an eye on development is important.

Marty MacGregor, 38, is running as an independent. He has lived in Friendship Township since 1989 and in the Harbor Springs area all his life.

He and his wife Becky own and operate MacGregor's Pet Pantry, a pet supply store in Harbor Springs and Paws and Claws, a pet boarding and grooming business north

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Hatch Act leads to withdrawal in McKinley

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A late withdrawal has changed the election landscape in McKinley Township.

The ballot in McKinley township shows three candidates running for two trustees' seats. However, Republican incumbent Christopher Nathan recently withdrew because of a conflict of interest.

Nathan, 47, is a postmaster. Because he is a federal employee running for an elected office he is in violation of the Hatch Act.

"You've got someone who wants to serve and I'm restricted because of federal law. I was looking forward to fulfilling the term," Nathan said.

The federal Hatch Act restricts the political activity of employees of the executive branch of the federal government, employees of the District of Columbia government and some state and local employees who work in connection with federally funded programs.

All officers and employees subject to the Hatch Act are restricted from soliciting, accepting or receiving political campaign contributions, and they may not use their official authority to influence the result of an election.

These individuals, like Nathan, are also not allowed to run for elective office in a partisan election.

Nathan was appointed to the McKinley Township trustee's seat in April 2008 by supervisor, Leonard Readmond. The appointment is not a Hatch Act violation.

The two remaining in the race to fill the two open seats are Republican Michael Bohn and Patrick Ball, who claims no party affiliation.

Ball, 56, has served as trustee for 21 years.

He is a former mayor of the village of Pellston and currently serves on the 9-1-1 board as a representative of the Emmet County Townships Association as well as the Pellston zoning board of appeals. Professionally he is a truck driver for the Department of Corrections in Kinross.

"I try to watch out for tax dollars and spend them wisely. Roads I think are our biggest priority — getting them up to quality standards," Ball said.

Bohn did not return calls by press time.

Also running uncontested in McKinley Township are supervisor Leonard Readmond, clerk Roger Drier and treasurer Elizabeth Readmond.

Tax issue up in McKinley

Voters in McKinley will decide a four-year, .3 mill increase in the township's tax limitation for library services. If approved by voters it's expected to raise $9,776 in 2008. It will cost a homeowner $30 whose taxable value is $100,000.

Races and issues around Emmet County

Incumbent faces challenger in Readmond supervisor race

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The race for the Readmond Township supervisor's seat pits a seasoned incumbent against a newcomer to the political scene.

Call

Kruskie

Incumbent Diana Call, 57, has served as supervisor for eight years and said with how smoothly things are running she sees no need for change.

If reelected, Call, a Democrat, said she plans to keep a close eye on property taxes and work to maintain the township's rural character.

"The township is doing well financially. As times get harder we'll have to readjust our budget and goals to reflect the taxes. I'm concerned about the ability of our residents to pay their property taxes. Also, we did a survey several years ago and one of the biggest things people like about the township is its rural, natural character. We have to remain aware of that and try to preserve it as much as we can. My other concern is the future of our roads with state and county funding way down," Call said of her goals and concerns if reelected.

Her political experience also includes four years as Readmond Township clerk, and stints on both the township planning commission and board of review.

Call faces 71-year-old Republican, Gordon Kruskie.

Kruskie's past political experience includes a stint on the Readmond Township Planning Commission as well as some appointed committee work.

In seeking his first elected office Kruskie said his decades of experience in the automotive parts and equipment professional world, including 10 years as owner and operator of Harbor Springs Auto Parts and Industrial Supply, will be useful in township government.

His decision to run for supervisor came after he received calls from residents urging him to serve.

If elected he said there will be three key topics he'll pay attention to.

"There are road conditions people are concerned about with regard to whether they should pave or upgrade, there's the bridge on M-119 and the Readmond Township Park. Local people who are major users of the park are worried if it's upgraded it will be more for the general public than residents," Kruskie said.

Aside from his professional skills, Kruskie said he brings interpersonal skills to the table that will benefit his constituents.

"I believe by having been born and raised in the area I'm familiar with the traditions, the families of the local people and those with second homes in the area. I'm a good listener and a good organizer. It's just being able to communicate with people. So we'll see what plays out," he said.

Readmond Township clerk Molly Veling, treasurer Janet Hendricks and trustees Harriet Jackson and Les Arnold are all running unopposed to keep their seats.

Harbor to pick two for council

HARBOR SPRINGS — Voters in Harbor Springs will choose among three candidates vying for two city council seats on Nov. 4.

All three of the candidates have city council experience and all three said the ongoing search to find a replacement for retiring city manager Fred Geuder is an important issue on the council's near-term horizon.

Heinz

Hegedus

Michael Heinz, 63, is a current city council member who seeking his third two-year term.

Heinz is a Harbor Springs native who retired about seven years ago after working 30 years with the city's street department. He is married and has five adult sons and six grandchildren. In addition to serving on the Harbor Springs school board in the 1980s, Heinz has been very active in Little League baseball, youth football and served as a Scoutmaster. He also served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Heinz said his desire to "do something for the community" is what motivates his desire to serve on the city council.

"I don't have any axes to grind with anyone," he said. "I go into every meeting with an open mind."

Heinz said one of his primary long-term concerns is to keep the cost of living in the city as low as possible.

Alan Hegedus, 38, is a current city council member who was appointed to the post in 2007 to complete the term left vacant when council member Jim Grogan died in January of 2007. He also serves on the city's zoning board of appeals.

Hegedus, who works an editor and advertising manager with Harbor Springs-base Concierge Publications, has been a city resident for about five years.

He has been actively involved in the Harbor Springs Food Pantry, Junior Achievement, Leadership Little Traverse and the Blissfest organization.

He said he's seeking election to the council because he wants to give back to the community.

Hegedus said the city's future source of electricity is a key issue that the council will face. He'd also like to see the council continue its efforts toward inter-governmental cooperation on topics such as recreation and broadband Internet access and to do whatever it can to help the business community.

Wiggins

Dennis Wiggins, 49, has served one two-year term on the council from 2005 to 2007. He was defeated when he ran for re-election.

Wiggins has been a city resident for about five and a half years. He is a self-employed business man who is currently spending much of his time working as a volunteer construction coordinator for the Holy Childhood of Jesus building project. He is married with two high school age children.

Wiggins said he's running for city council at the suggestion of others and because he believes his background in business could be an asset to the community.

"I don't see any big problems for the city right now. I just want to serve in any way I can," he said.

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of the city.

Major

MacGregor has not been elected to nor run for public office in the past, but has served on the Readmond-Friendship-Cross Village Fire Department for more than 10 years. He currently is one of the department's officers, holding the rank of lieutenant.

He and Becky have three sons ages 4, 7, and 12.

MacGregor said he is running for the trustee post with hopes of infusing "some younger blood on the board — Someone with a different outlook."

MacGregor said thinks the biggest issue facing the township is keeping growth in check.

MacGregor

"I don't want the township to lose its rural character," he said.

He said he also wants to try to get more people involved with township government.

"It's really important. Too many people sit back and complain and yet they never go to the (township) meetings," he said.

While Cynthia Donahey, 61, isn't technically an incumbent this time around, she did serve as a township trustee for five years from 1999 to 2004 when she was defeated in that year's election. She has also served on the planning commission for 10 years.

Donahey, who is also running as an independent, has lived in the township for 23 years and works as the administrative manager for the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs.

Donahey

Donahey said she has made it a point to attend all of the township board meetings since she was defeated in the last election.

"I go to more meetings than anybody except the (township) clerk," she said. "I'm interested in what is going on in the township and I feel I have some skills and points of view that are not necessarily represented (on the board)."

Donahey said her main concerns are that the township government operate with transparency and does its best to keep the residents of the township informed.

She pointed to continuing and expanding the use of a township Web site as one tool in keeping residents informed. She also likes the idea of sending out occasional newsletters. She would like to see improved communication with surrounding townships. She wants the township to focus on improving its roads, improving Internet access, keeping its master plan updated and making upgrades to what she sees as an outdated township hall.

Republican Gary Abent, 74, has been a township resident since 1984. In 2000, he retired from running his business, Abent Pest Control. He ran for the township trustee post in the 2004 election, losing by seven votes.

Abent

Abent said he is running for the township board because he is interested in township government and that given the current makeup of the board, "there ought to be another Republican."

Abent said one of his main concerns is keeping taxes as low as possible. He said he's concerned about the added taxes from rising property values and believes the township might be able to lower taxes by not keeping large sums of money in reserves.

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Races and issues around Charlevoix County

Boyne Valley Township clerk post

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BOYNE FALLS — Two newcomers to the political arena are vying for the post of township clerk in Boyne Valley Township.

The race will pit Democrat Judith Judkins, 64, against Republican Lynn Seelye-Sparks, 37, for a post that will be vacated by long-time clerk Nancy Dunham, who is not seeking reelection.

Judkins

Seelye-Sparks

While neither candidate has held an elected office before, both have been very active in the community over the years.

Judkins, who defeated fellow Democrat Debra Taylor by a 18-14 margin in the August primary, has served on the township's board of review since 1995 and its planning commission since 1993 and was appointed as its deputy clerk in August of 2007.

Judkins, who has lived in Charlevoix County since 1970 and in Boyne Valley Township since 1991, said the most important thing for the clerk to do is listen to people and keep things organized so people have access to the information they need.

She also is concerned about keeping an eye on growth in the township.

"Things are going to progress forward and I'm not against change, but we have to do it in a planned, organized and orderly fashion while keeping in mind what is best for the township," Judkins said.

Judkins, who said she has already had some training in some of the clerk's responsibilities through her role as deputy clerk, is active with many volunteer activities, especially as treasurer of her church.

Seelye-Sparks, who grew up in Boyne Valley Township and lived there for most of her 37 years, said she's also concerned about managing growth. "So we can do what's in the best interest of the whole community."

She said she's running for the township clerk's post because, "It's time for our generation to get involved in government."

While she said she is concerned about looking for ways to save taxpayers money, she said she'd also like to see progress on a proposed bicycle path between Boyne City and Boyne Falls.

She is a homemaker now, but holds a master of business administration from Central Michigan University and previously served as the Northern Michigan regional registrar at Davenport University. Seelye-Sparks said part of her responsibility in that position, which she left in 2005, was to help manage a $1 million budget. Seelye-Sparks is married to Stephen and has two children ages 8 and 5.

Seelye-Sparks said she also volunteers in many capacities in the community and school and previously served as the chairperson of the Polish Festival committee.

Peaine budget hangs on tax proposal renewal

Beaver Island's Peaine Township residents will be asked to vote on the renewal of an operational millage in the November general election. It was defeated in August.

The proposal will renew an property tax millage, which would allow the township to levy up to 4 mills to fund general operations.

According to the ballot, voters previously approved 4 mills to raise funds for the general operation of the township, which will expire in 2008. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to 3.4439 mills.

This proposal reauthorizes the full 4-mill levy, including .5561 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

The ballot reads: "Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the township of Peaine, county of Charlevoix, state of Michigan be increased by up to $4 per $1,000 of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five years, 2009 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the township and shall the township of Peaine be authorized to levy such millage for the purpose?

If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 4 mills would raise an estimated $278,280 for the township when first levied in 2009.

City council race one to watch

CHARLEVOIX — Two people are vying for the 3rd Ward seat on the Charlevoix City Council.

They are Shirley Gibson and Shane Cole. Both Gibson, a write-in candidate, and Cole are seeking the seat of longtime 3rd Ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain who opted not to run for reelection so he could spend more time with his family.

Cole

Gibson

Gibson, 61, served three terms on city council and chose not to run for reelection last cycle because, she said, she needed a break.

Of the biggest issue facing constituents, she said, "Finances are going to be a big issue. We have to watch our purse strings carefully."

Gibson said voters should choose her because, "In a democracy, no one should be running unopposed, and I miss it. I have six years of experience on city council and I want to be a part of that operation once again."

Cole, 46, is working on his fourth year on the Charlevoix City Planning Commission.

Of the biggest issue facing Charlevoix residents, he said, "Keeping people here; keeping work here; figuring out where the funding is coming from for schools and services and (economic growth).

He said voters should choose him because, "I know a lot of people here, so I hear a lot of things. I know what is in the heart of the constituents of the 3rd Ward and my goal is to go to bat for everybody there. We have to work together as a team on the council to keep a balance between ... keeping business here and not becoming a metropolitan area. I don't want to sit around and wait for another factory to close."

Peaine supervisor faces newcomer

Two people are vying for the seat of supervisor in Beaver Island's Peaine Township.

John Works Jr., 48, Republican, has spent 12 years as Peaine Township supervisor.

He said the most important issue facing the township is "to continue representing the people in Peaine with as little tax burden as possible."

John A. Gallagher, 72, Democrat, has no past political experience but is challenging Works for the position.

Of the most important issue facing the township, he said, "Road maintenance and ... dealing with state and county government in a more cooperative fashion to get some support and be able to understand what's available to Peaine Township, as well as St. James Township."

Millage requests

Bay Township

Bay Township is seeking a 1-mill levy for road improvements, a renewal , raising 131,000 the first year

Evangeline Township

Evangeline Township is seeking 2 mills for 4 years for road repair and construction, 2008-2011. It would raise $138,699 the first year.

Evangeline Township is also seeking .7 of a mill for fire protection for a four-year period, 2009-2012, raising $48,545 the first year.

Melrose Township

Melrose Township is seeking a 1-mill renewal, from 2008-2011, for road repair and improvements, raising $100,662 the first year.

Chandler/Hudson

Some voters in Chandler and Hudson townships will see a Vanderbilt Public Schools sinking fund millage request of 7.75 mill for four years, raising $71,000 the first year, for school building repair and construction.

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Treasurer competition in Peaine

Peaine Township voters have two choices for treasurer.

Democrat Larry Kubic, 59, brings with him two years of experience as the township's deputy treasurer and two years on the planning commission.

He said voters should consider him for the seat because he understands the needs of the island.

"It is a special place with different concerns than that of the mainland. The shoreline and water are a high priority; that's what brings people here and we need to make sure we can handle all the needs they have," Kubic said.

While Jean Kingsley, a 60-year-old Republican, has no prior political experience, she said her plans for tax reduction on the island give her an edge over Kubic.

"A good portion of our population are second home (owners) here and they pay through the nose with the non-residential/non-homestead tax. "It's prohibiting people from buying second homes because the taxes are so high," Kingsley said.

ON THE BALLOT FROM 3

RESIDENCE: Washington, D.C.

PARTY: Natural Law (listed as an independent in many states)

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Princeton University, 1955; law degree, Harvard Law School, 1958.

RELIGION: Christian

Nader

EXPERIENCE: Independent presidential candidate, 2004; Green Party presidential candidate, 1996 and 2000; worked for U.S. Department of Labor for a short time starting in 1963; attorney, Hartford, Conn., 1959; founder of numerous consumer groups, including Public Citizen, Public Interest Research Group, Center for Auto Safety, Clean Water Action Project, Disability Rights Center, Project for Corporate Responsibility and Center for the Study of Responsive Law; author of "Unsafe at Any Speed," 1965, "The Lemon Book," 1980, "The Big Boys," 1986, "Winning the Insurance Game," 1990, "The Case Against Free Trade," 1993.

FAMILY: Never married. Son of Lebanese immigrants, Nadra and Rose.

WEB SITE: http://www.votenader.org

NAME: BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA JR.

AGE: 47 (Born Aug. 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii)

RESIDENCE: Chicago

PARTY: Democrat

EDUCATION: Attended Occidental College, 1979-1981; bachelor's degree in political science, Columbia University, 1983; law degree, Harvard University, 1991.

RELIGION: Christian

EXPERIENCE: U.S. Senate, 2005-present; Illinois state Senate, 1997-2004; constitutional law instructor, University of Chicago, 1993-2004; director, Project VOTE in Illinois, 1992; former attorney.

FAMILY: Wife, Michelle Robinson; two daughters.

WEB SITE: http://www.barackobama.com

Congressman Stupak seeks 5th term

Rep. Bart Stupak's fifth term as the congressional representative for the 1st District is being challenged by a pair of candidates, State Rep. Tom Casperson and Dan Grow.

Stupak

Casperson

Stupak, 56, listed the nation's economy and job creation as the top concerns for voters. He voted against the bailout and said that tough economic times are not going to let up anytime soon.

"While government can't create jobs, it has an aggressive role to play," said Stupak. "Although we have good projects coming in, the challenge is how do we keep that going. We're not going to get out of this (recession) in a hurry."

Casperson, 49, is attempting to make the jump to national office following six years in Lansing. Casperson, a Republican, stresses less government regulation and points to his first profession as a log hauler and his experience running a small business as his best qualifications for the job. Casperson does not agree that climate change is all man made and said a solution to the nation's rising cost in health care needs to come from a new approach by customers.

Grow

"When I challenged various departments at the state level, they would hide behind the federal government," he said.

Grow, 40, a lawyer in St. Joseph with roots in Grayling, is running as a Libertarian. Grow said the recent federal bailout was an unsettling reminder of how far the nation has gone away from the constitution. He said the bailout, along with many other government sponsored programs, should be repealed.

"Liberty is the freedom from government," said Grow.

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agement and worked with a nonprofit association assisting young women and families dealing with unplanned pregnancies before he entered politics.

He's married and has five children.

Hoogendyk is wrapping up his sixth and final year in the Michigan House of Representatives, and is known as one of the Legislature's most socially and financially conservative members. He has proposed measures that would shorten the legislative session, cut lawmakers' pay, make English the state's official language and count only legal citizens when congressional seats are apportioned.

He hopes to tap into a political climate where campaigns promising a shake-up are trendy.

"It's not so much change — the word is 'reform,'" Hoogendyk said. "It's not just doing something different, it's doing something better. People are tired of the status quo."

Other candidates running for the Senate seat are Green Party candidate Harley Mikkelson of Caro, U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Michael Nikitin of Brighton, Libertarian Party candidate Scotty Boman of Detroit and Natural Law Party candidate Doug Dern of Highland.

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cious that McCain is not one of them," West said.

McCain talks boldly about what he could accomplish if voters put him to work at the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

Even in the face of the economic meltdown, he has continued to set high expectations

Strengthening Social Security? "Look, it's not that hard to fix Social Security. It's just tough decisions."

Finding Osama bin Laden? "I'll get him no matter what, and I know how to do it."

Financial chaos? "The point is we can fix our economy."

What about the triple challenges of health care, energy policy and entitlement reforms? "We can do them all at once."

In short, he says, "We need to change the way government does almost everything."

McCain's good friend Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, envisions McCain using the presidency in a big way.

"Man, would we do a lot if he got to be president," Graham says. "He would push Congress to do things it should've done 20 years ago."

This is how McCain framed his mission when he announced his candidacy on April 25, 2007, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

"I'm not running for president to be somebody, but to do something; to do the hard but necessary things, not the easy and needless things."

For all that bullish talk, though, McCain knows he will have to display a measure of pragmatism.

Three times in recent weeks, for example, he has supported legislation allowing thousands of pork-barrel projects to go forward, rather than oppose bills that contained other important features such as the $700 billion financial rescue package.

And although neither candidate wants to talk about it, the financial crisis surely will narrow the next president's possibilities.

"This financial crisis may just have pulled the rug out from under any meaningful honeymoon, when a president tries to identify his top priorities and exploit the honeymoon period," said Steven Smith, a political science professor at Washington University in St. Louis. Instead, Smith said, "A major part of the next president's first State of the Union address will be how we proceed after getting through the first stages of this crisis. ... There are going to be pretty massive restraints on new initiatives."

Even McCain's promises to cut government spending would be tougher to fulfill because of the economic mess, Smith said, because "it doesn't make a lot of sense economically, when we might be headed into a recession, to radically reduce the federal deficit."

McCain himself has acknowledged that the economy is not his strong suit, meaning he'd have to rely heavily on his staff and Cabinet.

McCain is more comfortable dealing with foreign policy than domestic affairs, and he'd have a freer hand there. The former Vietnam prisoner of war, and son and grandson of admirals, eagerly claims the credentials to serve as commander in chief. He refuses to set a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq, and pledges unspecified troop increases in Afghanistan.

For all his years in the public eye, the 72-year-old McCain, a four-term senator, has had little in the way of executive experience, making it harder to predict his governing style.

Calvin Mackenzie, a Colby College professor who has written a paper about predicting presidential performance, says McCain could be expected to take a strong stand on a few symbolic issues and willingly delegate other major policy matters.

Despite McCain's many campaign promises, says Mackenzie, "I can see a presidency like Eisenhower's, a sort of senior statesman capping his career as president without much of an agenda to do anything and not pushing very far on policy initiatives."

Mackenzie predicts McCain would be afflicted with the same malady as Richard Nixon, who savored foreign policy but was less interested in the budget and other domestic matters, a disease known as MEGO, short for My Eyes Glaze Over.

"I think we'd see a lot of that with McCain," he said.

One thing that can be predicted with confidence is McCain's unpredictability , — he's gone out of his way to do the unexpected.

"I can imagine McCain, on one issue or another, trying to come up with surprise agreements," says Smith. That could help McCain set the agenda in a way that makes it difficult for opponents to take it in a different direction.

McCain also can be sure to show at least flashes of his famous temper.

That can be used to dramatic effect, to underscore one's resolve. But it can also backfire.

"I think members of Congress won't like that style in the White House," said West. "That will make it more difficult for him to bargain and negotiate with members of Congress. I mean, they don't like getting yelled at."

And given McCain's advanced age, speculation would be strong from Day One about whether he'd seek re-election. That could portend an even more independent Senate, with lots of jockeying by potential presidential candidates for 2012.

Much has been made of McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as a running mate, and questions have been asked about her qualifications to serve as vice president.

Palin says she and McCain have identified three areas where she would take the lead: promoting energy independence, reform of government overall and working with families who have children with special needs. Those fit with Palin's background. As Alaska's governor, Palin has dealt with a variety of oil and gas issues, and has pushed for government reforms. She also has a six-month-old child, Trig, with Down Syndrome.

Smith envisions McCain working with Palin in a way that is akin to how the first President George H. W. Bush used Vice President Dan Quayle , — delegating broad responsibility in a few specific areas rather than relying on the vice president to serve as an all-purpose adviser in the style of vice presidents Dick Cheney or Al Gore.

That means McCain could end up leaning more heavily on his secretaries of State and Defense.

What's for lunch?

COURTESY PHOTO

Gwen Arnold and her grandson Will Arnold, 2nd grade student of Nicole Sterrett's, share Grandfriend's Day lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and cake. Grandfriends were ahuttled to and from their cars by golf carts donated by the Charlevoix Country Club and driven by Station Charlevoix Coast Guardsmen.

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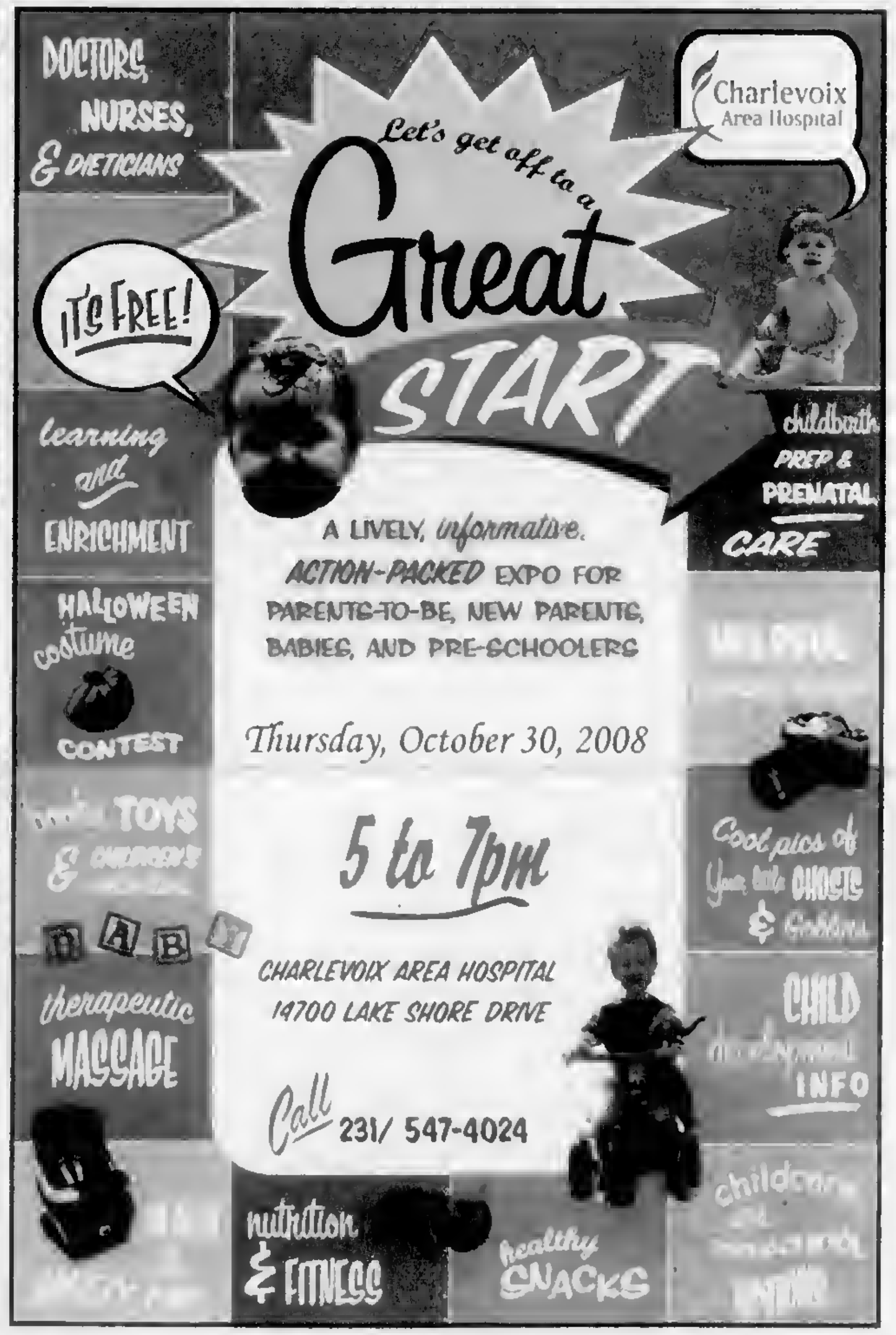
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Charlevoix Rayder Cross Country Coach Ken Plude tells a crowd of parents and students during homecoming ceremony earlier this month about the accomplishments of Logan Smith (right), a special needs student who dedicated himsalf to earning his varsity lettar in cross country. Not only did smith drop numerous minutes off his best times, ha also workad to lose weight over the summer to stay competitiva.

Special runner

a testament to perseverance and caring community

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

His cognitive impairment may prevent him from realizing the totality of his achievement, but it did not stop him from reaching his goal.

Logan Smith earned his varsity letter in cross country this fall, despite having Klinefelter Syndrome which, according to the National Institute of Health, can include weak muscles, lack of coordination, weak bones, low energy, decreased social development and susceptibility to diseases like osteoporosis and auto-immune disorders.

"This has given him a sense of pride, and he just seems happier than before," said Shannon Smith, Logan's mother. "I can't imagine how frustrating is must be being aware that you're different than other kids, but not really able to do anything about it."

She added, "This has given him a sense of confidence."

Charlevoix High School cross country coach Ken Plude said Logan struggled in the beginning—sometimes finishing 15 minutes after the other teams had packed up and gone home.

"He was working so hard, the other boys really got excited and took him under their wing," Plude said. "This was one of the funnest things I've every done. He had some tough times, but to see him get this far— he took 27 minutes off his total times from his beginning time."

Now a senior, Logan began his running career at Charlevoix high running nearly 44 minutes per race which prevented him from running on the varsity team.

"We always complimented him on finishing and looked for ways to motivate him to do a little better," Shannon said. "And I said, 'maybe next time you can pass the runner ahead of you.' And he said 'why?'"

She added, "I told him it's a race; he didn't know. It's not like he has just a learning disability."

To gain the 40 points needed to receive one's varsity letter, runners must finish in the top five. Logan began passing the opposition's fifth man and, by sophomore year, he had 12 points.

"The team always waited for him and they supported him and treated him as a part of the team," Shannon said. "If he needs his shoes tied they tie his shoe and go on. They were a critical part of his achievements this year."

She added, "I'm glad we live in Charlevoix. You'll probably see Logan as a Rayder 'til he's 65; out there cheering for his team."

By the summer after junior year, Logan had dropped 20 pounds and improved his time to a personal best of 29:40

"He slowly chipped away and gained points and this year, every meet he was beating somebody's fifth runner," Plude said. "He went from freshman year, where he could lose his attention if a butterfly caught his eye and he would just stop, to running at a level where he could have run on some teams varsity's."

Charlevoix High School Principal Suzanne Klinger said Logan is a true Rayder at heart.

"He goes to all the ball games, dressed in team colors yelling and cheering for the home team," she said. "He is excited about anything he can do at our school."

Klinger added, "What is incredible is how much our student body supports him."

Logan's father Kyle Smith echoed Klinger's sentiment

"Sometimes it's easy to pick on the kid that's different, but that doesn't happen here," he said. "When they (cross country team) go to other communities, everybody sticks up and looks out for Logan. He's one of them."

When Plude honored Logan during the Oct. 17 Rayder homecoming assembly by announcing Logan had earned enough points to receive his varsity letter, the crowd went wild.

"They gave him a standing ovation," Klinger said.

Logan ended the season with 43 points—three more than required to make varsity.

Plude added, "He didn't want it given to him. He wanted to earn his letter, and he did."

Logan's parents said their runner will continue the sport he loves for recreation and they are also looking into the Special Olympics.

Volleyball: One streak ends, one extends

It took a little longer than they had hoped, and their long league winning streak came to an end, but in the end, the Charlevoix Rayders got the job done.

Tammy Potter had 39 kills Thursday as Charlevoix split a pair of Lake Michigan Conference volleyball matches with Boyne City and East Jordan

The Ramblers topped the Rayders, 25-23, 25-20, 25-18, in the opener, then Charlevoix rebounded to down East Jordan, 26-24, 25-15, 22-25, 25-23.

The win over East Jordan gave the Rayders the outright league championship as they improved to 12-1 in conference matches. But the loss to Boyne ended Charlevoix's streak of 39 consecutive Lake Michigan wins.

"I think we were overly ready and we played so tight," said Liz Grunch, who is in her eighth year as Charlevoix's coach. "Boyne played a great game, a very smart game. They just outplayed us tonight.

"Sometimes it's good to lose and see what we need to work on and we'll regroup and hopefully we'll see them in the district finals. I'm really proud of the girls.Tonight was a hard loss for us but we've accomplished a lot."

It is Charlevoix's third straight league championship and its fifth in the last six years

Boyne City was the last Lake Michigan Conference team to have beaten the Rayders in a regular-season match. That came in 2005.

"We went in there last night pretty relaxed with nothing to lose," Boyne coach Casie Parker said. "We worked hard all week on serve receive and serving after our loss to (Traverse City) St. Francis and it paid off. It is a shame that we had to lose those two games to St. Francis by two points each game — in basketball terms, that's overtime. We could be sharing the conference title with Charlevoix."

Shauna Spencley added 18 kills, 20 digs, three blocks and four aces for the Rayders, while Potter also had 19 digs, nine blocks and five aces.

Also for the Rayders, 33-11-13 overall, Taylor Storm finished with 42 digs, Lauren Mielke had 33 digs, six kills; and setter Jenna Way finished with 60 assists, 31 digs and six blocks.

Amber Kotalik had 14 kills, five blocks and 21 digs to lead the Ramblers, while Hannah Robinson had 11 digs, Rachel Stevens had 10 kills, Hannah Hausler finished with seven kills, Sam McLeod added five, and setter Lindsay Clemens had 35 assists.

Clemens, Stevens, Robinson and Kotalik each served at 100 percent as the Ramblers finished a season-best 96.7 percent from the back line.

"Lindsay Clemens made some good decisions on when to dump and who to set at what times," Parker said. "She had great sets to our outside hitters and they connected."

For East Jordan in the Charlevoix match, Meagan Germain had six kills, eght blocks and 10 digs; Marribeth Poindexter six kills, three blocks and 10 digs; and Melissa Skrocki 15 assists.

Boyne City beat East Jordan, 25-22, 25-23. For Boyne, Kotalik had 19 kills, four aces and 23 digs, while Clemens had 28 assists and four blocks; Stevens finished with 16 digs; and Hannah Hausler added six kills. Erica Capp and Clemens each served at 100 percent.

For the Red Devils, Alex Snowden had seven kills an d 10 digs; Poindexter six kills, seven digs, three blocks, and Skrocki 12 assists.

In JV matches, Boyne City defeated the Rayders, 20-25, 25-10, 25-22; Charlevoix defeated East Jordan, 25-22, 19-25, 25-20; and East Jordan downed Boyne, 25-17, 25 18, 15 6.

For Charlevoix, Allison Hankins had eight kills; Kelsey Way had seven kills, four aces; Katie Mays had nine digs; Chelsea Hoffman had five kills, four digs; and Meg Peters finished with nine assists. Charlevoix is 6-6 in the league.

SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix heads to Iron Mountain for playoff

ANDY SNEDDON
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITER

The anticipation is not unlike that of little kids at Christmas.

Across the state, high school football teams gathered Sunday night to watch the Selection Sunday Show on FSN to find out who their next opponent would be, and where they would play, in the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs.

And now, it's official:

— Petoskey will play host to West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Division 3.

— Boyne City will entertain Calumet in Division 6.

— Charlevoix will go to Iron Mountain in Division 6.

— Central Lake-Ellsworth will go to Manistee Catholic Central in Division 8.

For the Northmen, who last made the playoffs in 2006, it's a rematch. They topped Ogemaw Heights, 21-20, at Curtis Field in the second game of the season.

That win helped propel Petoskey, 8-1, to its best season in a decade, the fourth playoff berth in school history, and a Big North Conference co-championship. The Falcons, who lost to Cheboygan, 14-7, on Friday, are 5-4. The game is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.

"I don't know if there's any advantage or disadvantage" to playing a team a second time, sixth-year Petoskey coach Kerry VanOrman said Sunday night. "Both teams know what each other does. I think it's even that way. I think if you're playing someone you don't know then there might be a lot more questions.

"It's going to make it a lot more interesting to see what adjustments are made, if any, and this and that."

The Northmen are the top seed in their four-team district by virtue of having the highest playoff point average. Escanaba, 5-4, plays at Bay City John Glenn, 7-2, in the other pre-district game. If the Northmen beat Ogemaw, the district championship game would be played in Petoskey on either Friday, Nov. 7, or Saturday, Nov. 8.

In the first meeting between the Northmen and Ogemaw, Petoskey broke a 14-14 tie by scoring with under five minutes remaining. Ogemaw scored with 3 minutes, 8 seconds remaining, but the Northmen stopped the Falcons on their two-point conversion try to preserve the victory.

That close loss could serve as a motivator for Ogemaw.

"Is there an advantage to that?" VanOrman said. "You would think so from just a human nature point of view. You get a chance to come back and beat a team. There can be that factor.

"From our point of view, we felt we could have played a better football game. it gives us a chance to prove we're a good football team."

Boyne, 8-1 and in the play offs for the eighth consecutive year and 11th time overall, could have a similar motivation when it squares off with Calumet, 7-2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Earl Brotherston Field. The Copper Kings ousted the Ramblers in a first-round playoff game last year, 34-7

"The kids were happy to see that they get another opportunity to play Calumet," said ninth-year Boyne coach Dave Hills. "I'm sure there's some extra motivation there. ... And playing at home is a nice accomplishment as well.

"It's nice to be rewarded that way. Nice ot have your work pay off for you. These kids have worked tremendously hard. That was a key goal, get in the playoffs and advance in the playoffs."

Charlevoix, 5-4, and Iron Mountain, 9-0, make up the other half of the district. Iron Mountain is seeded No. 1, Boyne No. 2.

Charlevoix is back in the playoffs after a one-year hiatus and for the fifth time in school history. The Rayders were 3-4 before closing the regular season with wins over Kalkaska and Harbor Springs. They eagerly watched the show on Sunday at coach Don Jess' house.

The Rayders are one of 19 5-4 teams statewide to make the postseason and it was a mystery as to whether they would even be in the playoffs until it was announced during the show

"Our kids were going crazy when they saw that come up on the screen," Jess said. "Our kids really kept the hope alive going into that last game against Harbor and got rewarded for it.

"This group, they've come a long way. They didn't have a lot of success at the younger levels. It's a big accomplishement for them and it shows their determination and not getting frustrated. They just kept getting better every year."

Charlevoix's reward? A 250-mile one-way trip across the Upper Peninsula to Iron Mountain, which is ranked second in the Associated Press Division 6 state poll, and making its eighth consecutive playoff appearance and the 19th in school history. The teams will tangle at 7 p.m. Friday

"Obviously they're the favorite," Jess said. "It's a great opportunity for our kids."

Central Lake-Ellsworth, 8-1 and the Ski Valley Conference co-champions, will play at Manistee Catholic Central, 9-0, to open the postseason in a district that looks, on paper, very strong. The winner will play either Frankfort, 8-1, or Marion, 7-2, for the district championship. Frankfort is the top seed, while Manistee Catholic is seeded second. The Trojans and Manistee Catholic play at 7 p.m. Friday.

It is the fourth straight playoff berth for the Trojans, and their ninth in school history. They have won back-to-back district titles, but this year the district in which they are placed comprises strictly Lower Peninsula schools. In the past two years, the teams in their district have been primarily located in the U.P.

Other Northern Michigan schools to make the 256-team field, and their first-round opponents and sites.

— Division 1: Traverse City West, 6-3, at Rockford, 8-1.

— Division 2: Traverse City Central, 5-4, at Bay City Western, 8-1.

— Division 4: Kingsford, 6-3, at Cheboygan, 8-1.

— Division 5: Elk Rapids, 7-2, at Gladstone, 7-2.

— Division 7: Mancelona, 6-3, at Manistique, 6-3; Whittemore-Prescott, 6-3, at Traverse City St. Francis, 8-1; Merrill, 6-3, at Fife Lake Forest Area, 7-2.

— Division 8: Bark River-Harris, 6-2, at St. Ignace, 7-2; Gaylord St. Mary, 7-2, at Cedarville, 9-0.

JV volleyball Rayders third

Charlevoix defeated Gaylord, 21-17, 21-12, in the consolation match Saturday to place third in the Gaylord Invitational.

Katie Mays led the Rayders with 12 kills, 15 digs, six assists and six blocks, while Kelsey Way had 10 kills and six digs, Kelly Greyerbiehl added 20 digs, and Allison Hankins had seven blocks.

Prep football roundup:

Rayders win big

Charlevoix 33, Harbor Springs 6

Interceptions were the order of the day, as the Rayders picked off six Harbor passes to win their regular-season finale. The Rayders, 5-4 overall, 4-3 Lake Michigan, open the playoffs next week at Iron Mountain, 9-0.

Brock Yenglin had four interceptions, and Jon Putman two for the Rayders, while Michael Heckendorn ran for two touchdowns. Putman, Clayton Mitchell and Corey Loncks also ran for scores.

Kyle Halfacer scored for Harbor Springs, 2-7, 1-6.

"We had a much better season than last year," said second-year Harbor coach Jud Silveus, whose team finished 0-9 last year. "To finish like this is still disappointing, but we're headed in the rght direction."

Division III Cross Country Regional

Saturday, Oct. 25 at Benzie Central

Area teams: Boyne City, Charlevoix.

The host team, Benzie Central, is the favorite in both races. The Huskies' girls' team is ranked No. 1 in the state in Division III, and their boys' team is No. 6.

In just the past week, Benzie, led by Thomas Smeltzer and William Patterson on the boys' side and Devyn Ramsey, Michaela Carnegie and Taylor Nye on the girls' side, have swept the Elk Rapids and Gaylord invitationals. Ramsey was the 2006 Division III state champion and the 2007 runner-up. Elk Rapids' girls' team is ranked No. 9 in the state and had the top two individuals at the Lake Michigan Conference meet in Amanda Hammer and Laura Bailey. Boyne City's Joslyn Moore could be an individual qualifier.

Benzie Central and Elk Rapids were the state qualifiers for the boys from this regional last year. Charlevoix wasn't too far off Elk Rapids at their league meet. The Rayders' Alex Buday is looking to make his second-straight state finals appearance.

Sporting EVENTS

Due to time constraints, the Charlevoix Courier does not routinely cover sporting events.

However, the editor will consider photos and game highlights submitted by noon, the Friday before publication.

- E-mail photographs and game information to news@charlevoixcourier.com
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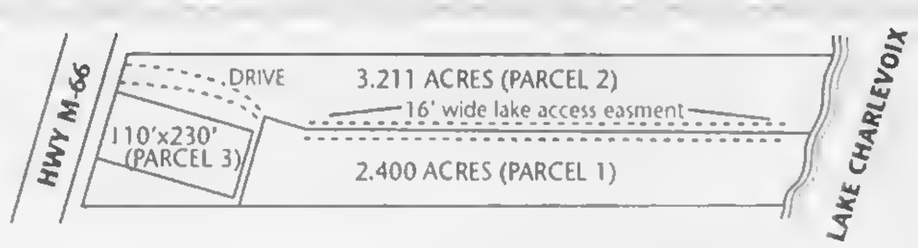

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Michigan employers play critical role in child support collection

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Many Michigan employers, large and small, are partnering with the state of Michigan to help Michigan's children by collecting child support from their employees through the income withholding process. These partnerships play a critical role in the collection and distribution of child support, as nearly 80 percent of all child support collected through employer withholding.

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm recently proclaimed October as Child Support Month to recognize the importance of parents meeting their child support responsibilities in strengthening families and providing critical financial support to children.

"The commitment from these employers helps children receive the money their custodial parents need to pay for housing, food and clothing," said Marilyn Stephen, director of the Department of Human Services' Office of Child Support. "During Child Support Month, it's important to recognize that employers play a critical role in keeping children and families out of poverty."

From Michigan's three automobile manufacturers with combined 33,000 child support payments per month, to the small employer who sends in one or two payments a month, Michigan's employers share DHS' commitment to ensuring that the state's children get the child support due them. Many employers submit the payments electronically, a process that reduces errors, shortens the processing time and cuts costs for employers. Once the payment is received, it often can be disbursed to the custodial parent within 24 hours through direct deposit to a client's bank account or to a debit card.

Michigan's child support central collection and disbursement unit, the Michigan State Disbursement Unit (MiSDU), is a federally mandated entity, established by the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act. In 1999, Michigan legislation authorized the MiSDU, which is managed by the DHS Office of Child Support, to receive and disburse child support payments. The MiSDU works in partnership with the county Friend of the Court offices and county prosecuting attorneys.

The MiSDU processed $1.44 billion in collections in the fiscal year ending September 2007, an average of more than $120 million per month. The customer call center, housed at the MiSDU, averages more then 26,000 calls each month from child support clients, employers and friend of the court offices.

Michigan's child support program is considered one of the most efficient in the country. For every $1 spent on program operations, more than $6 in

support is collected and distributed. The national average for all states is less than $5 for every $1 in program costs.

For more information, please go to www.michigan.gov/childsupport.

Red Cross Deer Hunter's Ball

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by James Franklin Blakely, a/k/a James F. Blakely and Melissa Lee Blakely, a/k/a Melissa L. Blakely, to Century Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, in a mortgage dated December 7, 2006, and recorded on December 15, 2006 in Liber 777, Pages 880-890, Charlevoix County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-three and 27/100ths Dollars ($174,323.27).

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday, December 5, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the lobby of the County Building, located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, the County Building being the place of holding Circuit Court in Charlevoix County. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, together with interest at eight percent (8%), legal costs, attorneys fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property is located in Charlevoix County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Land in the Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Addition 2 to Boyne Falls, according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as: 2388 Maple Street, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, unless the premises are deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

CENTURY MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Mortgagee

Dated: October 22, 2008

By: David L. Wright, Vice President

Prepared by:
BIRINGER, HUTCHINSON, LILLIS, BAPPERT & ANGELL, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
By: Megan R. Angell
Century Bank and Trust Building
Coldwater, MI 49036
(517) 279-9745
(L-10/22, 10/29, 11/05, 11/12)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011276-DE

Estate of Mary Margaret Lavery
Deceased.
Date of Birth: 04/05/1906

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS

On October 21, 2008 the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Mary Margaret Lavery, who lived at 110 Eaton Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died on May 17, 2008.

Creditors and interested persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to Michelle Hicks, personal representative or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: October 29, 2008.

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CONTRACT NO. 083030

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Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Charlevoix, Michigan at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, at 2:30 P.M., prevailing local time on November 7, 2008, and then publicly opened and read aloud for the construction of Contract No. 083030.

Construction shall include creation of a rock-edged flowing stream of approximately 135 lineal feet. Stream includes three sets of rapids, two rock waterfalls, and a streambed of rock and gravel. Total fall of stream is six feet and includes construction of a filtering and recirculation system. Stream shall connect to existing fresh water sources. Construction includes a rock "landing" area, concrete sidewalk, and extensive landscaping.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after October 22, 2008 and may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, phone (231)547-3270, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc., located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 phone (231)547-2121

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Performance Engineers by submitting a non refundable fee of Forty Dollars ($40.00) per set. The purchaser must supply the telephone number, fax number, and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid will be required with each proposal.

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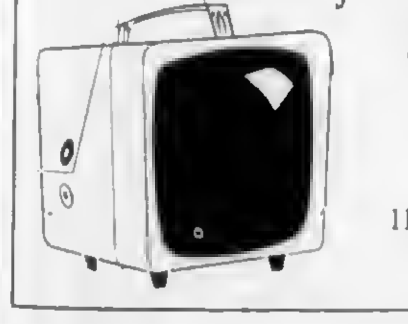

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FORUM

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destroy an embryo," he said. "I have seen ... the children that have been born from the use of these embryos. Let's adopt them. Let's send these cells out to people who can actually use them instead of throwing them away."

Both Saltonstall and Dean support Proposal 1, the measure to legalize medical marijuana.

Elsenheimer said there might someday be room for lawful use of medical marijuana, but he said the current measure "has the real potential ... to provide additional drugs out on the street."

Elsenheimer cited the abuse of prescription drugs like Oxycontin and methadone, and said, "If we can't control Schedule IV narcotics, then what makes us think we can control medical marijuana."

Saltonstall said one in three people will get cancer, and added that medical marijuana has been proven beneficial for nausea and appetite suppression and other conditions.

"I'm surprised that Rep. Elsenheimer doesn't have the confidence in people to control their own lives," she said. "It is already legal in some other states. Certainly it needs to be controlled ...but to deprive people of this because you're afraid that it could get out of control, that could be said of so many other things."

Dean added that the "slippery slope" argument made by Elsenheimer was fallacious.

"I don't think it's the government's place to tell us what we can or can't put in our bodies," Dean said. "We prosecute people for actions taken against others, not for actions taken against ourselves."

The candidates generally agreed that renewable energy should be researched and utilized, but Dean and Elsenheimer were eager to cite the need to use contemporary sources like oil, coal and natural gas in the meantime.

Audience questions included whether the state should provide health services in lieu of dubious federal intervention.

"We've put much of the onus of health care on business," Saltonstall said, recounting a story by Congressman Bart Stupak who said Canadian workers won a large contract to work on the Soo Locks because their national health care allowed them to undercut American businesses.

"I would prefer this be done on a national level. We already do it, it just starts at 65," she said. "And I'm not saying everybody gets everything. I'm saying we offer basic health care so someone can go to the doctor and get a prescription instead of ending up in the emergency room."

Dean said he pays cash for his health services and prefers that it remain that way.

"If we can reduce the cost of the undeserved or uninsured population, that also will reduce the overall cost of health care," Elsenheimer said, noting the importance of bipartisan efforts to offer limited health services to the indigent, which some of his colleagues are currently working on. "There is a role for state government. I will oppose any effort to create an overall system of state run health care."

Another attendee asked the candidates their thoughts on another nuclear power plant being built to replace the dismantled Big Rock power plant.

Dean and Elsenheimer cited new technology which makes nuclear power safer and more efficient and both would support such a plant; Saltonstall pondered the fact that there is no disposal facility for the current spent nuclear fuel residing in Hayes Township and thusly would not support a new facility.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

BUSINESS

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The e-log is a type of siding which is shaped like a log cut in half, the outer structure is actual wood from a local manufacturer; the inner portion is a series of hardboard, insulation and durable plastic.

"They contacted us and said they needed the product down there by the week of Sept. 10," Way said. "Me and two guys and we picked up my daughter from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids and the four of us went down. We began installing the product Thursday night at midnight and worked 24 hours straight until about 1:30 Saturday morning. Then we went back for about eight hours Saturday and went back for the reveal on Sunday."

He added, "It was amazing: They had 3,000 volunteers. It was like a bunch of ants; there were people everywhere. They tore the house down Tuesday, and by Thursday we were doing interior work on the walls. It was an amazing process."

Way's company donated between $8,000 and $10,000 worth of material to the operation.

"Everything is donated for those houses. Nobody is paid for anything, so it is quite a process," Way said. "It's one of those things that goes along with our mission. We really want to be able to help people who have the dream of having a log home and just can't afford it."

Aside from the economical advantage to using e-logs on an already erected structure, Way said the e-log is superior to other sidings due to its high insulation rating.

"The whole experience of being a part of this show and helping people was neat," Way said. "It was pretty impressive how everyone worked together. There was not a cross word. If you needed to borrow something, everybody said 'no problem.'"

The episode in which Way worked will air at 8 p.m., Nov. 16 on ABC.

For more information on the e-log, visit www.e-logsiding.com or call (231) 758-3400.

LAY-OFFS

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Both the company's cement plants in St. Marys and Bowmanville, Ontario, are experiencing lay-offs similar to Charlevoix, and the corporation is ceasing operations at its plant in Dixon, Ill.

Gallagher said this is the first major lay-off their company has experienced in 20 years.

"This is not a decision that was made lightly. It's an unfortunate situation and hopefully it will be short-term," he said. "We anticipate in one month we will be in the position where our product will be in demand, so we'll be up and running again."

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, October 20, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed to accept the resignation of Patricia Blanchard from the Downtown Development Authority.
- Motion passed to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Colorado Challenge's request for a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Charlevoix Community Food Pantry request for a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed to approve the renewal of the property and liability insurance with the Michigan Municipal League for $123,779.
- Motion passed approving utility policy #2008-01, Identity Theft Prevention Policy.
- Motion passed approving the bill from Adventures Down Under for divemaster training, approval needed due to a conflict of interest with a volunteer firefighter.
- Motion passed approving the bill from Sales and Marketing of Michigan for turnout gear, approval needed due to a conflict of interest with a full time City employee.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of a jet truck from Jack Doheny Companies for $265,361.
- Motion passed approving the METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension with AT&T.
- Motion passed to cast the ballot for the MML Board of Directors Election for the two individuals running for the positions.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on a proposed ordinance to amend the 2008-09 budget, amending fees at Mt. McSauba.
- Resolution 2008-10-02 adopted, Second Annual Flurry Fest MDOT Highway Closure Permit Application.
- Ordinance 733 of 2008 enacted, an ordinance to amend chapter 1 of Title 11 of the City Code to grant a gas franchise to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

Council adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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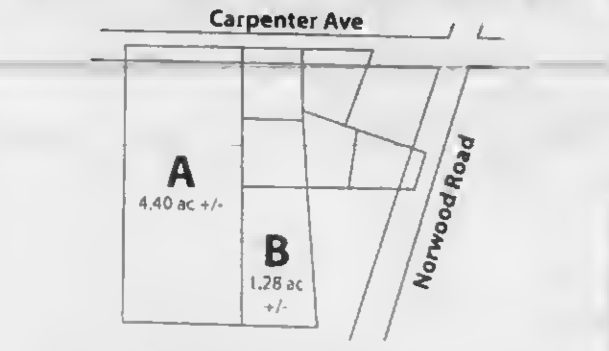

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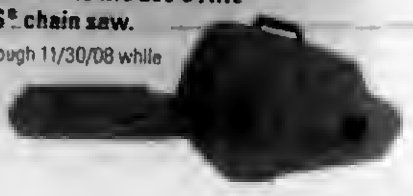

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Therese D. Lahey-Zirkle
Henderson, NV

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Editor:

As most people know, October is Breast Cancer awareness month. What many do not know is that October is also Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Unfortunately, there is no cure to be found. But those of us who have endured the loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or early

infant death do share something as those experienced with breast cancer patients, and that is that we are all survivors. At the end of June I gave birth to a beautiful son, Dekar. At about 30 weeks into the pregnancy he was diagnosed with Trisomy 18 and hypoplastic left heart syndrome. We were informed at that time that he could die in utero at any time or, if he did make it to a live birth, he would not be expected to live long. So while we prayed for a miracle we also planned for a funeral. On June 27, Dekar was born alive and he blessed us with his presence for just over eight hours. We were fortunate that Dekar was not only able to say "hello", but he also had his family surrounding him as he said "good-bye."

To everybody else, it seems that life goes on. That is the hardest part for me, personally. My arms are empty, but my hands are busy. There are still the regular, daily needs that have to be attended to.

Since my hands are busy it appears that life is continuing on as normal. But it's not. When Dekar took his last breath, he also took part of me with him. A person simply isn't the same after they've held a lifetime in their arms. Life may go on, but it will never be the same.

When a parent loses a child at such an early age, it is hard to know what to say or do. Nobody can feel or understand the pain any more than they can see the wind blow. The pain we feel and the emptiness that has been left in our hearts is real and we are always aware of it. But, we survive.

The Web site www.October15th.com is geared toward awareness, support, and education of pregnancy and infancy loss.

Another organization which supports grieving parents is Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep. Through this group, an affiliated volunteer photographer shares time and talent and provides the parents with remembrance photography of their baby who left the earth too soon. Volunteer photographers are needed is this community. For more information about joining their network of photographers, visit the Photographer's Page at www.NILMDTS.org.

Marge Schmidt
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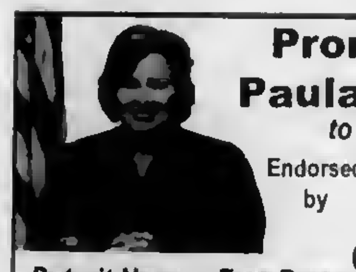

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis – October 22, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Commissioner Drebenstedt was absent.

Minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Motion approved Resolution #08-090, Maintenance.

Motion approved Resolution #08-091, Authorizing Distribution of the Draft Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan for Review.

Motion approved Resolution #08-092, Asserting The Right To Approve Or Reject The Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m..

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Ordinance No. 733 of 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY REVISING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 11 GRANTING TO MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, POWER, AND AUTHORITY TO LAY, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES ON, ALONG, ACROSS AND UNDER THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO DO A LOCAL GAS BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. **Revision of Chapter 1: GAS FRANCHISE of Title 11.**

Chapter 1: GAS FRANCHISE of Title 11 of the Code of the City of Charlevoix is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows.

11.1.1. **Grant of Gas Franchise and Consent to Laying of Pipes, Etc.**
Subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned in this ordinance, consent is hereby given to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan (the "Company"), and to its successors and assigns, to lay, maintain, operate, and use gas pipes, mains, conductors, service pipes, and other necessary equipment in the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in the City of Charlevoix , Charlevoix County, Michigan, and a non-exclusive franchise is hereby granted to the Company, its successors and assigns, to transact local business in the City of Charlevoix for the purposes of conveying gas into and through and supplying and selling gas in the City of Charlevoix and all other matters incidental thereto.

11.1.2. **Installation and Extension of System.**
If the provisions and conditions herein contained are accepted by the Company, as in Section 6 hereof provided, then the Company shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; and provided further that such initial installation and any extensions shall be subject to the Main Extension provisions, the Area Expansion Program provisions (if and where applicable), and other applicable provisions now or from time to time hereafter contained in the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission or successor agency having similar jurisdiction.

11.1.3. **Use of Streets and Other Public Places.**

11.1.3.1. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the passage of any of the highways, streets, alleys, or other public places within the City of Charlevoix and shall within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavation, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall use due care in exercising the privileges herein contained and shall be liable to said City of Charlevoix for all damages and costs which may be recovered against the City of Charlevoix arising from the default, carelessness, or negligence of the Company or its officers, agents, and servants.

11.1.3.2. No road, street, alley, or highway shall be opened for the laying of trunk lines or lateral mains except upon application to the City Manager of the City of Charlevoix or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises, stating the nature of the proposed work and the route. Upon receipt of such application, the City of Charlevoix may in a timely manner after review, issue a permit to the Company to do the work proposed. Approval of the permit shall not be unreasonably withheld.

11.1.4. **Standards and Conditions of Service; Rules, Regulations and Rates.**
The Company is now under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission to the extent provided by statute; and the rates to be charged for gas, and the standards and conditions of service and operation hereunder, shall be the same as set forth in the Company's schedule of rules, regulations, and rates as applicable in the several cities, villages, and townships in which the Company is now rendering gas service, or as shall hereafter be validly prescribed for the City of Charlevoix under the orders, rules, and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises.

11.1.5. **Successors and Assigns.**
The words "Michigan Consolidated Gas Company" and "the Company", wherever used herein, are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not

11.1.6. **Effective Date: Terms of Franchise Ordinance; Acceptance by Company.**
This ordinance shall take effect 30 days following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within 10 days after the date of its adoption, and shall continue in effect for a period of 5 years thereafter, subject to revocation at the will of the City of Charlevoix at any time during said 5 year period, provided, however, that when this ordinance shall become effective the City Clerk shall deliver to the Company a certified copy of the ordinance accompanied by written evidence of publication and recording thereof as required by law, and the Company shall, 60 days after receipt of the above documents, file with the City Clerk its written acceptance of the conditions and provisions thereof.

11.1.7. **Effective and Interpretation of Ordinance.**
All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this ordinance, are hereby rescinded. In the case of conflict between this ordinance and any such ordinances or resolutions, this ordinance shall control. The catch line headings which precede each Section of this ordinance are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this ordinance

SECTION 2. **Severability.**

No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held in valid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part of portion of this ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan

SECTION 3. **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ENACTED this 4th day of August, 2008.

Ordinance No. 733-2008 was adopted on the 4th day of August, 2008, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows.

Motion by: Councilmember Greg Stevens
Seconded by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain

Yeas: Stevens, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gennett, Kusina, Picha
Nays: None
Absent: None

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) ss
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

ONGOING EVENTS:

Community Christmas Project

To help them continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdorf at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

- Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675 2912 for more information.

- BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

- SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

- CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

- TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

• Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.

• Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.

• Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Wednesdays in October

4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Movement and Music (for Kindergarten through third grades) come play and explore music, movement and your body.

• Thursdays in October

6:30 to 8 p.m., Latin Dance Workshop - Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor, Dirk Esterline. ($20 fee)

• Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 28 and 30

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Web Page Design Basics (NCMC $59 fee)

• Saturday, Nov. 1

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Native American Heritage Day - Come to hear and see Native American storytellers and craftsmen spin their tales and crafts.

Nov. 15, "Ratatouille" comes to town. Bring the family for this fun movie and enjoy popcorn provided by the library.

All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Snap Shot Sessions

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This - Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

OCT. 28

Halloween activity - McSauba party/fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Mt. McSauba ski hill groomer will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mt. McSauba Lodge. Bring an appetizer or treat to share. There will be games, prizes, a DJ, dancing, costume contest and more. Cost is on a donation basis.

OCT. 28, 29

Halloween activity - Coast guard haunted station

• From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Oct. 28 and 29 in the coast guard boat house at 101 Coast Guard Road just south of Depot Beach, members of United States Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will perform their second annual "Haunted Station." Cost of entry is one nonperishable food item for the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

OCT. 28 THROUGH NOV. 18

Courageous Parenting 101

This free five-session substance abuse education and prevention program will be offered from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., every Tuesday from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18 at Harbor Springs High School. This program teaches parents how to prevent their children from abusing controlled substances. Topics covered will include: teen drug use trends and party culture; drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and its physiological consequences; protective, psychological and developmental guidance to help reduce the risk of substance use: dangers of enabling and hands-off parenting; communication and listening strategies; warning signs; the power of denial; practical steps if use or abuse is suspected; sources of help and more. Although walk-ins are welcome, those interested in attending are encouraged to complete and submit a registration form available at the Harbor Springs High School office. Call (231) 838-9233 for more information.

OCT. 29

Volleyball sign-up and meeting

Anyone interested in sponsoring or forming a men's and women's' (co-ed) volleyball team should meet at 7 p.m. in the basement of City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

OCT. 30

Hunter's Banquet

The Knights of Columbus Hunter's Banquet, Community Food Bank fundraiser is at 6 p.m., Oct. 30 at the VFW Hall. The Pig Roast dinner is $15 per person. There will also be a raffle for a $1,000 shopping spree at a sporting goods store. Tickets are $5 or five for $20.

All profit from the raffle and dinner go to the food pantry. For further information, call Larry Campbell at 547-4208 or Gabe Campbell at 547-9739.

Latin Dance

Learn three Latin dances: merengue, salsa and bachata, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays in the youth activity center at Charlevoix Public Library. The instructor will teach a new dance step as well as add some advanced elements. At the end of the classes there will be a final dance party to practice all the steps learned. Single dancers are welcome.

Blood drive

From 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., at Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road.

OCT. 31

Trick-or-treating will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Charlevoix

Halloween activity - Halloween for the Hungry

From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Halloween evening, teams of volunteers will go door-to-door trick-or-treating for non-perishable food items which will be donated to local food pantries and the Salvation Army. A party, free for participants, will follow the food drive at the Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St., in Charlevoix. Teams will meet at 5 p.m. at the church before disembarking on the drive. Others are welcome for a donation of $5 or a bag of groceries. Participants are asked not to where costumes. Call 547-9482 for more information.

NOV. 1

Judges wanted for all-you-can-eat chili cook-off

Your vote counts as Charlevoix restaurants vie for the title of "Best Chili in Town" at the 4th annual chili cook-off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 1. At least seven local restaurants are competing this year at the United Methodist Church, 104 State St. Cost for this all-you-can-eat event is $5; $4 for seniors and $2 for children 12 and younger. Chili comes with various toppings, bread, dessert and beverage. Children's mac-n-cheese is free. A silent auction will also occur.

NOV. 3, 4

Driver safety classes for older motorists

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is offering a two-day course for motorists age 50 and older who need a refresher in driver safety. The AARP Driver Safety Program is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 3 and 4 at the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Community Health Education Center, 360 Connable Ave., across the parking lot from the hospital's main entrance in Petoskey. Cost is $10. The program teaches defensive driving, new traffic laws and how to adjust driving to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. It also includes information on aggressive drivers, anti-lock brakes, car phones and other useful information and tips.

According to AARP, each year the organization holds approximately 34,000 classes and more than 700,000 people complete the AARP Driver Safety Program nationwide. Four out of five graduates of the class report they adjusted their driving behavior as a result of taking the course.

For registration and more information, call Northern Michigan Regional Hospital HealthAccess at (800) 248-6777 or visit northernhealth.org.\

NOV. 5

Historical society fundraiser

The Charlevoix Historical Society's 11th annual all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser is is sponsoring its eleventh annual fundraising all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner at the Villager Pub, 427 Bridge Street, on Wednesday, November 5 from 5 to 9 P. M. Society members and directors will serve as the waitstaff. Whitefish and burritos will also be available. All proceeds from the spaghetti portion of the menu, plus all tips, will go toward support of the Society. The event will be non-smoking. Call 547-0373 for more information.

NOV. 7

The Barnard Grange's Swiss steak dinner fundraiser will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Charlevoix community Reformed Church, corner of US31 and Meech. Tickets for adults are $9; children 15 and younger $5. Children 5 and younger eat free.

Call 547-0528, 547-9153 or 547-5211 for more information.

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See the types of services available to senior citizens in Emmet and Charlevoix counties from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Charlevoix/Emmet County Senior Health Expo at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center in Petoskey. This free event features more than 40 exhibitors answering questions about Part D in Medicare, legal and financial issues, health, fitness and nutrition. Flu vaccinations will be available for $25--or Medicare Part B and/or Medicaid can be billed--glucose and cholesterol tests for $15, blood pressure screenings, door prizes and light refreshments.

NOV. 8

Friske Orchards

Friske Orchards open house from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 8. Refreshments, prizes and music by Ginny Carey. Call Phil Green at (231) 599-2604 or 675-7520 for more information.

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is again sponsoring Sights on Success. This free event for middle school girls is from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Nov. 8 at the Charlevoix library. Laurie Stewart will lead the event with activities featuring topics of self-esteem, goal setting, confidence building and more.

Mom to mom sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 8, at St. Mary Family Center. More than 20 vendors will sell clothes, toys, books, makeup, furniture and more. Admission is $2 for 18 and older. Call 547-1768 for more information.

NOV. 20

Red Cross blood drive

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NOV. 22, 23

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NOV. 22, 23

CCA art excursion

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is sponsoring an overnight art excursion on November 22 and 23 to the Detroit Institute of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Detroit Artist Market's Holiday Gift Show, the College of Creative Studies, a studio tour and other cultural venues. Foreign films, fine dining and art are among the itinerary.

Tickets include roundtrip travel via bus from Charlevoix and Petoskey, morning coffee, a sack lunch, admission to the art institute and double occupancy hotel accommodations. Cost: Circle of Arts members $175, Non-members $200, student members 18 and under $165. Scholarships may be available. Register by Oct. 31. Call 547-3554 for more information or register at 109 Clinton St. E-mail charlevoixcircle@gmail.com for application.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

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Matt Griemal praying for a winner at the Chocolate Raffle as Dan Budey looks on at St. Mary School's annual Northern Lights benefit dinner/auction.

Big band

COURTESY PHOTO

On Oct. 13, the Charlevoix High School Marching Band performed at the Traverse City Marching Band Expo. Under the direction of band director Jayne Bennett and drum majors Heather Poston and Caity Bryant, the students performed songs from the movie series Star Wars. After the performance, the audience gave a standing ovation. Here (from left) Heather Poston and Caity Bryant give their Drum Major salute to the audience to start the performance.

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County building department cuts hours

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Faced with a languishing housing market and near stagnant construction, the Charlevoix County Building and Safety Department finds itself making more fiscal cuts.

Beginning earlier this week, Nov. 1, building department head Ken Doty has his employees working nine hours per day, four days per week in a move which cuts just over $20,000 from his outgoing expenses — a move which came five months after the department went from its own ledger to the county's general fund due to a nearly $30,000 deficit.

Doty

"Since January we've cut about $150,000 out of our budget," Doty said. "We continue on and doing our job just like always and hopefully things will pick up."

Doty said he has never seen construction so depressed. And, since a large portion of the building department's revenue comes from permits to build new homes, he said there does not seem to be any upturn in sight.

"We hope this is temporary," Doty said. "But we want to prepare for the worst now instead of waiting 'til the first of the year. This will allow staff to keep their benefits and look for a part-time job, if there's one available."

A measure which Doty said would definitely help his department's situation would be to raise permit fees to their 2008 level. Current permits are calculated at 2006's price of $88 per square foot; Doty wants the fee increased to the current national standard of $96 per square foot.

Doty said he understands the concerns of builders and those considering building a new home when it comes to increased fees, but added, "I am tasked with doing the best job I'm allowed to do with what's available."

Though unlikely in the near future because county commissioners have not been eager to raise fees, a permit on a 120,000 square foot house would increase from $591 to $638.

District Three Charlevoix County Commissioner Ron Reinhardt refuses to put more burden on the taxpayers.

"To me, he just wants to keep everybody working, and there are too many people being laid off right now," Reinhardt said. "We've made it so he can go down to four days a week and we'll try that for awhile. If that don't work, we've got a couple people, in my opinion, that could be laid off for awhile 'til spring if we have to."

He added, "I'm not for raising fees, I can guarantee you. It's public money — we've got to guard it."

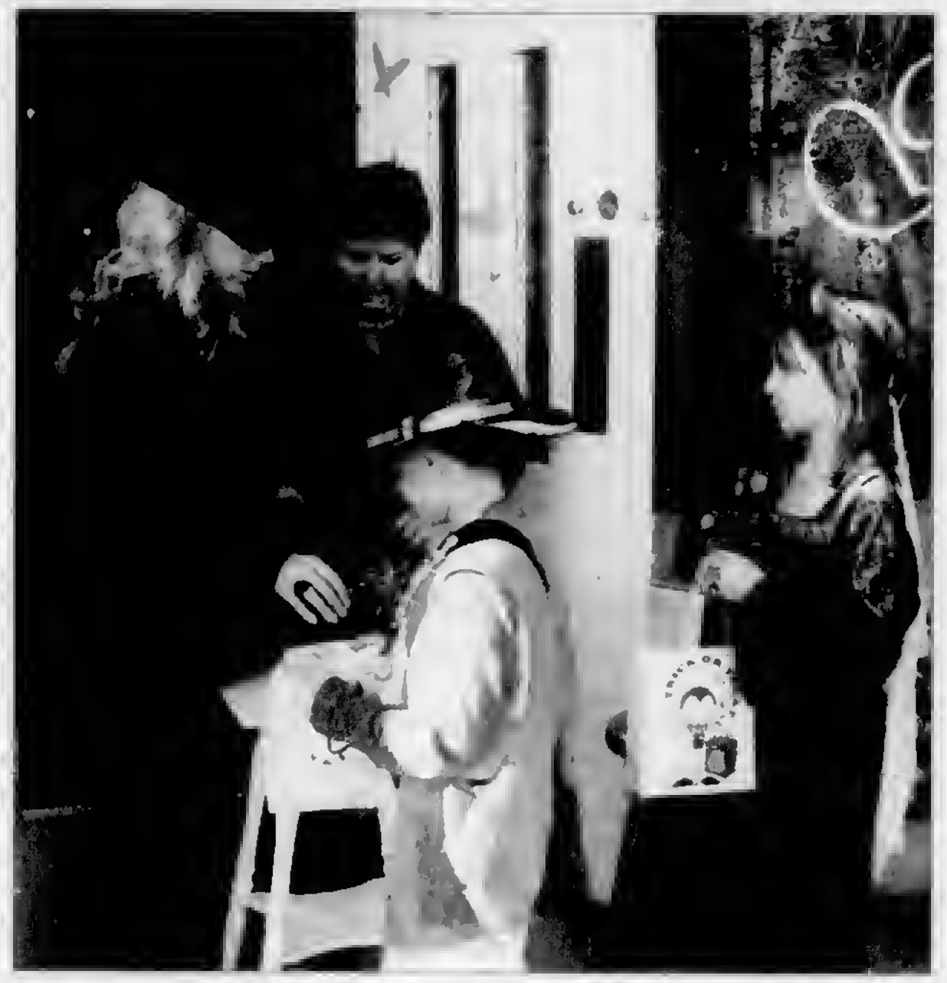
Doty understands the plight of the contractor and homeowner, but said he cannot operate in a deficit.

"So we continue to make cuts: we didn't use our part-time plan reviewer; we did not rehire a support staff person who left a year-and-a half ago; two inspectors were laid off earlier this year."

He added, "Things will pick up, they always do. Do I know when things will get better? No."

Doty will meet with commissioners at the end of January to determine whether the cuts are enough to keep the department solvent and whether construction has increased enough by then to adequately fund Doty's operation.

The building department currently employs seven full-time workers including Doty.



Local merchants comply with goblin requests

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Jodi Bingham (left) doles a treat to little Indiana Jones Collin Davis in front of Ga-Ga for Kids during Charlevoix Public Schools parade of ghouls and ghosts in downtown Charlevoix last Friday.

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Deputy Sheriff receives award

Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that the following Deputy Sheriffs of the Charlevoix county sheriff's Office have been selected and were awarded plaques at the annual Walloon Lake Association dinner for area Law Enforcement and Fire Departments who serve Walloon Lake: Acting Under sheriff Chuck Vondra and Sgt George R. Lasater

Sheriff Lasater presented a special recognition award to the Walloon Lake Association for their support of the sheriff's Office for the last 32 years.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Richard Alhert Kucher, 21, Saginaw. Use of marijuana. To serve 10 days in jail; 80 days held in ahcyance; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

Michael Lawrence Henris, 22, Saginaw. Use of marijuana. To serve 10 days in jail; 80 days held in abeyance; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

Michael Edward Left, 51, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Fines totaling $250.

Devin James Dunlop, 22, Boyne City. Larceny less than $200. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve nine months on prohation; to write a letter of apology; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Alan Michael Follette-King, 18, Petoskey. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Heather Lynn Steimel, 26, Boyne Falls. Controlled substance: use of marijuana; larceny less than $200. Credit for two days in jail; 343 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled suhstances; $1,015 in fines and costs.

Jacob John Maltby, 26, Traverse City. Disturbing the peace. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 18 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Jonathon David Barker, 24, Charlevoix. No operator license on person. $200 in fines and costs.

Arthur Joseph Hess, 43, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. To serve 20 days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 63 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve 24 months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled suhstances; to attend substance ahuse classes; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Michael Augustus Duhart, 52, Charlevoix. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,335 in fines and costs.

Marsh Wabanimkee Miller, 31, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Credit for nine days in jail; to serve 51 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karl Robert Balch weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces was born Oct. 27 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ken and Tami Balch of East Jordan. His sihlings are Darian, Kendra, Kenneth and Kami. His grandparents are Carl and Janet Massey and Barb Balch, all of East Jordan, and Debbie Allport of Boyne city. His great-grandmother is Betty Massey of Boyne Falls.

Alana Joyce Sulkowski, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces was born Oct. 28 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jana and Alex Sulkowski of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Michell DeRosia of East Jordan and Beatrice Lopez of Standish. Her great-grandparents are Jan Nichols and Joyce Nichols from Burton, Mich.

Donald Lewis Green II weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces was born October 28 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Seth and Sarah Green of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Martin and Anne Fuller of Greenville, S.C. and James and Terri Green of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Audry and Harry Koonts of Lexington, N.C., Donald and Faye Green of Lansing, and Hubert and Carolyn McLeod of Greenville, S.C.

Discussion series begins with girls in juvenile court system

The Girls Juvenile Court Program was the topic of the first program in the Women's Issue Discussion Series sponsored by the Hestia Women's Giving Circle. Lisa Muncio of the Emmet and Charlevoix County Juvenile Court, Kara Copeland from Lakeview Academy, and two young women from the program were the speakers.

Vice-President Ellen Breining welcomed the members and guests and thanked the speakers. "You are here tonight because you value women and girls in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties."

Breining described the Giving Circle, which started in 2006 and now has 45 members. Earlier this year, the group awarded nearly $42,000 in support and seed money to 7 local programs that serve women and girls. Among the programs funded was the Court Program, as well as, Girls on the Run, Planned Parenthood, Community Free Clinic: WRC – Employment Services, WRC Children's Learning Center; and Cross Village Rug Works.

These programs will be featured over the next several months in a Women's Issues Discussion Series, which began with a program on the Girls Court Program.

Muncio explained how youth get into the Juvenile Court system. Girls are usually involved in substance abuse or are considered incorrigible. "More and more, they are involved in assaultive offenses."

There are typically about 100 youth in the court system, half of whom are girls.

Ten years ago, girls made up about 10 percent of the case load of the court, but now they are about 50 percent.

In most cases, these female offenders were previously victims themselves, usually of assault. This often leads to problems at home, truancy, and substance ahuse.

The court staff has recognized that adolescent girls and boys need very different programs. The Court's Girl's Program was developed to help meet the unique needs of girl offenders. Girls specifically need and want to talk, so many opportunities are built in for them to talk with trusted adults including staff from the Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood, MSU Extension and other local agencies, as well as court staff.

Copeland described the court school, Lakeview Academy, which includes both hoys and girls. This alternative school helps youth in the court system keep up with their academics while providing them special support to stay out of further trouble.

Two students from the program also spoke, describing the paths that brought them into the court system and how the Girl's Program and Lakeview Academy have helped them.

"They give you the skills you need to move on," said one of the students. "I'm a changed person and I'm so happy."

One of the Hestia Giving Circle's goals is to educate our members and the public about the issues facing women and girls in our community. Future Discussion Series programs will focus on education, employment, job training, and health and feature the other programs funded by Hestia this year.

The Hestia Giving Circle currently has 38 memberships which include 47 women, and the group is actively seeking new memhers.

The annual membership fee is $1,000 and all of the funds received are distributed directly to local organizations serving women and girls. The funds are held as a donor-advised fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which assists in the grant review and funds distribution.

For more information about the Giving Circle or the program, contact Martha Lancaster, Hestia Secretary, at (231) 526-2326 or Leah Cole at Planned Parenthood 347-3710 ext. 15.

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MDOT updates highway bridge information

State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle today announced that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has again updated information on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/highwaybridgereport about the safety of 4,398 state highway bridges.

This is the fourth time MDOT has made bridge safety information available on the Web. State bridges can be downloaded by route number and/or county, and are current as of Oct. 1, 2008. Only highway bridges greater than 20 feet in length are included. Ratings for pedestrian and locally- owned bridges are not included. MDOT is making updates on the Web four times a year.

"By releasing the latest bridge inspection report, MDOT is continuing its commitment to be open and transparent with this information. Citizens can be assured that Michigan's bridges are safe, carefully inspected and well maintained," said Steudle. "We are using our limited resources to maintain the state highway bridge network to the best of our ability. When we need to take action, we will."

National Bridge Inspection Standards require MDOT to inspect bridges every two years. The Mackinac, International, and Blue Water bridges are inspected annually, exceeding federal requirements. These three bridges are managed by bridge authorities, and their ratings are not included in the list MDOT has posted to the Web.

Of the 4,398 bridges on the Oct. 1, 2008 report, 510 have been classified with the engineering term of "structurally deficient," meaning they may require repair, modernizing or replacement at some time in the future; 921 bridges are classified as "functionally obsolete" or outdated. The department is reporting 27 fewer structurally deficient bridges and 16 more functionally obsolete bridges in October than it did in June, the third time it put bridge inspection information online.

Charlevoix schools in tech' showcase

Charlevoix Elementary School was chosen to participate among 40 Michigan schools in the eighth annual AT&T/MACUL student technology showcase.

An Algebra class uses the "America's Got Talent" hit TV show to make the creation of mathematical charts and graphs come alive.

Second-graders communicate on a regular basis with e-pals in the state of Georgia.

Fifth and sixth graders learn about the engineering process by working in teams to build an underwater robot. And third graders create a slide show to demonstrate an appreciation for other cultures, customs and traditions.

These are among 40 amazing, highly-visual and successful student technology demonstrations to be displayed at the eighth annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the State Capitol building in Lansing. Following an opening ceremony at 9:15 a.m., there will be three separate demonstration sessions, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Presented by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) and supported by AT&T, the Showcase provides a venue for student groups to set up computers and displays to show Michigan state legislators how technology is being used in the classroom to facilitate learning.

The projects, which cover a wide variety of learning areas including science, mathematics, social studies and language arts, will feature student TV news shows, movie-making, computer-controlled industrial-like automation, Internet-driven and handheld computing educational projects and advanced graphics designs.

Ric Wiltse, MACUL executive director, says the projects clearly show how technology is impacting student learning.

"Students learn more quickly and with greater retention when they have access to technology," he stated. "And, the value of the Showcase goes beyond student teams visiting the State Capitol and meeting the legislators from their districts. Students and teachers also learn and receive inspiration from each other."

Gail Torreano, president of AT&T Michigan, explains the reason for AT&T's support: "Technology is such a powerful tool for enhancing education and encouraging lifelong learning. Through our collective efforts, we can make a real difference as youth transition from the classroom to the workplace."

MACUL is an organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to share their knowledge and concerns regarding educational uses of computers and technology. For further information about the event, and a complete list of participating schools and projects, visit the MACUL Web site at www.macul.org.

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Natural selection of politics

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

As we attempt to determine who would be the best to fill a particular public office we often subject the candidates to an extremely rigorous set of processes.

We elect to national office people who have leaped an impressive set of hurdles; primary campaigns, lengthy fund-raising efforts and grueling election campaigns.

A sort of election goes on in the natural world as well. It is usually called selection rather than election, but there are characteristics in common.

Like election, selection is a winnowing process which begins with many potential candidates for survival and finishes with an exceedingly small set of successful survivors.

Like election, selection is a grueling process that asks the best of the candidates and is merciless in its decision about who wins.

For a million maple seeds produced by a forest tree, probably only a few thousand will ever germinate, and of those few thousand there may be ten that survive their first year. Some years ago we noticed the abundance of maple seeds that germinated in our law every spring and decided to leave a small corner of the yard unmowed to see just how well they would do if we didn't cut their heads off each springs.

Out of what were literally hundreds of seedlings in the first year, only 12 survived to be a foot tall.

That small corner of the yard certainly hasn't room for more than a single tree of any size, so if left to fend for themselves, all but one of those small trees will eventually be choked out by its fastest growing or widest spreading sibling.

Even the weeds that plague our lives are involved in that same struggle for space and that same process of selection.

Giant ragweed usually gets stared in agricultural fields or waste spaces. By summer's end it may be a plant eight or nine feet tall. It starts the growing season as a carpet of seedlings. There can be as many as 2000 plants per square yard when they are a few inches tall.

By midsummer there may be only 200 left in that same space, and by the end of the growing season only 50 will reach maturity and produce seed for next year's crop.

The other 1950 didn't grow quite fast enough to hold the space they began in and as the plants increased in size, the slightly slower ones were shaded and crowded out of existence.

No wonder weeds grow so fast.

One out of thousands or even millions is the usual selection rate for plants as they grow from seed to maturity.

The longer lived and larger plants like trees have the most impressive selection statistics.

An oak tree may live for three centuries and produce bushels of acorns each year for most of that time.

On the average only a single one of those acorns will survive to replace the parent tree.

If we assume conservatively that a large oak produces 4,000 acorns per year, that the single survivor is one very elect oak; the best or luckiest of 1,200,000.

All that we see around us when we look at the pants that survive without our help in the natural world are the selected few, the elect, the one in a million.

We should be so lucky with politicians.

WEEKLY POLL

Do you favor state run health services should the federal government fail to institute them?

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Yes (19 Votes, 36%)

No (34 Votes, 64%)

This week's poll question:

Will current economic woes affect how much you spend on Christmas?

Take time to support our veterans on Nov. 11

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

The old man used to say there is no good war, only necessary war.

One could argue for or against his premise, but that's hardly the point of what I'm doing today.

I'd rather stick to the topic of Veterans Day and why it is so important to show our appreciation to those who served and those future veterans who are serving or getting ready to serve—even if you do not support the war

Hawk or pacifist, Republican or Democrat, we have one line of defense should this country be attacked, and that is the United States military with its various branches.

Contrary to popular belief, you can be against the war while simultaneously supporting the troops. I've for the most part remained silent on this minor point, but have grown tired of the rabid super patriots who would like to see the American military used to destroy every foreign country, which dares exercise its sovereignty, merely out of their own morbid xenophobia.

The funny—perhaps sad is the better term—part of this is how many of these super patriots do not have a proverbial dog in the fight.

Of course, the only thing worse than the super patriot is the person who has a loved one in the military and believes that, by proxy, this makes them an expert on foreign policy.

I do not tell you about my little brother because I expect you to care; He's not the only one putting his life on the line for his country and I use him to illustrate a point only.

Li'l John, one of six of us boys, is about three weeks away from the half-way point of his first tour in Iraq. He is in the advanced infantry which, for those of you like me who haven't been in the army, means he is on the front line.

He shoots, gets shot at, and complains that the mortars dropped around him each night because they keep him from sleeping.

He likes to joke about the enemy's lousy aim, but it makes me cringe.

We stay connected via e-mail and he tries to contact me every 10 days or so. When it gets to the two week mark I start to get nervous, but so far he's responded to all my letters.

So, how do I honor the veterans in my family even though I oppose this current skirmish?

First off, we don't talk politics; which is really easy for us because we'd rather be making fun of our other brothers or commenting on some awful horror movie we rented.

I don't know who Li'l John's voting for, and he doesn't know who I'm voting for.

I send him care packages filled with candy, magazines and American cigarettes, because he gets lonely so far from home and it reminds him that there is a world outside the great sandbox. And, if you've ever smoked middle-eastern tobacco, you'd know it has a taste something like I imagine you'd get from burning old gym socks and skunk weed.

He is grateful for the support, and I am grateful knowing there is an army of strong, young men ready to defend my out of shape behind should some very bad people decide to attack my country.

Maybe it's trite—and you may ask "who is Gohs to do the urging?"—but I hope at least some of you take a few moments to visit with the veterans in your family before, during or after this Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Bake some cookies for the grandfather who served in World War II; call that uncle who served in Vietnam and say thank-you or give a few bucks to a vet who's down on his luck.

Per his request, I'm supporting my soldier at the end of this month by making him all the homemade pizza he can eat, all the pina coladas he can drink, and —Udza B'Ga—enough caramel apple pie to put him into a diabetic coma.

You can observe Veterans Day in Veterans Park in Charlevoix and thank some veterans in person at 11 a.m., Nov. 11. There will be a short ceremony.

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LETTERS to the editor

RAINBOW SHOPPE VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

On Oct. 24, the Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix hosted their annual volunteers appreciation luncheon.

Some 120 men, ladies, and pastors from the local churches enjoyed the tasty repast, as well as the entertainment by the Charlevoix Men's Chorus.

The president of the Board of Directors, Karen Campbell, thanked the volunteers for being so dedicated and loyal in their attendance on their designated work days even at times of inclement weather. Mrs. Campbell also extended compliments to the volunteers that had given of their time since we first opened our doors in 1983 and to our new workers who have offered their services.

The president also stated that we now have 152 volunteers from ten of the churches in Charlevoix. Our purpose has always been to sell merchandise at nominal prices, and in turn, reach out financially to non-profit organizations and the needy. After 25 years in business, we have been able to extend to these recipients over $2 million.

We are so very thankful to the community for donating the merchandise, the patrons, and of course these super necessary volunteers for without them, we would not be able to open our doors.

Rita Orlowski
Board Member

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

These are tough times in Northern Michigan. Many of our neighbors are struggling to stay in their homes and to keep their families warm and fed. Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency offers foreclosure counseling, emergency utility assistance, homelessness prevention counseling and services, food programs, home repairs and Weatherization, Meals on Wheels, and educational programs to help struggling families regain self-sufficiency. But the demand is great and WE NEED YOUR HELP.

NMCAA is looking for volunteers to answer phone calls and help welcome and guide our neighbors in need to the help they are reaching out for. Free training will involve acquiring agency program knowledge to answer program question calls and make referrals. You will make use of your good listening and people skills. You will give out lots of information, and help fill out applications. If you like helping people and can volunteer with us 2-4 hours per week or more, this is the job for you! You will be a hero to many. Please have basic phone operating skills, basic computer and e-mail knowledge and a desire to work with the public.

To volunteer, please call 947-3780 and ask for Val Stone.

Val Stone
NMCAA partner

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News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance. Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event. It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

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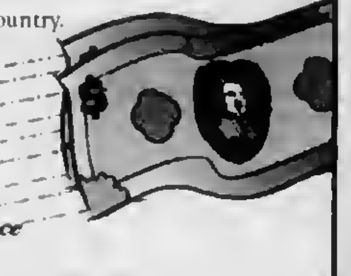

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Castle Farms wins *'Beautiful'* award

FILE PHOTO

Linda Mueller, owner of Castle Farms of Charlevoix was recently awarded the statewide Keep Michigan Beautiful Award.

The totally renovated Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey and Linda Mueller, owner of Castle Farms in Charlevoix, won President Plaques for 2008 from the Keep Michigan Beautiful organization.

The awards were presented to Agnes Shaw, manager of the Emmet-Charlevoix Fair, and Mueller, by KMB Executive Director Bob Eldridge at the organization's annual awards ceremony, held at the Frankenmuth Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth on Friday, Oct. 17.

The President's Plaque is the highest of four awards given each year by Keep Michigan Beautiful, a volunteer organization made up of individuals and municipalities, businesses, foundations, local clubs/organizations, schools and places of worship.

The President's Plaque is given to an exceptional program, project or person who exemplifies the goals of KMB. The organization's other awards include the Michigan Plaque, the Distinguished Service Plaque and the Award of Merit.

Renovation of the Emmet County Fairgrounds was completed in 2005 with the dedication of the county's $1.4 million Community Center that features large open space, wooden ceiling trusses, a stone fireplace, superior acoustics and air conditioning. The dedication culminated a process that began almost two decades ago when the county board decided to continue the county's presence at the

fairgrounds and not move elsewhere.

The KMB award cited Emmet County Controller Lyn Johnson and the county board of commissioners "for their belief in keeping public lands in public hands forever."

In use almost daily, the fairground hosts weddings, fund raisers, garden expos, antique shows, horse shows, indoor and outdoor concerts, and the annual fair in August. "The vision of the future has made the 'Gateway to Petoskey' a beautiful site for all to enjoy, " the award said.

The award to Mueller described Castle Farms as a "French Renaissance style castle with stone walls and towers, fragrant gardens and romantic courtyards. It is a taste of European charm right here in Michigan. Castle Farms is now a wonderful place to enjoy magnificent buildings and gardens, play giant chess, find your way through a hedge maze, watch model trains, feed trout in a pond, and explore the enchanted forest. Built as a dairy farm in 1918, the castle went through numerous changes over the years, from an art studio and gallery, a rock concert venue and eventually to an empty ruin."

Now restored by the Muellers to its former beauty, Castle Farms is open for special events and daily tours.

Food for needy

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey announces the following times and places for November food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

- 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. *Boyne City – City Hall*
- Noon to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, *Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church*
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, *Mancelona Community Lighthouse*
- 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, VFW *Hall, Harbor Springs*

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program targets nutritionally at risk mothers, infants, children, and people aged 60 and older. For further information about income guidelines and qualifying for this program call Dennis Buhr at 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518.

ANNIVERSARY

John M. Stebe and Catherine Kiebel were married in Petoskey on Nov. 8, 1958.

They celebrated their 50th anniversary by going on an Alaskan cruise in September.

Mr. Stebe was a local contractor and retired in 2001; Mrs. Stebe worked at Char-EM ISD, and retired in 1994.

She was also a homemaker.

Jack and Catie are active members of the Buckley Old Engine Club, Flywheelers and were active members in the Grange, Sports boosters, Band boosters and continually help out where needed if it involves their grandchildren and their events.

They have three children. Gary (Kelly) Stebe, Rob (Sandy), and Scott (Laura) all of Charlevoix. They are devoted grandparents to their six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild and two step-great grandchildren.

Jack and Catie remain very active; Jack is seasonally employed by Mt. McSauba during the winter.

They love to travel in their motor home and especially enjoy the Amish country.

A family celebration dinner will be held on November 8 hosted by their children will be take place on November 8 at the home of Scott and Laura Stebe.

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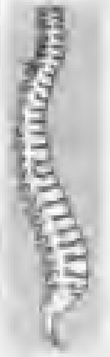

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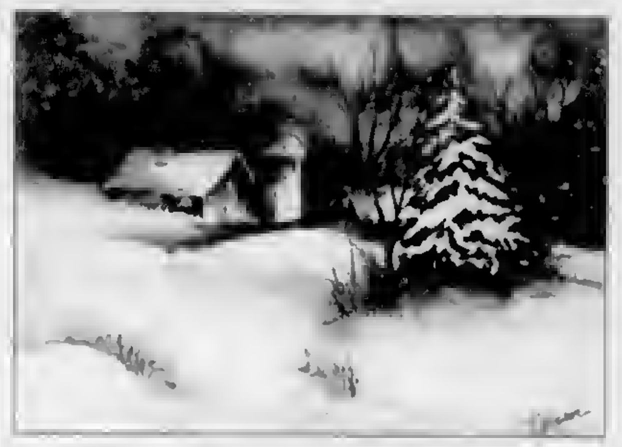

Hospice month

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November has been designated National Hospice Month. Hospice of Northwest Michigan is proud to be able to begin tha celebration by introducing its newest Christmas card. This year the card features an original design by June Storm titled "Boyne Winter 2008" with the inside inscription. "Wishing you warmth in your heart, Peace in your home, And everything beautiful in your life!" Still available are "Snowy River" – inside "Wishing you every happiness at this most beautiful of seasons!" and "Snowy Fields", insida "Wishing you the quiet beauty Of a Peaceful Holiday Season." Tha cards are available at Boyne Country Books and SweetGrass in Boyne City; The Clothing Company, Charlevoix; Busy Bridge Gifts and Antiques, East Jordan; Sturgeon River Pottery and Wild Bird Supply in Petoskey; The Antrim Review, Bellaira and Adams Madams, Central Lake. Cards may also be viewed and ordered online at www.hospicenwm.org. They are priced at $15 for 20 cards. The proceeds from the sale of thesa cards will help further the work of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, working in partnership with The Health Department of Northwest Michigan, to provide care in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties.

Free haircuts for those in need

Due to the present economy and hardships that residents of Charlevoix have incurred, Shabby Girls Salon at 801 Bridge St. is offering free haircuts.

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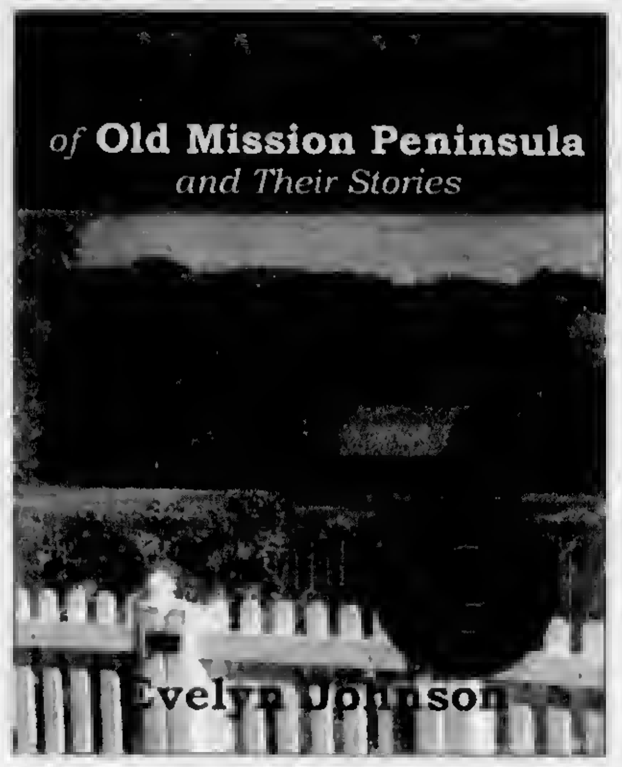

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Barns of Old Mission Peninsula

Old Mission Peninsula is cherished by residents and tourists alike. Barns of Old Mission Peninsula, by Evolyn Johnson, is a documentation of traditional barns and local stories and experiences of the peninsula. Johnson will present slides of the barns and speaking about her experiences researching the book at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at Charlevoix Public Library. She has recorded a great deal of the history of Old Mission Peninsula through its barns. "Interviewing barn owners and photographing their barns was the equivalent of photographing life," she said. "I wanted others to know that a part of who we are today comes from someone whose roots are firmly planted on farmland where they always had a barn." The photos and stories from Barns of Old Mission Peninsula highlight facts and anecdotes about just what life was like on the farm. For information about this or other library programs visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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Central Michigan University announces its Summer 2008 Graduation List with the following Charlevoix students: Marilee Brooks, MA; Heather Ferber, MS; and Geralyn McCafferty, BAA.

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Movement & Music
Wednesday, November 5, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
K - 3rd Grade
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Writers Group
Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing.

Story Time
Thursday, November 6, 10:30 am
Birth to [illegible]
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts

Ask the Tech Guy
Thursdays, November 6 or 13, 10:00 - noon
Bring your computer and your questions for one on one time with the library's technology assistant, Roger Cowell

Open Mic Night – WE NEED YOU!
Thursday, November 6, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Teens through adults are invited to share their love of performing arts in a community setting. Participants are welcome to perform original works, an interpretation of a classic song, poetry, short scripted pieces, dance, etc. at the open mic. If you're not into performing, then come and listen to the performances. This is a family centered celebration of Charlevoix's talent, so please plan your performance accordingly. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Free and open to all.

Gamernoons
Friday, November 7, 3:00 - 4:45 pm
Grades 5 - 7
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Sleepy Time Stories
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Monday, November 10, 6:30 pm
Come in your pajamas and bring your lovies to hear stories before bedtime.

Spilled Ink: Creative Writing Workshop for Teens
Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
This four week session will help young writers begin, enhance or brush materials they are working on, or help generate ideas and inspiration to put thoughts onto the page.

Home School Network: Help Your Library Help You
Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 pm
An open invitation to home school parents in Charlevoix and surrounding areas to meet, network and define library services to meet your needs.

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Thursday, November 13, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
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OBITUARIES

Rex Bruce Davis: Feb. 26, 1942 - Oct. 28, 2008

Rex Bruce "Rick" Davis, 66, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The funeral was 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Michael Arp of the Family of Faith Ministries in Charlevoix officiated.

Burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Rick was born Feb. 26, 1942, in Charlevoix to Rex and Lucille (Thompson) Davis.

On June 23, 1962, he married Jean Curtis in Charlevoix.

Rick worked for DME for 28 years, and then worked as a boat refinisher for Bellinger Marine and then Bergmann Marine, retiring in 2004.

He operated Rick's Charter Service as a great lakes charter fisherman for several years piloting the "Jeannie Sea."

Rick was a volunteer fireman for the City of Charlevoix, and a long-time member of the Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club, and had served on the Rod & Gun Club Board of Directors.

His favorite pastimes include spending time with friends in his garage, shooting sporting clays, and deer hunting.

He is survived by his wife Jean; son, Scott (Susan) Davis of Harrison Township.; daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Stevens and her special friend Jody Putnan of Charlevoix; grandchildren Brandon Stevens (Rick's special shooting partner), Bailee Stevens (his little angel), James "Jimmy" and Jeffrey Davis (his pier fishing buddies); sister Kay (Tom) Webster of Petoskey; mother-in-law Ruby Curtis, and sister-in-law Linda Ostling both of Charlevoix; nieces and nephews Kimberly (Jim) Atkinson, Dennis Curtis, Shannon Ayers, Mat (Chris) Webster.

Rick's parents: father-in-law Eugene; brother-in-law Gene Ostling; brother and sister-in-law Jack and Katie Curtis preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or to the Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Teresa Marie Seese: passed away on Oct. 29, 2008

Teresa Seese, 33, of Charlevoix passed away Oct. 29 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Va.

Her greatest loves were her two sons Prestyn, 8, and Hayden, 7.

She enjoyed cooking, classical music, reading and writing poetry.

Teresa is survived by her two sons Prestyn Seese and Hayden Prevo; her mother Linda Hall and father Edward Germain; grandmother Elaine Avery; brother Greg Seese Jr.; two sisters, Karen (Tim) Fraley, and Jennifer Oliver, all of Charlevoix. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held for the immediate family at a later date.

A benefit fund has been established for her boys, Prestyn Seese and Hayden Prevo, in c/o Karen Fraley at Charlevoix State Bank.

Flu shots offered this Thursday

The First Thursday Health Screening takes place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Community Health Education Center, located across the parking lot from the hospital's main entrance.

The $20 screening provides a place where healthcare professionals measure participants' height, weight, body composition, good and total cholesterol levels, blood sugar and blood pressure during 15-minute screenings. Based on the same-day results, participants receive follow-up recommendations.

In addition to the routine screenings, $25 flu shots will be offered by VitalCare from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. VitalCare will directly bill Medicare/Medicaid for those who qualify.

Registration is not required. For more information, contact HealthAccess at (800) 248-6777.

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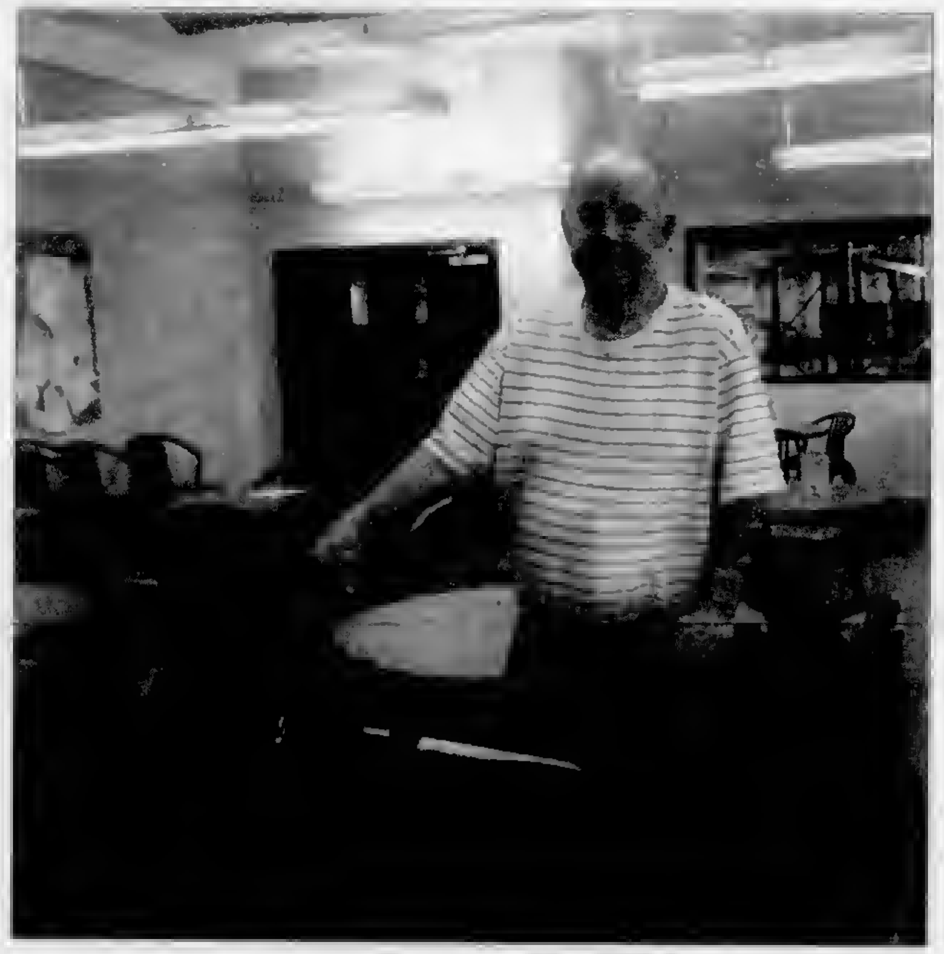

The ride has just begun

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After 35 years at Harbor Industrias, Guy Swanson has officially ratirad. Harbor sent Guy off on Oct. 30 with a ratiremant calebration and presented him with a gift certificate for a naw bike. This will coma in handy for Guy's road trip out Wast in December.

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD **05291 M-66 North**	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Barnard at Klooster Road**	
Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**
BELLFLOWER REFORMED CHURCH **8033 Church Road, Ellsworth**	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH **11906 US-31 North**	
Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH **05855 M-66**	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **104 State Street**	
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K - 8 and Adult	9:30 a.m.
Pastor: **Todd Thompson**	**547-2654 or -5168**
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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**
Rev. John S. David	
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY **205 Clinton Street**	
Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS **6429 N. M-66**	
Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**
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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**
FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES **203 E. Upright**	
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH **M-66 (across from Post Office)**	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	**547-4121**
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE **US 31 North**	
Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** **101 State St. (At Park Ave.)**	
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**
FREEDOM HOUSE **12705 US-31**	
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**217-0800**
GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH **07444 Old U.S. 31 North**	
Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**147-3899**
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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:10 p.m.
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Faith Formation Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	**547-6652**
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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Memories of a veteran

Veterans Day services are 11 a.m., Nov. 11 in Charlevoix's Veterans Park. A dinner for veterans is 6 p.m. at the VFW hall on US 31 in Charlevoix.

ALICE PERRAULT

Charlie Butcher is an army air force veteran from World War II.

Butcher was born in August of 1927. He enlisted in 1944, and served for eight years. He was on active duty for 28 months.

"I was a flight engineer and a copilot. I was given an air plane and a crew. We carried cargo, VIP, and troops. We did a lot of search missions for down planes," Butcher said.

After the war, Butcher graduated from the University of Michigan and got his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering.

Since then, he worked for different engineering corporations, and was eventually sent to corporate offices in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I was the chief engineer in investoral groups," Butcher said.

In 1981, Butcher left corporate offices, and became a private consultant.

His favorite part was testifying.

"I was in expert witness programs. I drew back on all the knowledge and education I had for product liability," Butcher said.

Butcher is now retired, and has two grown children, Charles III, and Kathryn. He also has four grandchildren. Like her father, his daughter has also gone into mechanical engineering.

Butcher has not always lived in Charlevoix, as his jobs required him to move from time to time.

"I used to vacation up here with my kids, and I decided that one day I was going to live here, so here I am," he said.

Now that he is retired, Butcher spends his spare time working with different veteran organizations. Butcher is the past commander of the American Legion Post, and the Veterans Foreign Wars. He also currently works with the Marine Core League.

"Right now we are working on the toys for tots programs. I enjoy working with these programs, and I like working with the kids. I enjoy helping out," Butcher said.

Before he retired, Butcher spent time fishing, and hunting.

"I love the north country. I always have, ever since I was a boy," he said.

Being a veteran and celebrating Veterans Day means a lot to Butcher.

He said, "Being a vet is a very special feeling. There is a type of pride that you have. It's a feeling of being a part of something that is much bigger than yourself. Being a vet is very special. It was an honor to serve."

One memory that stands out in butcher's mind is getting lost over Switzerland.

"We got lost flying from Italy to Germany in the Alps Mountains," he said. "We were lost for an hour—It was a little dicey."

Butcher also remembers traveling all over seas to different bases.

"I was in England, France, Germany and Italy. Europe was so badly torn up during that time," He said.

"When I see the kids in schools, I tell them there is nothing glamorous about war. It isn't about uniforms and flags. It's about serving, and putting your life at risk. Sometimes war is forced on us, and we have to just stand up and fight," Butcher added.

Butcher never doubted his decision to enter the war.

"You have pride as a soldier. You feel apprehension and also comradeship," he said. "The hardest part is the loss of people, but I would do it over."

If he could give one piece of advice, Butcher would tell soldiers today to keep their collective heads down.

"You're likely to get hurt if you put your head up. But, I am very proud of our volunteer military. I believe in enlistment and volunteering," Butcher said. "A military career is a fine career. There are many different things you can do."

Submariners also contributed

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This picture of Chief Petty Officer Electrician Ben Gill, circa early 1950s was taken when ha made chelf. Gill served USS Perch during World War II for nearly a year before the sub was damaged to the point the captain had to surrender to a Japanesa ship which had been depthcharging the submarine for hours in March 5, 1942.

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Local E coli outbreak

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Laboratory results show the strain of the E coli virus that infected several individuals from the local health district definitely was not related to any other cases in the state, including the outbreak at Michigan State University.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan investigated five cases of E coli infection, four from Emmet County, and one from Antrim County.

Based on results of tests performed at the Michigan Department of Community Health State Laboratory in Lansing, public health officials have concluded the Emmet County cases are not related to the Antrim County case or to outbreaks down state.

The source of the Emmet County outbreak is unknown at this time.

Michigan Department of Community Health and U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention is investigating a possible link between the Antrim and Emmet counties' cases with other E coli cases around the nation involving the same strain.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about E coli infection and other food-borne illnesses, visit www.cdc.gov.

Barely a teenager

COURTESY PHOTO

Karley Pearsall, 13, Charlevoix, shot her first Michigan black bear in Baraga County while hunting with family friends. Pearsall nabbed her first buck the year before.

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Slicker roads this winter

STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

At Friday's Emmet County Road Commission meeting, engineer-manager Brian Gutowski said motorists should expect to see less pavement — even on state highways — at times this winter thanks to efforts both at the state and county levels to save money on salt and overtime costs.

Gutowski said Michigan Department of Transportation officials have changed the standards for the condition at which they want some state highways maintained on overtime in the winter from cleared down to bare pavement in both travel lanes to one travel lane down the center of the road (half of a travel lane in each direction.)

Those changes will apply to M-119 and M-68 in Emmet County and M-75, M-66, and M-32 in Charlevoix County.

Gutowski said he plans to institute similar guidelines for many of the county's roads as well. He hopes with the changes in salt application guidelines and a system that pre-wets the salt with a chloride solution, he can save 20 percent on the road commission's salt usage this winter. That would save about $60,000.

"People are going to have to realize that the roads won't be in as good of shape at times," Gutowski said.

In Charlevoix County, road commission manager Pat Harmon said his crews are hoping for a 10 percent reduction in overall salt usage on county roads. He noted that even though his crews will be limited to the same constraints for road maintenance on state highways as in Emmet County, he expects sections of M-75 will still see some shoulder plowing during overtime hours.

"We have a unique situation here because our garage is located right on M-75," Harmon said. "If we have a truck driving out to (U.S.) 131 on a weekend and there's six inches of snow along M-75, (the driver) isn't just going to drive past it."

Harmon said he hopes to see salt usage savings on the county by some more minor adjustments to the way and times of the road commission applies salt to the roads.

Most road commissions do salting and plowing on state highways in their respective counties under a contract with the state. The state then reimburses the road commission at a set rate for its costs to salt and plow those roads. The state will not reimburse road commissions for work done in excess of the maintenance standards it sets out.

Earlier this fall Charlevoix County's Harmon said crews will plow county roads on weekends if needed. Last year Charlevoix experimented with a policy of not plowing secondary roads on weekends, but discontinued the practice in response to public outcry when an early-season weekend snow storm left many residents stranded.

In Emmet County, Gutowski said he plans to continue with a program started last winter under which the road commission used private contractors to plow 28 miles of subdivision roads.

Dictionary project

COURTESY PHOTO

Third-graders around Charlevoix County have the chance to be better spellers and have better vocabularies thanks to a gift from the Barnard Grange. It's called the "Dictionary Project" and more than 4.9 million children nationwide have received a dictionary. Charlevoix, Ellsworth, St. Mary's, Ebenezer Christian, and Northwest Academy schools recently benefited from this program. Pictured (from right) are Randy Cebulski from the Barnard Grange presenting Colin Davis with his dictionary.

Michigan film discussion to promote movie industry

According to the West Michigan Film Video Alliance, film producers from all over the United States are looking to Michigan as a prime venue for their upcoming projects, thanks to 40 percent tax incentives introduced back in April. Securing the projects is just half the battle, however. The success or failure of this program lies within the communities of Michigan who must be able to provide goods and services, with an unparalleled level of expertise, teamwork and communication.

There is a 7 p.m., Nov. 5 meeting of a group of concerned individuals with ties to the film industry—known collectively as the Northern Michigan Film & Media Group—who will be hosting this informational discussion geared toward chambers of commerce, visitor bureaus, economic development organizations, businesses and individuals interested in learning more about the incentives and the potential it provides for Michigan.

The session will be held at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix. A social hour for networking will start at 5 p.m., with the formal round-table discussion and Q&A session starting at 7 p.m.

Dianna Stampfler, President of Promote Michigan and a Board member of the West Michigan Film Video Alliance, will be the moderator for the evening's discussion.

"Since the incentives were introduced, everyone is trying to capture a piece of the action and become an expert in the industry," said Stampfler. "It's important that Michigan's businesses, organizations and communities work together to make this industry a viable part of our state's future economic foundation. I invite anyone who is passionate that Michigan's future and our growing film industry to attend this session to learn more."

Some California industry executives have been invited to participate in the session, including George Colburn a historian and filmmaker who has offices in Petoskey, New Mexico and Washington DC. Colburn will be a featured panelist for the evening.

"It is critical that Northern Michigan start immediately to establish itself by organizing collaborative coalitions of communities, businesses and individuals to showcase their inventory of assets," Colburn said. "By working together, northern Michigan can soon earn a preferential position with the film industry, and everyone involved can profit from the designation."

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Scout's project benefits area youth

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Brennen Stebe shows off several of the features he built for his Eagle Scout project over the last year. An avid snowboarder, Stebe created seven pieces for Mt. McSaube's new terrain park. The park will include low flat boxes, long slender boxes, a straight rail, a rail with curves and there are even plans to eventually build a quarter pipe.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Not only did 17-year-old Brennan Stebe exceed the number of hours of community service needed to finish his quest for the rank of Eagle Scout, he create something which could attract people from all over the region.

What was once an empty hill on the backside of Mt. McSauba will be transformed this winter into a full-fledged snowboarding park complete with rails, boxes and eventually a quarter pipe.

"I didn't want to come up with the typical eagle project like building benches or fixing up a park," Stebe said. "So, I built boxes and rails and features to hit on your snowboard and have fun grinding on."

He added, "I love snowboarding so much."

Snowboarders will find at least seven new features including two rails, two flat boxes and several long boxes, on the hill.

"I probably go, during the winter season, to some resort or ski hill five or six times a week," Stebe said. "No cities around here have what we (McSauba) have except Nub's Nob and Boyne Mountain, but I had somebody last winter try one of mine—he said mine are the best ones he's used."

Stebe began planning the terrain park back in January, 2007.

"I went to the city (Charlevoix) and got a grant for about $2,000 to order all the materials and then we began working on building them," said Stebe, who enlisted the help of nearly 20 people who each worked various hours during the project.

"To obtain Eagle Scout you have to earn 21 merit badges ... and do more than 100 hours of community service," he said. "We totaled 136 hours."

Stebe must now go before a committee for an interview before he will know if he will receive this most prestigious rank in scouting.

"I'm pretty nervous," he said. "I finished all my merit badges, and last Wednesday sent in all the paperwork to the Scenic Trails Council."

Stebe added, "Becoming an Eagle Scout's not an easy thing."

Difficulty or no, Stebe's efforts through organizing helping hands, securing monies and implementing his own sweat equity have ensured that snowboarders near and far will have the chance to do what they love come snowfall this year.

Stebe hopes to study architecture and possibly CAD designing in college and go west to do a little snowboarding following graduation from Charlevoix High School next spring.

"I've been in scouting for about eight years, and it's been really fund and I've learned a lot of leadership skills and how to do good in the community," he said.

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Having a green Halloween

(Pictured left to right) Devon Bottomley, Weston Ramsey, Zak Henkins, Brandon Fermer, Elizabeth Way, Amber Way, Avery Penfold, Jonathon Lindfors, and Kiley McCree. Pictured here are the winners of the Go Green Halloween contest sponsored by the Charlevoix Middle School Builders Club. The contest promoted utilization of recycled materials and formerly used costumes. Carol Madison, a fifth grade teacher at the middle school, thought it was a great way to continue to educate our students about the importance of recycling. The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club sponsors the Builders Club and when presented with the idea, they felt it was the perfect project to take on. Builders Club members made presentations in the classrooms about recycling and will continue to do so during the school year. The Builders Club also oversees the middle school recycling program.

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Thanksgiving workout

FILE PHOTO

The Second Annual Turkey Trot begins at 8 a.m. at Harbor Health and Fitness, 110 Clinton St. This fundraiser one-mile and five kilometer walk/run benefits Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Register at www.active.com. Course route at www.usatf.com. Call 547-8000 for more information.

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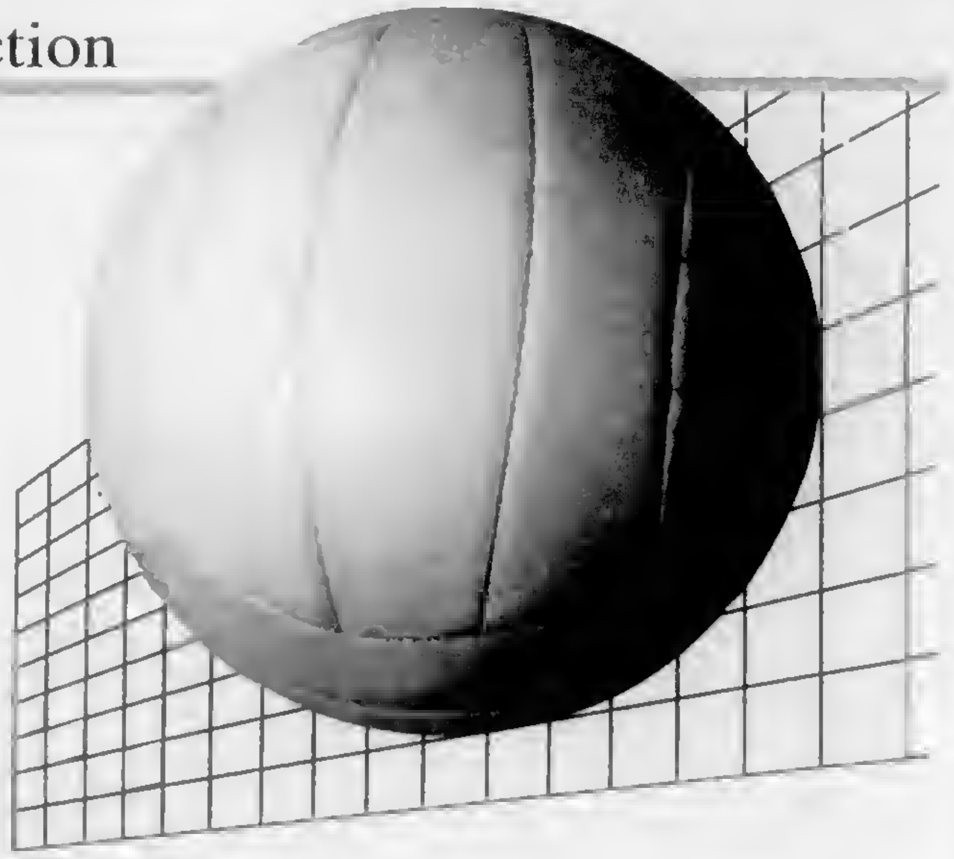


All-State Honors

Charlevoix senior Alex Buday also earned All-State honors by placing 28th in the Division III high school boys' cross country race Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Buday had to battle to finish 28th in the boys' race and garner All-State honors.

"He got knocked down at the mile and fell back to about 50th place," Charlevoix coach Ken Plude said. "Then he moved all the way up to 13th and he said when he got into the stadium (for the final three-quarters of a mile) his knee began to freeze up on him.

"Thankful that he made it, did get All-State, and it was a big PR (by 14 seconds) for him. It wasn't an easy chore. Everybody wanted those last few spots."

The Rayders, with four freshmen and a sophomore in the lineup, finished 14th with 382 points in the 28-team field. Shepherd won the team title with 117, followed by Hillsdale, 121; and Benzie Central, 157.

"Everybody PR'd except for two," Plude said, adding that he was very pleased with his team's finish in light of the fact that it was so young, and that it had to survive a rugged regional in order to simply make it to MIS. "Especially since we had to try to peak last week just to get to state. I was wondering if the freshmen boys would bounce back from that. They had a hard race, but they did really well. Hopefully the big-eye syndrome is over. They all want to go back and do something with it.

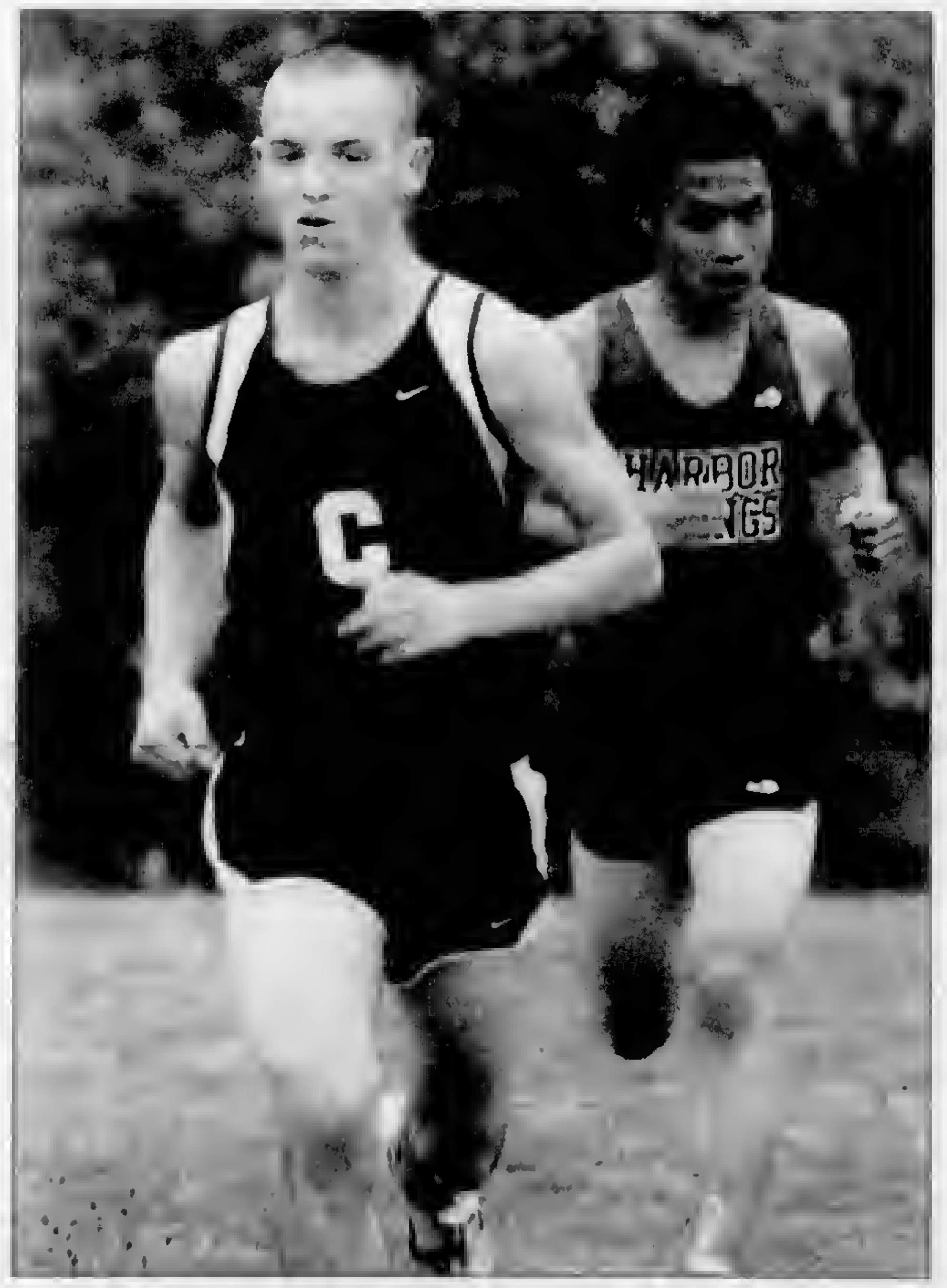
"We're freshman loaded. A good problem to have."

Tony Schafer of Grand Rapids West Catholic won in 15:23.8.

Sophomore Eric Buday, Alex's brother, placed 61st in 16:45.1, and the Rayders' next three runners, Erik Acharya, Andrew Plude and Vinny Von Lau, are freshmen. Acharya was 122nd in 17:22.8, Andrew Plude was 132nd in 17:29.4, and Von Lau was 187th in 18:10.6.

Acharya was fifth among freshmen in the field, while Plude was ninth.

Charlevoix junior Neil Salisbury was 191st in 18:15.9, and Alex Gooch, another freshman, was 207th in 18:45.6.



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Volleyball tournament in Boyne

The Rayders, 34-13-14, defeated Kalkaska, 25-21, 25-24, and split with Cedarville, 18-25, 25-14; and Harbor Springs, 25-13, 24-25; then lost to Petoskey, 21-25, 15-25.

Also for Charlevoix, Shauna Spencley finished with 21 kills, 22 digs; Bobby Moulter had 10 kills; setter Jenna Way had 60 assists, 22 digs; Taylor Storm had 33 digs; and Lauren Mielke added 19 digs.

JV VOLLEYBALL

Rayders third

Charlevoix defeated Gaylord, 21-17, 21-12, in the consolation match Saturday to place third in the Gaylord Invitational.

Katie Mays led the Rayders with 12 kills, 15 digs, six assists and six blocks, while Kelsey Way had 10 kills and six digs; Kelly Greyerbiehl added 20 digs; and Allison Hankins had seven blocks.

Rayders fall to the boys of Iron Mountain

Iron Mountain 48, Charlevoix 15

IRON MOUNTAIN — A rough start proved to be too much to overcome for Charlevoix.

Iron Mountain jumped to a 28-0 first-quarter lead and led comfortably, 41-7, at halftime en route to a Division 6 pre-district victory over the Rayders on Friday, ending Charlevoix's season at 5-5.

Iron Mountain, 10-0 and ranked second in the Associated Press Division 6 state poll, will host Boyne City, 9-1, at 3 p.m. (EST) Saturday, Nov. 8, in a district final.

The Mountaineers are in their ninth straight playoff appearance and have reached the postseason 19 times.

"They were a good team, but we came out and didn't play well in the first quarter," said Charlevoix coach Don Jess, whose team made its second straight playoff appearance. "We didn't recover a kick after they scored and it just wasn't the start we were looking for."

Mario Frankini had four carries for 186 yards scored three touchdowns to lead the Mountaineers.

"Their back was really speedy and once he found some space, he was tough," Jess said.

For the Rayders, Jon Putman caught a 10-yard TD pass from Clayton Mitchell and Jake McLean scored on a 13-yard run. Bill Foley kicked an extra point and Mitchell ran for a two-point conversion.

Mitchell completed 11-of-31 passes for 148 yards.

"it's unfortunate the way we came out and played," Jess said. "Making the playoffs was a good experience for our kids and a nice reward for those seniors to have a shot.

"They worked really hard to make themselves better."

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Where's the beef?

It's at Candy's Cowboys

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

With a lifetime of farming experience and years readying her property for raising cattle, Candy Mousseau recently opened Candy's Cowboys.

Possibly an odd title for a place which custom cuts locally raised, grain-fed beef without steroids, antibiotics or growth hormones, but Mousseau is confident her lean, juicy and tender cuts of meat will keep her customers coming back.

"I raise calves from day-old all the way up to 18 months to two years," she said. "I have them all processed locally and I sell them by the piece."

Mousseau added, "Selling by the whole beef is hard for people to afford and too much meat for people to store. This way, they can pick out cuts they want and take it home."

Mousseau offers free local delivery with a $25 purchase of burger, New York strip, prime rib, beef sticks, ribs—short and regular—sweetbreads, heart, tongue and more.

"It's all frozen and vacuum packed in clear plastic so people can see what they're buying and there is no need for preservatives," she said. "I have a variety of cuts ranging from nice lean ground beef to filet mignon, porter house, sirloin, Denver steaks, roasts."

Mousseau added, "I can do special orders, and I price it very competitively."

Candy's Cowboys is open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Mousseau can be reached by calling (231) 675-2599 or visit her new storefront at 03817 Wickersham Road in Charlevoix.

"I enjoy doing this. It's my hobby; it's my golf game," she said. "I was born and raised on Barnard Road on my mom and dad's beef farm."

Mousseau raises between 12 and 15 head of cattle each year and has hundreds of pounds of fresh meat delivered every couple months.

Despite costing more, Mousseau feeds her cows grain every day.

"Other places would give them hey most of their life and then feed them out (feed the cattle grain) the last couple months," she said. "A little grain every day does better flavor and grain of meat, and it makes them happy—a happy cow makes happy meat."

Mousseau's farm is a licensed and inspected beef producer.

IRA charitable rollover could benefit community

A provision of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act recently signed into law bodes well for retirees and charitable organizations. Included in the bailout legislation was an extension on the IRA Charitable Rollover—a popular giving incentive that had expired on Dec. 31, 2007.

The rollover permits owners of Individual Retirement Accounts who are age 70 or older to make direct gifts up to $100,000 from their IRAs to qualified charities each year.

Since the assets are transferred directly, retirees don't declare them as income and avoid paying income tax on the amount of their gift

The IRA rollover provision had originally been part of the Pension Protection Act, which took effect in 2006. Heralded by congressional leaders, tax planners, and philanthropic groups, the legislation is thought to have generated millions of dollars in charitable donations nationally.

Here in our own region, local community foundations also reaped the benefits.

"Thanks to decades of careful saving and planning, a number of people have accumulated good-size IRAs," explained Maureen Nicholson, executive director of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. "The legislation has allowed those who want to support our local charities to do so without seeing the value of their gift diminished by income tax."

According to Charlevoix County Community Foundation president, Bob Tambellini, the rollover is seen by many donors as a win-win opportunity.

"Given a choice, most people would rather support a charitable cause than pay taxes," he said. "So, the passage of this legislation is good news for all of us: taxpayers, our community foundations and all the local projects and programs we help fund."

Those who are interested in learning how to take advantage of the IRA rollover should consult with their financial advisor or attorney.

The community foundations can also provide additional information.

Call (231) 348-5820 in Emmet County, or (231) 536-2440 in Charlevoix County for more information.

Michigan tax policy slams the poor

report finds State status should improve with new tax credit

In 2007, Michigan was one of only 10 states that taxed working families living in deep poverty, a new report released today concludes.

The report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington D.C.-based policy group, named Michigan as one of the worst states for taxing those at the low end of the income ladder.

It is one of nine states to tax a two-parent family of four earning less than three-quarters of the poverty line ($15,902), and one of just six to tax a single-parent family with two children earning less than three-quarters of the poverty line ($12,398).

The picture should brighten, however, when Michigan families pay their 2008 taxes early next year. For the first time, they'll be able to claim the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which was signed into law in 2006.

"There's a silver lining in this report," said Sharon Parks, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Human Services. "Our status as a state that overtaxes the poor should improve in future years because of the Earned Income Tax Credit. This reinforces the need for the tax credit -- and the need to make sure it stays in place as we face another tough year and lawmakers look for ways to cut the budget. We will be anxious to see next year's ranking."

The state EITC is a policy that rewards work and helps low-income workers with a refundable tax credit, allowing them to keep more of what they earn. The state EITC is 10 percent of the existing federal Earned Income Tax Credit in 2008. It rises to 20 percent in 2009 and beyond.

Among the examples cited in the report, which covers the 2007 tax year, are the following:

- A single-parent family of three in Michigan living at the poverty line of $16,530, paid $206 in income taxes; only Hawaii and Alabama were higher out of the 42 states that levy income taxes;
- A two-parent family of four in Michigan living at the poverty line of $21,203 paid $257 in income taxes; only four states were higher;
- Michigan levied an income tax of $131 for a single-parent family of three working a full-time minimum-wage job. Only Hawaii levied a higher tax on family earning the minimum wage.

Legislation introduced earlier this year sought to freeze the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit because of a shortfall in state revenues. The League and other groups opposed a freeze on the credit.

"We've seen tax cut after tax cut after tax cut given to businesses. It would be unconscionable to freeze the one tax credit that is there to help low-income families at a time when they need it so desperately," Parks said.

Parks called for an expansion of the state EITC to 25 percent of the value of the federal EITC. She said the report makes it clear that along with the EITC, other tax policies aimed at injecting fairness into the state tax structure must be enacted.

"We think it's time for the state to modernize its tax structure and look at a graduated income tax that will help working families and keep needed public services running," she said.

Michigan is one of just seven states with a flat income tax, meaning taxpayers pay the same rate no matter what their income.

The report, The Impact of State Income Taxes on Low-Income Families in 2007, can be found at www.cbpp.org .

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Local business owner gets certified

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David L. Campbell, Owner/Broker of Campbell Commercial Company of Charlevoix

David L. Campbell, Owner/Broker of Campbell Commercial Company of Charlevoix, MI has been awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute, one of the leading commercial real estate associations in the world.

The designation was awarded Oct. 17 during the Institute meetings in Chicago, Ill. Campbell was among the group of 382 commercial real estate professionals who earned the designation by passing the Institute's comprehensive examination, the final element in the designation process. He has been a licensed real estate broker since 1976 and a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan since 1972; and, former member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1976 to 1980 and former Administrative Law Judge with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission from 1982 through 1985.

Since 2000, Campbell has focused almost exclusively in commercial real estate, doing site acquisition work and development for a preferred Walgreens' developer. To date, they have successfully completed over 80 Walgreens' transactions.

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2008 Realtor of the year

Spencley-Lee

The Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors has named Darsi Spencley Lee as its 2008 Realtor of the Year. This award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry. Award winners were chosen by their peers and recognized both locally and at the annual Michigan Association of Realtors Convention & Expo, Sept. 17 through 19 held in Detroit. Nominees are evaluated on their community service, education and business accomplishments and service to the realtor organization at the local, state and national levels. Lee has served on the board of directors for five years and is currently the President of the Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors. She has also involved with local community organizations such as Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and the United Way Day of Caring.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Carol A. Shepherd, a married woman of Charlevoix County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Pioneer Mortgage, Inc.' dated the 20th day of September, A.D 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of September, A.D. 2000, Liber 397, Page 383 of Charlevoix Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Amtrust Bank fka Ohio Savings Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $72,628.16 (seventy-two thousand six hundred twenty-eight and 16/100) plus accrued interest at 7.70% (seven point seven zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 14th day of November, A.D., 2008, at 11:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Boyne City, In the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, Michigan: Lot 98, McINTIRE'S ADDITION TO BOYNE, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 69, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as: 915 South Lake Street PPN: 051-383-098-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 15, 2008
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David B. Fuller and Deborah L. Fuller, of 806 Thompson Street, Boyne City, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Edward Neil Melavey, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2005, and recorded in the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 29, 2005, in Liber 673, on Pages 852 and 853, of Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of forty six thousand nine hundred fifty eight and 35/100 ($46,958.35).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgages or any part thereof. By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Charlevoix Courthouse lobby in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgages, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the total amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgages, with the interest thereon at ten percent (10%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

Lot 38, Bailey & Wilson's Addition to the Village of Boyne City, according to the recorded plant thereof.

Tax Parcel No. 051-381-038-00. Commonly known as 806 Thompson Street, Boyne City, Michigan.

The length of the redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the time of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 5, 2008.

Edward Neil Melavey, Mortgagee
FOR INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL:
Katrina Bonnell (P-56046)
Katrina Bonnell, P.L.L.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee
575 Court Street, P.O. Box 216
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-5229
(L-11/05, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel ("Mortgagors") to Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, having its principal office at 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan ("Mortgagee"), which mortgage was executed by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel in favor of Charlevoix State Bank, dated May 26, 2004 in the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan In Liber 616 at Page 491, securing the original principal amount of $192,500.00. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eighty One Thousand Eighty Dollars and Six Cents ($181,080.06), said interest accruing at the rate of 7.25% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest, as provided in said Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to the highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on December 5, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Land Situated in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, further described as: commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot 1, Block 2; thence West 108 feet; thence North 39 feet; thence West 24 feet; thence North 8 feet; thence Ease 132 feet; thence South 47 feet to the Place of Beginning; being a part of Lot 1, Block 2 of The Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan) according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 101 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan.

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 27, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation.

Prepared by and for more
information, please call.
Attorneys for Mortgagee:
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(L-11/05, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 08-011286-DE

Estate of Mary Ann Jacobitz, Deceased.
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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Ann Jacobitz, deceased, who lived at 615 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died on September 16, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Jacobitz, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: October 27, 2008.

Robison, Curphey & O'Connell
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by James Franklin Blakely, a/k/a James F. Blakely and Melissa Lee Blakely, a/k/a Melissa L. Blakely, to Century Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, in a mortgage dated December 7, 2006, and recorded on December 15, 2006 in Liber 777, Pages 880-890, Charlevoix County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-three and 27/100ths Dollars ($174,323.27).

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday December 5, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. local time at the lobby of the County Building, located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, the County Building being the place of holding Circuit Court in Charlevoix County. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, together with interest at eight percent (8%), legal costs, attorneys fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property is located in Charlevoix County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Land in the Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Addition 2 to Boyne Falls, according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as: 2388 Maple Street, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, unless the premises are deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

CENTURY MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Mortgagee

Dated: October 22, 2008

By: David L. Wright, Vice President

Prepared by:
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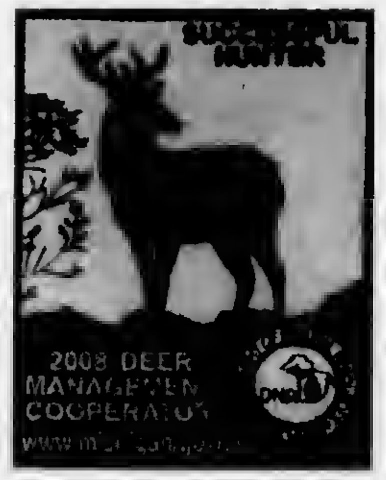
Hunters help CWD monitoring

by bringing their deer to a check station

Unlike some states, which require hunters to bring their deer to a check station, Michigan has always made deer checks completely voluntary, with one exception this year.

With the discovery of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in a captive deer in Kent County, hunters in nine townships of northwest Kent County: Tyrone, Solon, Nelson, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Alpine, Plainfield and Cannon, known as the CWD Surveillance Zone (CSZ), must check in their deer at one of four Department of Natural Resources' deer check stations set up in the CSZ - - Howard Christensen Nature Center, Rockford Sportsman's Club, Red Flannel Rod and Gun Club and at the Rockford Rest Area on southbound US-131.



In the rest of the state, visiting a check station continues to be completely voluntary, but DNR officials encourage hunters to bring their deer to one of more than 90 deer check stations across the state that will be open at some time during the deer hunting season.

The DNR maintains three traditional roadside stations on major highways (at the Mackinac Bridge in St. Ignace, on US-131 at Big Rapids and I-75 at Clio) during the busiest days of the Nov. 15-30 firearms season and at a variety of temporary stations at road corners and businesses during the firearms season. A hunter also can check a deer at most DNR field offices during posted business hours during any deer season. A list of check station locations along with posted hours may be found on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrhunting.

Wildlife Division personnel collect information from both deer and hunters at check stations. Hunters are first asked to provide the harvest location by locating the township, range and section on a map. Next the deer is examined to record the sex and age, as determined by tooth wear. If it's a buck, they examine the antlers, counting points

(a minimum of one inch in length) and measuring the beam diameter one inch above the skull, data the DNR has been collecting for decades.

The beam diameter is an important measurement, since it gives biologists an indication of the overall nutritional health of the deer herd.

"We track the average beam diameter for bucks by age-class and region of the state," said Rod Clute, DNR big game specialist. "On an individual deer that information is not very important, but when we can average hundreds of bucks for the year it does tell us the nutritional condition of the herd compared to previous years."

For example, in southern Michigan, the average beam diameter of one-and-a-half-year-old bucks is 22 mm. If that measurement comes in larger on average, biologists know there was better-than-usual nutrition that year. If it's lower, nutrition was not as good.

In the Upper Peninsula the average beam diameter is between 16 and 17 mm, but it can vary by two to three mm annually, depending on environmental

factors; a long, hard winter, a difficult spring, a mast crop failure, etc.

"We record the number of antler points because it's easily collected and a measurement that many hunters relate to; however, antler points provide limited biological information," Clute said. "We also make note of broken racks to see if there is an inordinate number of them. Although broken antlers can be caused by aggressive fighting; this is not that common. They often are another indicator of nutritional stress."

Check station personnel make note of whether female deer are lactating. This is especially significant for the one-and-a-half-year-olds, as older does many times force their young to stop nursing well before deer season arrives. But with young does, it is an indicator of whether the doe raised a fawn and helps determine regional reproductive rates. More

young-of-the-year does are bred in southern Michigan than in the northern parts of the state.

"Check stations also give us an opportunity to collect heads for disease-testing," Clute said. "Sample collection will be extremely important this fall as we increase CWD surveillance statewide.

"But the most important data we collect is the sex and age of the deer. That information and the mail survey of hunter success are used in a standard sex-age-kill model to estimate the size of our deer herd," Clute added. "We're very careful about aging deer; every year we have a refresher course for personnel on aging deer. If we can't look at a

deer's teeth, we don't guess its age. We need good data for the aging model to work well."

Contrary to what some hunters think, check station data is not used to estimate the deer kill. Harvest estimates are done by the mail survey. Years ago, DNR personnel used to make note of the percentage of deer that were hidden (inside of vehicles, under tarps on trailers, or in a covered pickup truck bed, etc.) compared to those that were visible. Then, in conjunction with traffic surveys, personnel could get a rough idea of how the season was going. But those numbers were never used to make management decisions.

"It's one indicator we used to provide to the media, who often are surprised that we can't tell them how many deer were killed by the evening of opening day," Clute said. "But we no longer collect that information. With more SUVs and pickup trucks with caps, fewer deer are visible when transported. Over the past five years, the majority of our harvest occurs in southern Michigan. Northern Michigan highway surveys wouldn't provide an overall picture of the deer season."

One of the most important aspects of the check station, Clute said, is that it gives wildlife personnel a chance to chat with hunters, to see what is on their minds.

"Getting hunters' opinions is invaluable to us," Clute said. "For that reason we encourage unsuccessful hunters to stop at a check station and tell us what they're thinking, too."

Wildlife officials appreciate the sportsmen and sportswomen who take the time to bring their deer to a check station and show that appreciation by giving each successful hunter a 2008 Deer Management Cooperator Patch.

"Last year we checked roughly 45,000 deer out of 476,000 harvested," Clute said. "That's a fairly typical annual ratio. We usually look at about nine percent of the deer killed. For the 2008 seasons we would like to increase that percentage with even greater hunter participation."

COURTESY PHOTO

The DNR has employed 17 additional temporary staff this fall to assist with mandatory deer registration at the four special check stations set up in the Kant County CWD Surveillance Zone. Tom Frontjes (left) and Jennifer Pond are two of the non-career wildlife assistants assigned to the Rockford Sportman's Club check station.

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Winterize your home

ALICE PERRAULT
STAFF WRITER

Even though heating costs have gone up, there are many efficient ways consumers can heat their homes this winter.

Ken Ashton, a sales manager at Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating in Charlevoix, said, "The first step is insulation. It is relatively cheap, and it works."

Ashton said homeowners need to tighten up their homes.

"Make sure there is no cold coming in. Insulation is great, but it won't do anything if you have cold coming in," he added.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) recommends installing insulation around your house and water heater. They also recommend caulking and weather stripping windows and doors to help seal out cold.

"We are projecting that the average cost of natural gas will be $193 a month for the upcoming winter months," Judy Palnau, spokeswoman for Michigan's Public Service Commission said.

Palnau added that 80 percent of Michigan residents use natural gas.

"Last year the average heating cost was $154 a month for November-March. This rise is partly due to the demand, and to the increase in oil. However, experts have predicted a mild winter, which means heating costs can go down," Palnau said.

Palnau recommended Michigan's Department of Energy's energy efficiency Web site, www.energy.gov/energyefficiency/index.htm, which lists more than 100 tips for winter.

Some of these fast and easy ways to save money while keeping out the cold are to use insulating caulk, tape and plastic sheets to cover cracks in moldings or window and door frames. Hairdryers can be used to melt the plastic directly around the window, this will create a tighter seal.

Other methods recommended is to use compact fluorescent light bulbs, air dry your dishes instead of using the drying cycle in your dishwasher, lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120 degrees, and close air vents for rooms you do not use often.

People can also purchase and install insulating switchboard plates. These are pads that go behind switchboard plates that help keep the draft out.

The U.S Department of Energy recommends closing the chimney shafts when you are not using your fireplace. This will keep cold air from coming in.

Other than blocking out the cold, one way consumers can save money is to dial their thermostat down a few degrees each day.

"Dialing down even a few hours a day can help people save up to 10 percent in their utility bills. Programmable thermostats automatically dial heating down a few degrees," Palnau said.

Joanne Harrison, president of H&B Plumbing & Heating Inc. in Cheboygan, said, "You want to make sure your furnace or broiler is functioning correctly. You need to have them checked to make sure they are efficient. Also, you need to change your filter often."

Harrison said another way to save money this winter is to have a programmable thermostat.

When all else fails, new heating systems can be installed for consumers.

Installing a new gas heating system can cost between $8,000-10,000, and have an operating cost anywhere from $1,000-$2,000 a year. Operating costs for propane can be at $3,500 though, Ashton said.

"It all depends on the size of the house, and whether the consumer is asking for a hot air or hot water furnace," Harrison said.

Ashton recommends consumers first look at what they have to work with, and then look at long term costs. It may be that their heating system just needs an update, or they need more insulation.

"The first thing to do, is check out what you have, and ways you can improve it before getting a whole new system," he said.

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Send buck photos

COURTESY PHOTO

Ryan Miller of Auburn Hills shows off the buck he took while hunting in Charlevoix last week. Send your hunting photos to news@charlevoixcourier.com or drop them off at 112 Mason St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Be sure to include name of those pictured, where the animal was taken, and any other information pertinent to the photo.

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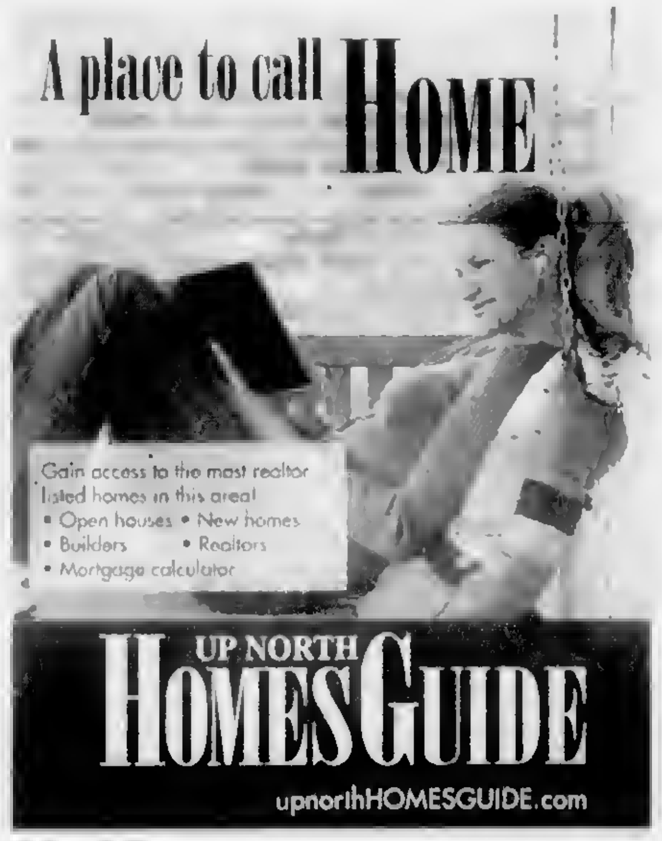
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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

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ONGOING EVENTS:

Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdolf at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

· Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

• Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.

• Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.

• Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Wednesdays in October

4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Movement and Music (for Kindergarten through third grades) come play and explore music, movement and your body.

• Thursdays in October

6:30 to 8 p.m., Latin Dance Workshop - Learn the basics of Latin dance with instructor, Dirk Esterline. ($20 fee)

• Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 28 and 30

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Web Page Design Basics (NCMC $59 fee)

• Saturday, Nov. 1

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Native American Heritage Day - Come to hear and see Native American storytellers and craftsmen spin their tales and crafts.

Nov. 15, "Ratatouille" comes to town. Bring the family for this fun movie and enjoy popcorn provided by the library.

All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Snap Shot Sessions

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Oct. 29 - "Relieving Stress through Exercise"

Nov. 5 - "Picture This - Photography" part one or "Baking for the Holidays"

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

OCT. 28 THROUGH NOV. 18

Courageous Parenting 101

This free five-session substance abuse education and prevention program will be offered from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., every Tuesday from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18 at Harbor Springs High School. This program teaches parents how to prevent their children from abusing controlled substances. Topics covered will include: teen drug use trends and party culture; drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and its physiological consequences; protective, psychological and developmental guidance to help reduce the risk of substance use; dangers of enabling and hands-off parenting; communication and listening strategies; warning signs; the power of denial; practical steps if use or abuse is suspected; sources of help and more. Although walk-ins are welcome, those interested in attending are encouraged to complete and submit a registration form available at the Harbor Springs High School office. Call (231) 838-9233 for more information.

NOV. 5

Historical society fundraiser

The Charlevoix Historical Society's 11th annual all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser is Is sponsoring its eleventh annual fundraising all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner at the Villager Pub, 427 Bridge Street, on Wednesday, November 5 from 5 to 9 P. M. Society members and directors will serve as the waitstaff. Whitefish and burritos will also be available. All proceeds from the spaghetti portion of the menu, plus all tips, will go toward support of the Society. The event will be non-smoking. Call 547-0373 for more information.

NOV. 7

The Barnard Grange's Swiss steak dinner fundraiser will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Charlevoix community Reformed Church, corner of US31 and Meech. Tickets for adults are $9; children 15 and younger $5. Children 5 and younger eat free.

Call 547-0528, 547-9153 or 547-5211 for more information.

First Friday at Family of Faith, a community sing.

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Spirit of the season

FILE PHOTO

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Senior Health Fair

See the types of services available to senior citizens in Emmet and Charlevoix counties from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Charlevoix/Emmet County Senior Health Expo at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center in Petoskey. This free event features more than 40 exhibitors answering questions about Part D in Medicare, legal and financial issues, health, fitness and nutrition. Flu vaccinations will be available for $25--or Medicare Part B and/or Medicaid can be billed--glucose and cholesterol tests for $15, blood pressure screenings, door prizes and light refreshments.

NOV. 8

Friske Orchards

Friske Orchards open house from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 8. Refreshments, prizes and music by Ginny Carey. Call Phil Green at (231) 599-2604 or 675-7520 for more information.

Angel Food Ministries

November orders will be taken from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pine River Apartments, for residents only.

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is again sponsoring Sights on Success. This free event for middle school girls is from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Nov. 8 at the Charlevoix library. Laurie Stewart will lead the event with activities featuring topics of self-esteem, goal setting, confidence building and more.

Mom to mom sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 8, at St. Mary Family Center. More than 20 vendors will sell clothes, toys, books, makeup, furniture and more. Admission is $2 for 18 and older. Call 547-1768 for more information.

NOV. 20

Red Cross blood drive

Noon to 5:45 p.m., Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, U.S. 31 North, Meech St. Call (800) 448-3543 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

NOV. 22, 23

McSauba ski sale and fundraiser

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NOV. 22, 23

CCA art excursion

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is sponsoring an overnight art excursion on November 22 and 23 to the Detroit Institute of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Detroit Artist Market's Holiday Gift Show, the College of Creative Studies, a studio tour and other cultural venues. Foreign films, fine dining and art are among the itinerary.

Tickets include roundtrip travel via bus from Charlevoix and Petoskey, morning coffee, a sack lunch, admission to the art institute and double occupancy hotel accommodations. Cost: Circle of Arts members $175, Non-members $200, student members 18 and under $165. Scholarships may be available. Register by Oct. 31. Call 547-3554 for more information or register at 109 Clinton St. E-mail charlevoixcircle@gmail.com for application.

NOV. 27

Thanksgiving workout

The Second Annual Turkey Trot begins at 8 a.m. at Harbor Health and Fitness, 110 Clinton St. This fundraiser one-mile and five kilometer walk/run benefits Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Register at www.active.com. Course route at www.usatf.com. Call 547-8000 for more information.

DEC. 6

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 6 at St. Mary Parish, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix is the 14th Annual Charlevoix Open House Craft Show with custom crafts by local artisans, a cookie walk, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Call 547-9441 or 547-6652 for more information.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

Fundraiser "*paid*" off

FILE PHOTO

Ginny McCallum and her sons Garrett and Kaden present $230 to Charlevoix Recreation Director Ike Boss from their Halloween fundraiser held on Oct. 28 at Mt. McSauba ski hill for the new groomer.

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Future of politics

COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix fourth-graders are going to present presidential websites they made to legislatures today with their teachers, Dana Frank. Front: Matt Good, Back Left: Mikaya Dixon, Cole Winnie, and Chris Gregory.

Embezzlement saga loose end officially tied up

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The lesser of two criminal acts perpetrated by a Boyne City husband and wife was finally dealt with Friday, Nov. 7 in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court.

Lockman

Kevin Dale Lockman, the husband of imprisoned embezzler Karla Sue Lockman, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of receiving and concealing stolen property in an amount less than $1,000.

Officials have been reluctant to explain why it took more than two years to charge Lockman with the crime; he was originally accused of using more than $30,000 to pay for his wife Karla Sue Lockman's defense.

Kevin Lockman must now serve 30 days of community service work, two years on probation and pay $31,238 in victim restitution, fines and court costs.

Karla Sue currently serves a five to 10-year sentence at a women's prison in Washtenaw County after being found guilty in August, 2006 of two counts of embezzling more than $20,000.

She is thought to have taken at least $859,278.25 from her former employer, the now defunct, Northern Preferred Title Company.

Lockman's attorney Robert Banner could not be reached by press time.

Proposed budget up over last year

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Public criticism over employee raises and increased spending, in addition to concerns over the nation's apparent financial crisis, topped the public hearing portion of the county board's Oct 29 budget hearing.

Spending actually increased by 1.88 percent for a total of $244,806, but because the county took the building department into its fiscal folds earlier this spring, it appeared on paper as though the county's spending had increase more than nine percent.

"I am appearing before you this evening to raise strenuous objections to your proposed 2009 budget," said Peter Vellenga. "I am not here to fault the budgetary process, but to cry out that, unless the board takes into consideration this serious economic crisis, you will potentially face a serious budget deficit."

The misnomer over the stark increase

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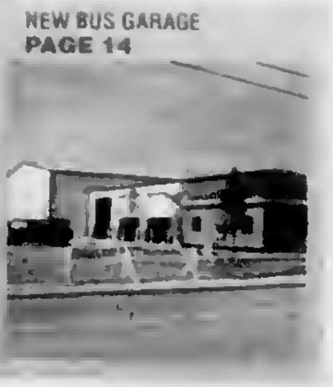

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Benjamin Troy Manning, 21, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended, first offense. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Kyle Colwick Heid, 21, Ellsworth. No operator license/multiple licenses. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Jessey Paul Rosamilla, 22, Traverse City. Obstructing/police officer disguise. Credit for 21 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs. ·

Samuel Dean Walton, 51, East Jordan Breaking and entering - illegal entry without permission. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; to serve two months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Shelly Marie Brogan, 20, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

David James Hutchison, 47, Ann Arbor. Impaired driving and contempt of court. Credit for eight days in jail; 65 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Joseph Patrick McCarthy, 20, Petoskey. Embezzlement by an agent/trustee of more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for 10 days in jail; 159 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $630 in fines and costs.

Steven Michael Filipiak, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; to serve five days in jail; serve 15 days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Peter Allen Dadovich, 34, Traverse City. Inkeeper-defrauding. Credit for 22 days in jail; to serve eight days in jail; $212.47 in fines and costs.

Patrick Michael Hood, 18, Vanderbilt. Malicious destruction of property, more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for one day in jail; 184 days held in abeyance; Serve 15 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; to write a letter of apology; $783.89 in fines and costs.

Michael Dylan Bolger, 38, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,185 in fines and costs.

Kristin Ryan Snively, 27, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for one day in jail; 334 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,180 in fines and costs.

BIRTHS

Parker Winfield Scott was born on Nov. 2 to Joshua and Krystal Scott, weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces. He has one brother; Peyton Joshua Scott. The grandparents are Dale and Sandy Meredith and Winfield and Catherine Scott.

Landen Perry Johnson was born Nov. 4 to Kara and Justin Johnson, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 22 inches. He has only one sibling: Xzandria Johnson. The grandparents are Pat and Lynn Bull, Cheryl and Ray Alward and Cindy and Tom Johnson.

Serenity Ann Marie Fuller was born on Nov. 2, to Kiesha Sulkowski and Adam Fuller, weighing 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Her only sibling is Hailey Rose Fuller; 2 years old. The grandparents are; Beatrice and Martin Lopez and Jerry Fuller.

City manager 'far exceeds expectations'

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Straebel

Just over a year in what was once a hot seat of contention, Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel has kept his cool.

And that even temper and yearning for openness with city officials and citizenry alike earned Straebel the highest of marks in his first annual performance evaluation.

"I think he is an unusual combination of a people person and the knowledge of all the inner workings of the city manager's office," said Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. "He's done a great job of letting department managers do their jobs (and) he's been really good for council to work with—he keeps us informed."

Straebel said there were no surprises during the process wherein he was evaluated in staff effectiveness, policy facilitation, service delivery management, democratic responsiveness, organizational planning/management, communication and integrity.

Of 30 grades, Straebel earned 30 marks designated as "far exceeds expectations."

"I continue to be thankful for all the support the city council and community has given me," he said.

Straebel hopes to spend more time getting out in the field and meeting with city employees on the job.

"We've also started to broach the idea with Charlevoix Township regarding fire consolidation," he said. "So, at least, we can move on with a feasibility survey."

Straebel added, "And, another important thing to bring forward is a balanced budget this year. We have a fair amount of deficit spending, and one of the most important things we can do is to cut expenses and increase revenue to bring about a balanced budget."

Carlson feels Straebel and his wife are a perfect fit for Charlevoix, and appreciates seeing Straebel at so many local events.

"The transition has been so smooth," Carlson said. "I look forward to extending a contract with him and having him lead Charlevoix for more than just the three years that he was hired for."

The minutes of Straebel's evaluation are available at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

Stupak wins re-election bid

NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

Voters in the Michigan's 1st Congressional District voted overwhelmingly to send Rep. Bart Stupak back to Washington for a ninth term.

The Democratic incumbent captured 213,174 votes, or 65 percent, and his strongest opponent, Republican state Rep. Tom Casperson earned 107,319 votes, or 33 percent.

Stupak said he would keep fighting for Northern Michigan, and looked to Sen. Barack Obama's presidential victory to provide more support to his region.

"I am committed to continuing to stand up for you and fight to implement the change necessary to move America forward," he said. "Voters in Michigan and across our country are hungry for change. What we are seeing tonight gives me hope that the new administration and a new Congress will address the challenges facing hard-working men and women and their families throughout our great nation."

Stupak also had opposition from a trio of third party candidates. Jean Treacy, of the Green Party, Joshua Warren, of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, and Daniel Grow, of the Libertarian Party, each captured about 1 percent of the vote.

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Local election results

• PEAINE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor

In one of the all-time small-town political upsets, Democrat John A. Gallagher beat 12-year incumbent John Works Jr. for the Peaine Township Supervisor seat with a vote of 136 to 113 or 54.62 percent of the vote.

"It turned out pretty good," Gallagher said. "I'm surprised, really surprised."

The 72-year-old beat his 48-year-old rival by just 23 votes.

Gallagher's platform included making governance in the Beaver Island township more open to citizens and working to improve road maintenance.

"We're going to make a genuine effort to invite public participation and get everyone involved," he said. "We need to move this along very quickly and for the benefit of the entire island."

Gallagher, who came into this race with no political experience, said his opponent fought a good fight.

Trustee

Republican incumbents triumphed in Beaver Island's Peaine Township.

Republicans Paul Welke, 58, and Peter LoDico, 67, were reelected to their trustees seats.

"Both of us are in second term I guess we've done the job people elected us to do," LoDico said.

Welke took 180 votes, LoDico 176 and their Democratic competitor, Bob Hoogendoorn, lost with 70 votes.

LoDico said with John Gallagher, unseating former supervisor John Works Jr. in this election, for the supervisor's seat he's hoping the board will continue to progress.

"We are going to see what he (Gallagher) brings to the township and hope he brings in new ideas. We'll try to follow those. As far as myself, I'm interested in improving the roads on Beaver Island which are in pretty poor shape right now. That's always been my goal," LoDico said..

Treasurer

Incumbent Peaine Township Treasurer Larry Kubic, 59, beat newcomer Jean Kingsley. The Democrat won the race 158 to 85 with 64.49 percent of the vote.

"I feel great," Kubic said. "I thought it would be a real close race and (I'm) happy it turned out that way."

Kubic will work to keep the island the way it is and be of service to the township board.

To his constituents, Kubic said, "Thank-you for your support."

This is the second term as treasurer Kubic has won.

Millages:

- Renewal of the Peaine Township Operating Millage passed 152 votes to 97 with 61.04 percent of the vote.

• ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP

Clerk

In what may be the strangest twist of the local races this election day, Republican Pamela J. O'Brien lost 119 to 104 to write-in candidate Jean Palmer who garnered 53.36 percent of the vote.

Palmer and O'Brien began their battle for the seat during the primary when they came to deadlock with an 86 to 86 tie last August.

Under Michigan law, ties must be broken by casting lots. So, on Aug. 14, two paper ballots were placed in a basket and drawn at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office. O'Brien won the proverbial coin toss, leaving Palmer's only recourse to file a recount—which she did not—or run as a write-in candidate.

According to officials in the clerk's office, this is the first tie they have seen in at least the last 30 years.

Palmer could not be reached by press time.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY UNCONTESTED SEATS:

- Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema — 10,554 totaling 98.27 percent
- Clerk Cheryl Potter Browe — 10,336 votes totaling 98.57 percent
- Treasurer Marilyn Cousineau — 10,302 votes totaling 98.76 percent
- Sheriff W. Don Schneider — 10,847 votes totaling 98.4 percent
- Judge Richard Pajtas —
- Register of Deeds Charlene M. Novotny — 10,350 votes totaling 98.98 percent
- Drain Commissioner Marc Seelye — 10,109 votes totaling 98.74 percent
- Surveyor Lawrence R. Feindt — 10,003 votes totaling 98.77 percent
- Commissioner Shirlene Tripp (R-District 1) — 2,090 votes for 98.96 percent
- Commissioner Chris Christensen (R-District 2) — 1,563 votes totaling 98.06 percent
- Commissioner Joel Evans (R-District 4) — 1,365 votes totaling 96.88 percent
- Commissioner Robert Drebenstedt (R-District 5) — 1,833 votes totaling 99.08 percent
- Commissioner Shirley Roloff (R-District 6) — 1,883 votes totaling 98.02 percent
- Circuit Judge Richard M. Pajtas — 9,551 votes totaling 98.81 percent
- District Judge Richard W. May — 9,314 votes totaling 98.59 percent

CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL UNCONTESTED SEATS:

(Council seats are nonpartisan)

- First Ward - Lyle Gennett, 57, with 364 votes totaling 98.64 percent
- Second Ward - Greg Stevens, 52 with 351 votes totaling 98.6 percent

Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr., 41 — Ward 1: 358 votes for 97.81 percent; Ward 2: 340 votes totaling 97.14 percent; and Ward 3: 373 votes totaling 98.16 percent.

COUNCIL NEWCOMER DEFEATS VETERAN COUNCIL MEMBER

City council newcomer 46-year-old Shane D. Cole bested veteran city council member Shirley Gibson 362 to 25 with 93.54 percent of the vote. Cole could not be reached for comment by press time, but said the winning candidate in a previous interview, "I know what is in the heart of the constituents of the third ward and my goal is to go to bat for everybody there. We have to work together as a team on the council to keep a balance between ... keeping business here and not becoming a metropolitan area. I don't want to sit around and wait for another factory to close."

Cole is currently serving in his fourth year on the Charlevoix City Planning Commission.

Gibson came in late in the race to challenge Cole because she felt, "In a democracy, no one should be running unopposed, and I miss it. I have six years of experience on city council and I want to be a part of that operation once again."

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A moment of silence

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

He leaned against the crumbling, brick building taking a moment to wipe the dirt from his brow. The air was cool and the sky was telling him that very soon the ground where he stood would be covered with snow. He looked around the old church and out into the courtyard. Artillery and tanks everywhere he looked, but it was eerily silent. Soldiers appearing much too old for their years waited patiently to hear the announcement their ears longed for.

At 11 a.m., Nov. 11 in 1918 something profound occurred. The Great War, World War I officially ended.

Fighting ceased when an armistice between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November in 1918. It would soon be referred to as "the end of the war to end all wars". President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first Armistice Day, a day to reflect with solemn pride the heroism of those who died for their country.

Time passed and in 1954 President Eisenhower renamed Armistice Day , Veterans Day to insure proper observance allowing all veteran organizations and the general population to take time to reflect, give thanks, or celebrate.

I was in first grade at the time Ike made the proclamation recognizing this special day.

I remember school being closed and watching dad walking in a parade looking so proud in his naval uniform. He was eager to serve his country as a naval officer on an aircraft carrier.

Dad continued his support for the government by working at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Allen Park, Michigan until his retirement. He carefully picked his words when telling us stories from his own war experiences.

We would sometimes use a Saturday night to look at old film footage of air craft carriers tossing in the waves and viewed many a navy pilot maneuvering their fighter jet onto this moving vessel

Veterans Day is more than a day off, not getting mail, government offices closing, parades and proclamations.

It is time to reflect quietly and say a prayer for our children who are presently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and providing them with our loyalty, support, and promoting peace wherever they may be

It's a time to think about our fathers and grandfathers who lived in a time we have only slightly grasped through media clips, Hollywood movies and books.

This day had been set aside not just for veterans but for all of us to thank our soldiers and rejoice in their homecoming, to again stress that peace must be in our future. We should remain hopeful that our own grandchildren will not have to fight for their freedom.

Visiting our Civil War and Revolutionary War sites bring certain sadness when you know how many lives were lost and we hope that it served some purpose other than greed or setting new territorial boundaries.

Today is Veterans Day and I am hopeful you are displaying your American Flag.

Take a moment today to reflect what you have and be grateful for your life, family, friends and most importantly freedom.

This is one day of the year that should be held with respect.

When you have finished reading this article, please take a moment of silence to honor family and friends who have proudly served our country.

Thank-you.

WEEKLY POLL

Will current economic woes affect how much you spend on Christmas?

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Yes (57 Votes, 88%)

No (8 Votes, 12%)

This week's poll question:
Do you enjoy visiting relatives over Thanksgiving?

Men can hope, but god brings real change

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Stephen Guthrie

I remember watching the evening news one night in the week before the presidential election and marveling at the various ways our nation seemed to be unraveling before our very eyes.

That evening's edition carried one story after another of greed run amok on Wall Street, fear and hardship up and down main street, and incompetence and corruption at every level of government. There was not a hopeful, encouraging news item in the entire broadcast.

Watching the presidential contenders barnstorm around the country making promises they had no hope of fulfilling I wondered why anyone in their right mind would lust after that office at this time in history.

One could make an argument that in our entire history as a nation only Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt entered their office with the variety and severity of challenges facing the country as President-elect Obama will face in January.

As the campaign began to wind down and it became more likely Mr. Obama would emerge as the winner, I saw people on newscasts who seemed so swept up in the gospel of "change" they appeared to swoon in much the same way squealing girls grew weepy and faint over Frank Sinatra, Elvis and the Beatles.

One correspondent, having apparently abandoned even the façade of journalistic objectivity, referred to him as "the messiah" that promised one sent from on high to right the wrongs of the Bush era and restore us overnight simply through the allure of his charisma.

And it's probably a safe bet that for every secular humanist proclaiming him as messiah there is a sincere Christian thinking of him as a candidate for the anti-Christ.

Despite all the rhetoric about change, I suspect very little real change will take place in Washington.

The first loyalty of Congress will continue to be to the lobbyists and special interest groups who buy the vote of our elected officials with campaign contributions and gifts.

The first priority of each elected Representative and Senator will continue to be the ongoing quest to secure their own reelection.

For any given issue on the new administration's agenda, the protection and well-being of the public whom they serve will be their last consideration

Money will continue to oil the machinery of democracy.

Favors will continue to be bought, sold, and traded like commodities among the power brokers. The rich will get richer, the middle class will continue to evaporate, and the gap between have and have-not will grow larger.

This system has been in effect for at least all of my life, and there is no impetus to change it now because all parties involved – all except the public – find it profitable to perpetuate. Indeed, it is the same system from which Senators Obama and Biden have emerged as leaders, and it is not in their best interest to tinker with it.

So, the more things change the more they stay the same. As I consider the world around me I am grateful that there is one thing I can count on to never change.

God is still in charge.

He made us all, He continues to provide for us all, and He continues to love us all.

Every promise of His Holy Word stands in place, timeless and unchanging.

By His own account He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

While the government demonstrates its untrustworthiness each day, God demonstrates His faithfulness.

As institutions fail all around us, He stands on His promise to never leave us or forsake us.

As I watch my 401(k) start to look anemic He reminds me that everything on the earth is His and the righteous believer will never beg for bread.

The new President coined the phrase the "audacity of hope."

As much as I wish him well and respect the Office of the president, I do not place my hope in him. Or my faith, or my trust.

He is not the messiah, only a mere man faced with a daunting challenge. He deserves our respect, but not our adoration.

As for his ability to effect meaningful, positive change I will take a wait-and-see position, but have no reason to believe he will tamper with the system that brought him to power.

For me and my house, we will put our hope in the God who actually can deliver on His promises; the God whose steadfast kindness and generosity have earned our trust.

In that hope there is no audacity.

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LETTERS to the editor

NURTURE YOUR NATURE

Editor:

In economically challenging times our thoughts turn, among other things, to the needs of people in our communities, and the needs of local charities.

Some people have acute needs for food, shelter, and other basics.

Then there are larger community needs for stability and promoting the kind of local economy that will provide opportunities, maintain a healthy economy, and provide jobs.

When it comes to ensuring that we maintain a healthy community that provides opportunities, jobs and a good quality of life, I would like to suggest that people continue to support the Little Traverse Conservancy.

In a resort and tourism-oriented economy, along with strong communities and quality health care, the Conservancy's work is vital. Our businesses, jobs, and prosperity depend upon maintaining a high quality of life with beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife and plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation. Not only do our area's visitors benefit from these resources; so do those of us who live here full time.

I am the third generation to live on our family farm in Norwood Township, a place that I love like no other. Three years ago, I worked with Little Traverse Conservancy to ensure that my 232-acres would forever remain undeveloped. It is such a comfort to me to know that no matter who owns this land in the future, it will always remain just the way it is. And as you drive along US-31, a ? mile stretch on both sides of the road alongside Lakeview Ranch will remain scenic and untouched. I know it will always contribute to the natural health of this area, not detract from it.

It's the classic story of protecting the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Natural land, scenic beauty, wildlife, and recreational opportunities are the essential attributes that make our area attractive for the resort and tourist trades.

Without these, our economy and environment would suffer and our employment base would wither away.

However, by maintaining a healthy balance between land development and land conservation, we can have the best of both worlds: world-class resorts and vacation homes, a lively tourism industry, healthy businesses and a flourishing economy.

Think about the impact if your favorite scenic view were to be blocked, your favorite trail suddenly not available, or natural areas closed to our children for learning about nature in the great outdoors.

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All non-profits need some extra help in times of an economic downturn.

As a local business owner, I am well aware that these are challenging times.

But I also know that the long-term health of our part of Michigan and the continuing vitality of our economy depend on ensuring that future generations will be able to enjoy the same quality of life in northern Michigan that we are able to enjoy today. These things are intertwined.

So, I urge everyone to consider an investment in the long term future of our community, our economy, and our quality of life.

Contact the Little Traverse Conservancy at (231) 347-0991; write to 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs MI 49740, or look us up at www.landtrust.org

Mary H. Faculak
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HECK OF A HALLOWEEN

Editor:

We would like to thank all of the businesses that gave treats and smiles to the Charlevoix Elementary students during our annual Halloween parade.

It was a beautiful day and you helped make it extra special for our students. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Deadline approaching for teacher grants

The DTE Energy Foundation is reminding teachers that Nov. 28 is the application deadline for its Energy & Our World Mini Grants for Educators program. The program has awarded nearly $800,000 since 1990 to teachers statewide to fund science projects that encourage students' curiosity and excitement about energy.

"These grants provide teachers with funding for special science projects that school budgets typically cannot afford," said Carol Moore, DTE Energy Education and Community Relations representative. "Last year the program awarded grants to 142 teachers for really wonderful projects that helped students better understand energy and the energy industry."

Teachers of grades K-12 in public, non-public and charter schools within DTE Energy's service territory may apply for the grants. Recipients will be selected by a panel of education personnel, who will look for the best interdisciplinary projects that incorporate problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking skills. Grants typically range from $50 to $250, but some proposals may be funded for more.

This year the DTE Energy Foundation is especially interested in funding projects that teach students about power generation, energy distribution, renewable energy technologies, environmental issues and energy conservation.

For more information and to apply for an Energy & Our World Mini Grant, go to dteenergy.com/minigrants or contact Carol Moore at (313) 235-7012 or moorec@dteenergy.com.

All applications must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 28. Grants will be awarded first quarter 2009.

Public library youth book reviews

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids
Covey, Sean

A collection of seven stories featuring the Seven Oaks friends who find out how they and the entire community can be happy and productive. (Grades K-3)

Sesame Street Dinosaurs! (DVD)
Lehmann, Benjamin

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Big Sister Now: A Story about Me and Our New Baby
Sheldon, Annette

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Forever Young
Dylan, Bob

A young boy travels through the sixties doing the right things. (Ages 4-8)

Lincoln Shot!: A President's Life Remembered
Denenberg, Barry

A biography of Abraham Lincoln presented in the form of a scrapbook dated one year after his assassination, with faux newspaper clippings and accounts of Lincoln's childhood, marriage, presidency, Civil War leadership, and shooting, as well as the capture and execution of the conspirators involved in his death. (Grades 5-8)

Fairest (Book on CD)
Levine, Gail Carson

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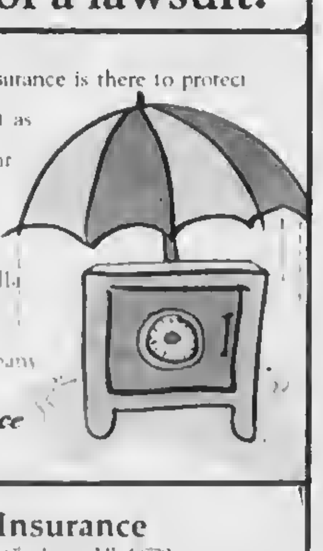

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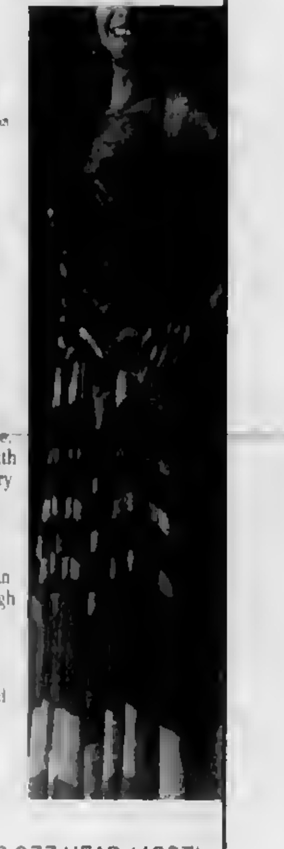

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Harvest food and supply drive benefits WRC safe home

Each year hundreds of local victims of domestic abuse and their young children receive services from the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc. (WRC). In the past year, 177 women and children took refuge at "safe home" to escape the danger of physical, emotional, and/or verbal abuse. More than 7,100 complete meals were provided for the women and children staying in "safe home" over the last year. Clothing, toiletries, diapers, and all daily needs are also supplied for shelter residents. An average of seven people stayed at the "safe home" each day of the year. All WRC domestic abuse services are provided to survivors and their children at no charge. The WRC offers the only shelter for survivors of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties. Safe Home provides emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is fully equipped and staffed to ensure the comfort and safety of families, many who enter Safe Home with only the clothes on their backs. The Safe Home Harvest Food and Supply Drive represents one of the most significant ways that community members can help support battered women and their children in Northern Michigan. During the past year alone, food and supply costs at the "safe home" exceeded $20,000. The WRC needs your donations of food, supplies and personal items to continue helping the many families who utilize these emergency services. Financial support is also essential and appreciated. A donation of just $100 can feed and house a family of four at the "safe home" for a week. Visit www.wrcnm.org or call 347-1572 for more information on how you can help.

Courtesy photo

MDOT seeks Michigan artists

for project near I-75 Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project

The Michigan Department of Transportation is seeking qualifications from Michigan artists interested in creating public art at two locations near the Bagley Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, which is currently under construction in Detroit's Mexicantown community.

The design award-winning Bagley Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, which connects the east and west sides of Mexicantown, will be used primarily by local residents, particularly during festivals and special events. International visitors crossing the border to the United States from Canada also will frequent the site because it is home to the new Detroit Mexicantown International Welcome Center and Mercado.

Artists are sought to create artwork for two locations near the pedestrian bridge, at a projected cost of $50,000, possibly up to $100,000.

Deadline for submissions is Dec. 1.

Applicants must submit 10 examples of past work in either 35 mm slides or digital files, a work sample narrative, an artist's statement about the applicant's approach to the project, and a resume including three professional references.

Applicants will be evaluated on their conceptual approach in a "summary of the artist" statement; professional qualifications and experience; proven ability to take on a project of this scope, the artistic quality of their work, durability of past installed work; and demonstrated ability to with government agencies, engineers, committee and community groups in the creation of a project.

One or several artists may be chosen to create work for one or both sites depending upon the cost of the art medium they propose. The bridge, locations for artwork, and dimensions of the site, are illustrated online at www.Michigan.gov/gateway at the link to "Public Art" for the Bagley Pedestrian Bridge.

Applications must be delivered no later than Dec. 1, to the following address:

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Charlevoix Elementary takes part in MACUL showcase

ALICE PERRAULT
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

As part of their Web site unit, four students at Charlevoix elementary will be presenting their presidential Web sites to legislature on Nov. 12.

Fourth graders at the Charlevoix Elementary School have spent about the past six weeks putting together presidential Web sites. Every year, the kids do a Web site unit, this year the theme was presidents.

"We did presidents because it is a popular issue right now, especially with the election. By the time all Web sites are up and running, we should have about two pages per president," Dana Frank, Charlevoix Elementary computer teacher said.

Frank will be taking fourth graders Mikaya Dixon, Matt Good, Chris Gregory, and Cloe Winnie with her to the state capital for the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) showcase on November 12. There, the students will present their Web sites to legislature.

"It's a great chance for the kids to show our legislatures what they are doing, and what they are learning. Sometimes, the legislatures will even invite them to senate to present their work. It's a great learning experience," Ric Wiltse, Executive Director of MACUL said.

MACUL is a nonprofit organization that works to help teachers and schools further education in technology for their students. They provide grants, and do teacher training.

From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 12, MACUL will be partnering with AT&T to host the showcase at the state capital.

Wiltse said he expects about 40 schools, and 50 legislatures to show up.

"We have schools with kids from k-12. We look for teams who can show the legislature the unique and creative work kids have done in their classrooms. This includes everything from robotics, multimedia, and many others. Most of the fun stuff," Wiltse added.

The students at Charlevoix elementary put a lot of effort into their Web sites, and are ready for the showcase.

"The kids are very excited about going, and they are proud of their work," Frank said.

Frank and her students wrote letters to the senators asking them to come and see their exhibit.

"We wanted to make sure they came. It's a great learning opportunity for them. None of them have ever been to the state capital, and neither have I. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us," Frank said.

In preparation of the showcase, Frank is having her students present their websites to the school board, on November.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Albion College head women's soccer coach Lisa Roschek has announced the names of the 22 scholar-athletes who will receive varsity awards for their participation in the sport during the 2008 season. Emily Foster, the daughter of William Foster of Charlevoix and Hannelore Foster and a graduate of Charlevoix High School, will receive a certificate designating her first-year award. The Britons finished the season with an overall record of 8-8-1. Albion posted a 5-3-1 record against its Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association rivals. Foster played in four matches.

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John M. Stebe and Catherine Kiebel were married in Petoskey on Nov. 8, 1958.

They celebrated their 50th anniversary by going on an Alaskan cruise in September.

Mr. Stebe was a local contractor and retired in 2001; Mrs. Stebe worked at Char-EM ISD, and retired in 1994.

She was also a homemaker.

Jack and Catie are active members of the Buckley Old Engine Club, Flywheelers and were active members in the Grange, Sports boosters, Band boosters and continually help out where needed if it involves their grandchildren and their events.

They have three children, Gary (Kelly) Stebe, Rob (Sandy), and Scott (Laura) all of Charlevoix. They are devoted grandparents to their six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild and two step-great grandchildren.

Jack and Catie remain very active; Jack is seasonally employed by Mt. McSauba during the winter.

They love to travel in their motor home and especially enjoy the Amish country.

A family celebration dinner will be held on November 8 hosted by their children will be take place on November 8 at the home of Scott and Laura Stebe.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Computer Tidbit: Price your Antiques and Collectibles.
Wednesday, November 12, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
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Writers Group
Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 pm
[illegible]

Story Time
Thursday, November 13, 10:30 am
[illegible]

Ask the Tech Guy
Thursday, November 13, 10:00 - noon
[illegible]

Season's Greeting with Handmade Cards
Thursday, November 13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
[illegible]

MS Publisher
Thursday, November 13 & 20, [illegible] PM
[illegible]

Gamernoons
Friday, November 14, [illegible] pm
[illegible]

Saturdays at the Movies: Ratatouille
Saturday, November 15, 3:30 pm
[illegible]

Barns of the Old Mission Peninsula
Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm
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The Library Board of Trustees meet on the second Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm (note meeting time change).

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

CHARLEVOIX CHAMBER, CVB PARTNERSHIP FORMED

"After numerous months of discussion, a Joint Operating Agreement was recently drafted and approved by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors," says Chris Kowal, President of the Charlevoix CVB.

So, what does this mean? It means that both organizations will coexist in the same location at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, 109 Mason Street. It also means that all questions will be answered by the same staff and Charlevoix will be promoted, both locally and long distance, with the same message and marketing strategy. Part of this agreement includes a new staff member, Lauren Brumley, who will serve as the Communications Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce and also as the Director of the CVB. This partnership enabled both organizations to optimize efficiency and effectiveness.

So when you hear us answer the phone, "Charlevoix Chamber and Visitors Bureau," smile and know that together, we can accomplish much more!

Lauren Brumley

Charlevoix Christmas Celebrations –Community Tree Lighting & 2nd Annual Flurry Fest

'Tis the season! Come join the Christmas festivities at the Community Tree Lighting on Friday, November 28th from 4 to 6pm. Activities available throughout the event include a visit with Santa at the North Pole, decorating your own ornament to hang on the Community Christmas Tree at East Park, and holiday music. Not to mention there will be hot cocoa and cookies to enjoy in the park compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. The evening will come to a close at 6pm with the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Shortly following the Community Tree Lighting is the 2nd Annual Flurry Fest on Saturday, December 6th. It is an all day event featuring the Merchant Holiday Open House, a visit from Santa Claus at 12:00pm, followed by a free holiday movie at 1pm, and live music from 3-7pm. There will also be a competition for Charlevoix's best hot chocolate and a special visit from Santa's reindeer. So come downtown to enjoy live music, roasted chestnuts, and the spirit of the season!

Members of the Month

Builders North Inc

Builders North Inc is owned by Bruce Beaudoin. Since its founding in 2003, it has been a family owned and operated company specializing in new construction and remodeling. They pride themselves in providing a high quality product no matter what the budget may be. To accomplish this, they believe communication is fundamental. Builders North is currently seeking certification in "Green Building" through the National Home Builders Association. Also, one of their projects will be featured in the June issue of Traditional Home. To see a sample of their work, visit www.buildersnorth.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 12	Ambassador Committee Meeting, 8:30am, Harbor View Cafe
Nov 13	Business After Hours, 5 – 7pm, Sunnybank
Nov 20	Retail Committee Meeting, 8:45am, Chamber
Nov 25	Industrial Development Committee Meeting Noon, Weathervane Restaurant
Nov 28	Community Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, 4 – 6pm, Downtown Charlevoix
Dec 05	First Friday Biz Breakfast, 7:30am, Grey Gables Restaurant
Dec 06	Charlevoix Christmas Open House (Community Wide) & Downtown Flurry Fest

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OBITUARIES

George L. Stephan: October 6, 1947 - October 16, 2008

George L. Stephan, 61, of Milton, Fla., and formerly of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 at his home in Florida.

He was born Oct. 6, 1947, in Grayling to Norman and Dorothy (Goodall) Stephan.

George served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army.

On Jan. 10, 1973, he married Nora (Elzinga) Buttliere in Charlevoix.

For many years, George worked in construction for Hal Forbrig.

He is survived by his wife Nora; daughters, Carol (Lonny) Sweeney of Fort Wayne, Ind., Cathy (Don) Sanman of Plainwell, Tonia (Rick) Wells of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Lonny, Jr., and Brian Sweeney, Ron Zellers, Mellisa Meteer, and Jason Wells; great-grandchildren, Alissa, Halie, Lexi, and Kayden; mother, Dorothy Stephan of Cass City; sisters, Loni, Janet, and Nancy.

His stepson, Jerry Buttliere; father, Norman; and brother Norm preceded him in death.

George is also survived by his two best friends: his dogs Charlie and Mimi.

No services are planned.

Interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

James R. Browe: June 28, 1942 - November 5, 2008

James R. Browe, 66, of Ellsworth, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, in Wilson Township following an auto accident.

He was born June 28, 1942 in Central Lake, the son of Theodore and Ruth (Wilson) Browe.

Jim served with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict.

Jim lived in Charlevoix and moved to Ellsworth twenty years ago. He worked as an electrician for many years. He also worked at Ell-tron Manufacturing Company in Ellsworth and Vanderbilt, most recently as shop manager in Vanderbilt.

He enjoyed bowling, NASCAR, and sports - especially football.

Surviving are his sisters and brothers, Bonnie Rollenhagen of Muskegon, Betty White of Charlevoix, Theodore (Mary) Browe Jr. of Mancelona, Thomas (Wendy) Browe of Charlevoix, Raymond (Cheryl) Browe of Charlevoix, Mary (Alfred) Corp of Charlevoix, Ruth Ann Marley of Benson, AZ, and Rebecca (Daniel) Lester of Belton, MO. He was preceded by a brother, Wilfred Browe.

The funeral mass was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Sacred Heart Church in Mancelona with Father Joseph Dreher officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth.

Catherine L. Holley: March 9, 1921 - November 6, 2008

Catherine L. Holley, 87, of Charlevoix, formerly of Midland, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Catherine was a resident of Boulder Park Terrace and the family would like to take this occasion to thank the staff for their kindness and support.

Catherine's funeral was 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Pastor Paul Murphrey officiated, and burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Catherine was born March 9, 1921, in Boyne City to McKinley and Elizabeth (Martinek) Ostrander.

She graduated from Boyne City High School.

She was employed for 17 years in shipping/receiving at the Attwood Corporation in Lowell, retiring in 1986.

She was a faithful member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Midland, Michigan, and enjoyed knitting, crafts and attending senior citizen craft shows.

Catherine was married to Floyd A. Holley in 1961, and he preceded her in death in 1983.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel (Sandra) Cobaugh of Charlevoix, Bill (Clarice) Jenkins of Wisconsin Dells, WI; grandchildren, Sharlynn Parker, Deanna Cobaugh, Todd Jenkins, Christine Bassuener; great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Jacob Jenkins, and Donovan Bassuener; step-sons, Floyd Holley Jr., of Colorado Springs, CO, Jerry Holley of Quincy, Ill., Keith Holley, Harold Holley of Oscoda; ten step-grandchildren; sisters, Annabell Galmore of East Jordan, Dora (Bill) Hahn of New Port Richey, Fla., Maxine Martin of White Springs, Fla., Barbara (Joe) Medlin of New Port Richey, Fla.; brother Robert (Audrey) Ostrander of Lexington, Ky.; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Catherine's sister, Lula Mae Reynolds, preceded her in death.

Her family cherishes the memories of her courage and faithful love for all.

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Employer training council to host sales to the government workshop

The Employer Training Council (ETC) of northwest Michigan will host Sales to the Government Workshop on from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Waterfront Conference Center in Traverse City.

The event will help businesses learn how to sell their products and services to the federal government.

In the past quarter, northwest Michigan businesses were awarded contracts ranging from $14,000 to over $10 million. Recent government purchases from area businesses have totaled more than $72 million in federal contracts and $31 million in sub-contracts, according to the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) of northwest Michigan, a program of Northwest Michigan Council of Governments.

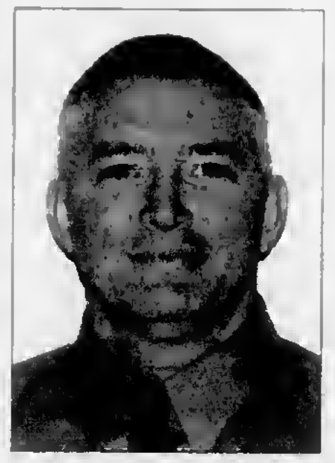
"The increased revenue that's coming into our region through government contracting goes a long way to retaining and creating local jobs," stated Todd Olson, program director for PTAC, who will serve as presenter at the workshop. "This workshop is one of the ways we're educating companies in northwest Michigan about what it takes to sell their products and services to the federal government. And we're providing tangible assistance."

Collaboration between companies is becoming commonplace in win contracts and provide services to the government. A company may serve as a prime contractor or subcontractor on these contracts. The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments hosts government contracting information on their Web site including a listing of companies—the PTAC Client Network—to facilitate the creation of strategic relationships, and a listing of the breadth of products and services which are routinely purchased by the federal government. http://www.nwm.org/clientnet.asp

"Business people may be surprised to learn that the government already purchases products and services from their category," Olson said. "The federal government purchases more than just tanks and jeeps."

This workshop, like others sponsored by the Employer Training Council, is intended to promote beneficial business practices in northwest Michigan. The Sales to the Government Workshop is expected to be of particular benefit small business owners, senior staff, and sales and marketing professionals. The cost of the program is $35 per person which includes breakfast. You may register online at: www.nwm.org/ETC.asp or by calling toll-free (800) 442-1074.

For more information, contact Sharon Laraway-Gordon, Business Resources Assistant at Michigan Works! at (231) 922-3757 or via e-mail at sharongordon@nwm.cog.mi.us.

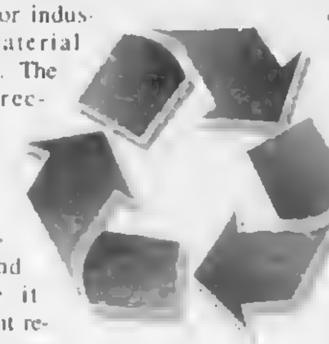


COURTESY PHOTO

Todd Olson, program director for PTAC, will serve as presenter at the workshop.

DTE Energy receives U.S. EPA WasteWise Award for recycling

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected DTE Energy to receive the 2008 WasteWise Gold Achievement Award for industrial material recycling. The award recognizes DTE Energy efforts to expand and improve it investment recovery process, to ensure that industrial materials are reused or recycled whenever practical. This innovative industry leading program resulted in more than 23 million pounds of material recovered for use in 2007, diverting it from disposal in a landfill.



DTE Energy adopted a new process in 2007 for removal of unneeded buildings. Rather than using traditional demolition techniques, the company employed a "deconstruction" process. Under deconstruction, structures are carefully dismantled and the materials are separated for recycling.

The process resulted in reuse and recycling rates of 99.9 and 93 percent of two buildings deconstructed in 2007.

"At DTE Energy, we continuously look for opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of our operations," said Skiles Boyd, vice president, environmental management and resources. "And that extends beyond our power plants and natural gas facilities to all parts of the company. Thanks to the ingenuity and initiative of our employees, we are finding innovative ways to reducing our waste stream through recycling and other activities."

The award also recognizes DTE Energy for efforts to increase the recycling of fly ash from its coal-fired power plants.

For 2007, the company diverted 269,036,000 pounds of fly ash from landfills by selling the by-product of coal combustion to companies that use it as an ingredient in the manufacture of concrete.

In addition to avoiding the need to dispose of the material, each ton of fly ash used in cement products offsets a ton of carbon dioxide emissions that would be generated to produce an equivalent amount of cement.

DTE Energy is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Its largest operating units are Detroit Edison, an electric utility serving 2.2 million customers in Southeastern Michigan, and MichCon, a natural gas utility serving 1.3 million customers in Michigan. The DTE Energy portfolio of businesses also includes non-utility energy businesses focused on power and industrial projects, coal and gas midstream, unconventional gas production and energy trading. In 2006, DTE Energy posted revenues of approximately $9 billion. Information about DTE Energy is available at www.dteenergy.com

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, November 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will amend sections 9.121, 9.124, and 9.122A.(1) of Chapter 133 of Title IX by requiring the removal of droppings from any warm-blooded animal, requiring containers for the droppings of an animal and to revise the definition of an animal.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk 11/06/08

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DTE Energy offers tips to help manage winter heating costs

With the heating season fast approaching – and with natural gas bills expected to rise – DTE Energy has a number of tips to help customers prepare their homes and their budgets for winter.

Some simple steps taken now can pay big dividends when temperatures start to plummet. DTE Energy also is offering a number of free energy efficiency workshops that can help consumers save even more money and better manage their utility bills (see schedule below).

The following tips can help customers manage their energy costs and save money:

BUDGET WISELY...

DTE Energy's Budgetwise Billing program can take the seasonal ups and downs out of energy bills. DTE Energy will calculate an average monthly payment, based on your previous year's usage. You pay that amount for 11 months, the 12th bill of the year will reflect the difference between the energy you actually used and the 11 payments you made. Enroll online at www.my.dteenergy.com or by calling (800) 477-4747

DIAL DOWN . . .

The best way to manage your energy costs is by using energy wisely. For every degree you lower your thermostat, you can save about three percent on your heating bill.

One way to accomplish this is with an automatic set-back or programmable thermostat, which can automatically lower the temperature when you're away from the house, and automatically increase it before you get home.

Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level – about 35 percent at 70 degrees – windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

FINE TUNE YOUR FURNACE . . .

Schedule a heating system check-up. A qualified heating contractor will make sure your heating system operates efficiently and delivers the maximum energy savings.

Clean or replace your furnace's air filters as needed during the winter season. Dirty filters block the warm airflow in the home, which causes the furnace to work harder and less economically.

Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

ADD INSULATION . . .

Install attic and basement insulation to keep out drafts and make your home more energy efficient and warm. Adding blown cellulose on top of rolled fiberglass insulation will increase the insulation value of your attic.

Insulate all heating ducts located in attics and unheated crawlspaces, and make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork.

Place an insulation blanket around your hot water heater. Electric water heaters should be placed on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust water heater temperature to the warm setting (about 120 degrees F).

KEEP THE COLD AIR OUT AND THE WARM AIR IN . . .

Seal windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping to block unwanted drafts. If caulk cracks and peels away, it allows your home's heat to escape.

Install a fireplace door to prevent cold air from entering your home. And, be sure to close the damper unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like having a window wide open during the winter. However, if you have a gas fireplace, the flue should be partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely. In just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warm air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done their job.

LET THE SUN SHINE IN . . .

Open curtains on south facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Be sure to close the curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FORUMS PROVIDE MORE MONEY-SAVING INFO . . .

DTE Energy is offering a number of free energy efficiency forums that will provide even more tips on how residents and businesses can reduce their energy usage. Vendors of energy efficient products will be on hand to talk about what's new in their industries, information will be available on energy efficiency rebates available from DTE Energy, and all attendees will receive a free gift.

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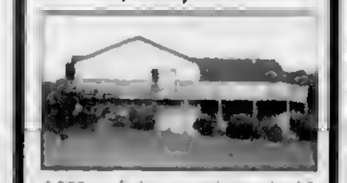

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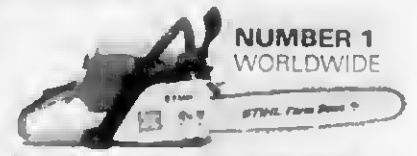

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It's a String Thing

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The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performed their It's a String Thing concert Nov. 8 at Charlevoix High School. Maestro Matthew Hazelwood conducted the Orchestra in music from Ralph Vaughan Williams, Johann Sebastian Bach and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with featured soloists Paul Sonner, violinist and Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Concertmaster, plus Beth Weston (pictured here), a violinist and assistant concertmaster.

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Due to time constraints, the Charlevoix Courier does not routinely cover sporting events.

However, the editor will consider photos and game highlights submitted by noon, the Friday before publication.

- E-mail photographs and game information to news@charlevoixcourier.com
- Drop photographs and game information off at the Charlevoix Courier office located at 112 Mason St. in Charlevoix
- Mail photographs and game information to Charlevoix Courier, 112 Mason, Charlevoix, MI 49720

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Day of caring

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Charlevoix High School junior Mikaela Witthoeft hugs naw pal Patsy, a Bergmann Center attendee, during the United Way's annual Day of Caring. Students lunched and chatted with folks from the center under the picnic pavillion at Shanahan Field in Charlevoix Township.

Overview

COURTESY PHOTO

This aerial photograph of East Park was taken during Charlevoix's First Annual Oktoberfest.

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New Kiwanis president

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The newly elected president of Charlevoix Kiwanis Carolyn Navarre accepts the gavel from outgoing president Ted Dumbauld. Navarre was inducted by Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Michigan District of Division 22 George Bour. Anyone interested in joining Kiwanis should call 547-2119. Kiwanis, Charlevoix, meets noon each Tuesday at the Weathervane Restaurant.

Web site helps schools link to local food

Michigan Farm to School as launched a new Web site o share information, tools, nd resources that help suport farm to school projects throughout the state.

"Farm to school" applies o a variety of initiatives that ink schools and kids to loal food and farms, including rocurement of local food for chool meals programs, fundaisers utilizing local agriculural products, and education pportunities like school garlens, farmer visits to school lassrooms and cafeterias, and school field trips to local farms.

The Web site houses Purchasing Michigan Products: A Step By-Step Guide, a local food purchasing manual for Michigan school food service directors.

Reviewed by school food service directors and an advisory committee, the Guide walks school food service directors through the process of purchasing food directly from local farmers, provides templates of forms for competitive bidding, and compiles regulatory information concerning local food purchasing for school meals programs participating in the National School Lunch Program. From the Web site, Purchasing Michigan Products can be viewed and/or downloaded in its entirety or step-by-step.

The Web site also allows interested readers to sign up for the Michigan Farm to School listserv (MIFARMTOSCHOOL). It provides links to other organizations working on farm to school and additional resources like recipes for school meals programs using local food.

With funding from Michigan State University's Project GREEEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs), a manual for Michigan farmers to market to school will be developed over the next two years and posted to the Web site upon completion.

Information about classroom activities, fundraisers with local food and agricultural products, and community resources will be coming soon

Bright Beginnings
Preschool in Charlevoix is hosting
Plate Night!
Wednesday, November 19 from 5-7:30pm
in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym.
Adults and children will have the opportunity to create their own artwork or bring in a photograph to transfer to a plate and/or mug. Cost is $10/mug, $12/plate or $15/photo plate.
Great Christmas gifts!

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, November 3, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr presiding. All Council members were present
The following proceedings took place:

Motion passed to consent to an operating agreement between the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Visitors Bureau, which would allow the Chamber to sublet a portion of its building to the CVB.
Motion passed setting a public hearing for Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on a proposed ordinance amendment to the City Code which would change the definition of an animal from "cat or dog" to "any warm-blooded organism other than a human" in regards to the clean-up of animals droppings.

Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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Coaching

College class

A two-credit Theory of Coaching class is organizing at Northern Central Michigan College for the Winter, 2009, semester.

The course is designed to address philosophies of school sports, communication skills, legal issues, the psychology of coaching, sports medicine/firt aid, working effectively with parents, teaching skills, healthy living, emotional control and character.

An information meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in room 550 of the Student and Community Resource Center at the college. The class will be instructed by Jim Tamlyn, a former high school teacher/basketball coach and Central Michigan University assistant basketball coach. Upon completion, students will receive Coaches Advancement Program certification. The class is endorsed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

For more information, call 439-6370.

Volleyball

Charlevoix rec

Entry forms are due for the Charlevoix Recreation Department men's, women's and co-ed volleyball leagues by Friday, Nov. 21. The forms are available at the department located in the Charlevoix City Hall. For more information, call 547-3253

Room for nine

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

The Charlevoix Public Schools bus garege maintenance and storage facility, upon which ground wes broken eerlier this June, is nearly complete. Cherlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Chet Janik seld the new fecility, which offers two work stetions, storege for nine buses end en indoor weshing stetion, should be finished end open by mid-November.

Close the cabin for another season

Tips on closing the cabin from www.rustic-lodge-lifestyle.com

All good things come to an end. And so it is with each season at the cabin or cottage. But it's important to take some simple steps to safeguard and protect your property from damage. The folks at Rustic Lodge Lifestyle have created a closing checklist for cabin and cottage owners to use – and this article provides some of the key steps. For the complete checklist see http://www.rustic-lodge-lifestyle.com/closing-the-cabin.html

Mornings with a nip in the air, ripening apples and pumpkins, orange, red, and yellow appearing on the leaves: there's no doubt that fall has arrived.

If you have a cottage or cabin where winter temperatures drop below freezing, then you will be turning your thoughts to closing for the season.

"A checklist is a simple but important tool in ensuring that your valuable property is secure for the winter," said Sandra Thornton of Rustic-Lodge-Lifestyle.com. "That way you're not going to forget an important step during what is normally a very busy time: winter close-up."

WATER

Water is your biggest issue. You need to drain all the lines by turning off the water pump at the circuit breaker and opening all the taps and valves and a drain valve.

Blow the remaining water out with air after draining using a compressor or a hand-operated diaphragm pump. Leave the faucets open.

Use a non-toxic RV anti-freeze (propylene glycol) in anything that can't be drained, such as the drain traps. Failing to use antifreeze in areas with extreme cold could result in freezing of the pipes and their subsequent cracking, which could result in hundreds or thousands of dollars in damage.

Hot water tank - Turn off the gas or electric circuit to the water heater and drain the tank (from the valve at bottom) to avoid damage by freezing.

Toilet tank - Turn off water valve for toilet and flush to empty tank. Pour RV antifreeze in tank and bowl.

Sinks and tub traps - After the water is off and the lines have been blown clear, add antifreeze to all drain traps. Don't forget the washing machine drain, if you have one.

THOROUGH CLEANING TO PREVENT PESTS

Next to water, pests are the biggest concern. Remove all food when you are closing the cabin, even a box of cracker crumbs may attract mice.

To prevent damage from undesirable rodents, inspect both the interior and exterior of your cabin to make sure there are no openings through which these pests may enter. You may want to use mouse poison, with caution.

Wash and wipe cupboards inside and out so there are no crumbs or food bits remaining. Wipe down counters, appliances, and tables. Empty the refrigerator, clean thoroughly, unplug, and prop the door open. And, use a disinfectant cleaner to eliminate all odors from garbage and recycling containers and lids.

Strip the beds and wash all sheets as well as any used towels, dishtowels, or soiled clothes. If you can't wash them, take them home with you. Oils from your body, traces of food, and bacteria in the fabric can attract insects and vermin.

If your linen or clothes cupboards are open, cover them with plastic. I use large green garbage bags. You may want to put mothballs in linens to further protect them. Some recommend cedar chips as another way to deter moths and other fabric eating insects.

Unplug the TV, stereo, microwave, refrigerator, and electric blankets. Basically, unplug everything. Or, turn off the main power supply on the circuit panel to prevent any electricity use during the winter.

IN THE GARDEN

Empty hoses and store them in the garage or shed. Store your barbeque in a secure shed as food residues can attract animals. Stack and store lawn chairs in a shed or under the eaves or porch roof. Dismantle and store umbrellas and gazebos. Metal or glass tables will weather well but to protect your wood tables and other wooden outdoor furniture, store them in a shed or garage. These steps will prolong the life of your outdoor items and add years of enjoyment.

Empty all your flower pots, so they are ready for planting next spring. You'll be glad you did when it's time to replant.

CONSERVE ON PHONE BILLS

As cell phones become more prevalent, more and more people are forgoing "land lines" at recreational properties but if you do have a land line you may be able to have your phone service suspended for a specific period without losing your phone number or paying re-installation charges. This can make a lot of sense if you will be closing the cabin for three to six months. Check with your phone company.

SECURITY

Police say that more thefts occur from empty recreational properties during the winter than at any other time of the year. Make sure all doors and windows are secure and locked. Close blinds and curtains on all windows, upstairs and down. Some people install wood covers on windows and doors for added security.

Take an inventory and photographs of your dwelling and contents. Write down serial numbers where applicable. This will be of great benefit in the unfortunate event you have to make an insurance claim. Take anything that's really valuable, monetarily or emotionally, home for the winter and check with your insurance company regarding restrictions or conditions with respect to your coverage.

Now you can relax, secure in the knowledge that your retreat is secure for another winter.

BUSINESS What's new?

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Venerable shoe seller sold

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

liff Conklin bought Cerey's Shoes of Cherlevoix earlier this fall. The store, loceted et 229 Bridge St., offers

Y BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Carey's Shoes of Charlevoix as changed proverbial hands.

Earlier this October, Cliff onklin purchased the Bridge treet fixture out of his love or the shoe business.

"I grew up in Marshall lichigan down state and I was iving in Columbus, Ohio, before coming here," he said. "I worked with a big shoe retailer managing stores for them and opening different stores."

He added, "I just started because I wanted to make some book money while I was in college and decided I really enjoyed selling shoes. It was something I did very well."

Conklin has already begun transforming Carey's by making room on the sales floor for more merchandise and offering a wider selection of Merrell, Keen, Uggs and Smartwool boots and shoes.

"I've already brought in about 20 new styles and more are on the way," he said. "People are (also) going to see our kids' selection going through the roof."

Carey's Shoes is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m., Sundays. Holiday hours will vary.

"I'm planning a sale for the day after Thanksgiving: 20 percent off all Ugg footwear which is huge because they never go on sale."

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Bay Street Orthopedics new facility

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Bey Street Orthopedics of Charlevoix has relocated to 14715 W. Upright, Building C, right ecross the road from Boulder Perk Terrace. Pictured (from left) ere x-ray technician Jenny Bellairs, receptionist Heether Rubin, RN Deboreh Crewford and LPN Merci Feldman. The grand opening of their new facility is Nov. 19. Bay Street Orthopedics is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call (800) 968-5155 for more information.

Douglas Peters appointed to Pinstripe board

Pinstripe, Inc., a leading human resources and recruitment outsourcing company, today announced that Douglas S. Peters has joined the company's Health Care Advisory Board.

"I am honored to announce that Doug Peters has accepted a position on our advisory board. We are extremely fortunate to have assembled such an impressive team of advisors," said Jill Schwieters, Pinstripe executive vice president. "Douglas Peters has an exceptional background leading some of the nation's best health care systems. He is a well known and respected member of the health care community and will provide us with invaluable perspective and insight."

She added, "Doug's recent addition further underscores the quality and depth of talent we leverage at Pinstripe."

Douglas Peters is the former president and CEO of Jefferson Health System and co-founder of ATHS (Advisors to Health Care Suppliers).

During his 35-year health services career, he has served as president and CEO of Main Line Health; senior vice president of Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, an administrator of the University of Nebraska Hospital and Clinics; and executive director and president of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Peters served on the faculties of graduate programs in Health Management at the University of Nebraska's College of Medicine and the University of Michigan.

A Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and a life member of the Katahdin Medical and Philosophical Society, Peters serves on the board of number of for-profit and non-profit organizations.

"Pinstripe Healthcare has a wonderful vision and commitment to the recruitment and retention of exceptional talent," Peters said. "The health care industry has seen tremendous advances in pharmaceutical, diagnostic and therapeutic technologies, but there is no substitute for great people. Throughout my career in health care, the most critical factor has always been the quality of talent delivering care. I was particularly attracted to Pinstripe because of their genuine passion for bringing innovative approaches to the health care industry."

He added, "They posses the technical savvy to apply cutting edge recruiting practices together with the wisdom to seek advice from people who have plowed this ground before them."

Bickersteth admitted to Raymond James' leaders council

Thomas G. Bickersteth, a Registered Principal and Financial Advisor at the Charlevoix, MI office of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., has been named to the firm's 2009 Leaders Council in recognition of providing outstanding guidance and service to the investing public and exemplary professional growth.

Leaders Council honors are presented only to those financial advisors who demonstrate an extraordinary level of commitment to clients through personal service and professional integrity.

Bickersteth, who joined Raymond James in 1975, has more than 39 years of financial and investment experience.

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No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgages or any part thereof. By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Charlevoix Courthouse lobby in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgages, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the total amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgages, with the interest thereon at ten percent (10%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows.

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel ("Mortgagors") to Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, having its principal office at 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan ("Mortgagee"), which mortgage was executed by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel in favor of Charlevoix State Bank, dated May 26, 2004 in the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan in Liber 616 at Page 491, securing the original principal amount of $192,500.00. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eighty One Thousand Eighty Dollars and Six Cents ($181,080.06), said interest accruing at the rate of 7.25% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest as provided in said Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to the highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on December 5, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as follows.

Land Situated in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County Michigan, further described as: commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot 1, Block 2; thence West 108 feet, thence North 39 feet, thence West 24 feet; thence North 8 feet, thence East 132 feet, thence South 47 feet to the Place of Beginning, being a part of Lot 1, Block 2 of The Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan) according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 101 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan.

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 27, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank a Michigan Banking Corporation

Prepared by and for more information, please call:
Attorneys for Mortgagee:
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Dennis W. Bila II (P39975)
321 Spring Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231)838-5678
(L-11/05, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of Elmer W. Gibson, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 12/21/1913

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent/settlor, who lived at 308 May Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, died on September 1, 2008.
Creditors of the decedent/settlor are notified that all claims against the trust estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Shirley J. Gibson, Trustee of the Elmer W. Gibson Trust dated November 18, 2003 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.
Notice is further given that the trust estate will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: November 12, 2008

Robert A. Banner (P44709)
213 South Lake Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231)582-1710

Shirley J. Gibson
209 East Upright
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-5463
(L-11/12)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by James Franklin Blakely, a/k/a James F. Blakely and Melissa Lee Blakely, a/k/a Melissa L. Blakely, to Century Mortgage Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, in a mortgage dated December 7, 2006, and recorded on December 15, 2006 in Liber 777, Pages 880-890, Charlevoix County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-three and 27/100ths Dollars ($174,323.27)

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday, December 5, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the lobby of the County Building, located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, the County Building being the place of holding Circuit Court in Charlevoix County. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, together with interest at eight percent (8%), legal costs, attorneys fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property is located in Charlevoix County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Land in the Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan

The East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Addition 2 to Boyne Falls, according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as 2388 Maple Street, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, unless the premises are deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

CENTURY MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Mortgagee

Dated: October 22, 2008

By: David L. Wright, Vice President

Prepared by:
BIRINGER, HUTCHINSON, LILLIS, BAPPERT & ANGELL, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
By: Megan R. Angell
Century Bank and Trust Building
Coldwater, MI 49036
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-011288-DE

Estate of Martha Erbacher Morgan
Date of Birth: 02/19/1928
TOO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marthe E. Morgan, who lived at 06721 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan died 08/07/2008
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melinda S. Morgan, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: November 5, 2008

Melinda S. Morgan
8219 Boyne City Rd
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)881-4103
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BUDGET

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in spending was corrected when commissioner Chris Christensen (R-District 2) explained that the building department's revenue would offset the majority, if not in excess, of its expenditures.

Audience member Bob Taylor decried the salary increases of several members of the prosecutor's office.

"A reduction in expenditures would be apropos for this time of crisis in our nation and also in our county. We've had several factories in here in our county laying off people. Tax increases would not be warranted," said audience member Roger Conaway. "It's hard enough on a family right now ... I hope you folks would have that servant's heart and compassion for the people of this county."

In addition to county residents in the audience, Bob Drebenstedt (R-District 5), the only commissioner to vote "no" on the budget, felt expenditures should have been trimmed.

"In Michigan, we're over regulating and overtaxing our own people," he said.

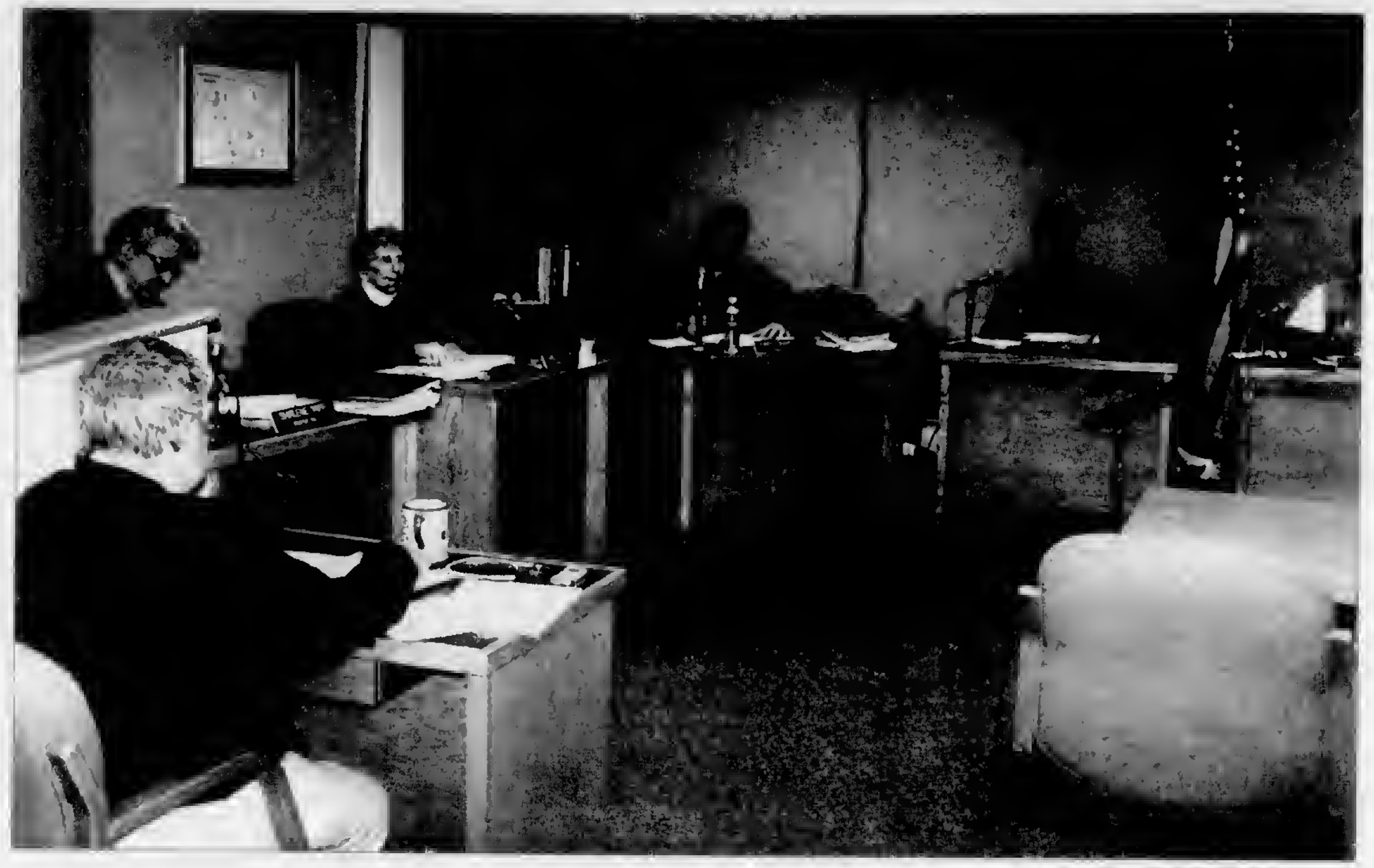
Christensen said that, as a realtor and house broker, he understands the current economic climate because he lives it.

"I also understand that it is our responsibility to maintain this government structure ... regardless of the economic climate," Christensen said. "I'm not saying we can't go without notice; all I'm saying is we need to plan for this government to be here five years from now—10, 20, 50 years from now."

He added, "The economic times will ebb and flow. We can't run scared every time things plummet or spike. Considering the economic climate, I think we have made some cuts. We have frugally worked our way through this."

Vellenga said he understood the county's budget process began earlier this year, before said financial crises—statewide and nationwide—"were fully apparent."

"You are the employer of the county employees. In that role you need to act as any other employer," Vellenga said. "We are seeing massive layoffs occurring in the private sector. They (private businesses) have to answer to their shareholders and if their projected sales cannot warrant the outflow of salaries, then there must be either reductions in salary or numbers of employees or a combination of all three."



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Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners discuss county finances during their budget hearing Oct. 29.

He added, "For this board not to act prudently in this emerging financial crisis would be a breach of your responsibility to your constituents."

Some of the major projected increases in spending include an 8.44 percent increase in probate court, from $460,560 to $499,410; a 39.92 percent increase in soil erosion, from $31,533 to $44,121; a 7.32 percent increase in sheriff office spending, from $1,048,210 to $1,124,990; a 10.92 percent increase in animal control spending, from $85,236 to $94,548; a 21.41 percent increase in medical examiner costs, from $38,301 to $46,500; and a 70.21 percent jump in spending on the county board of commissioners, from $47,000 to $80,000.

County employees received an across-the-board pay increase of three percent. Commissioners noted that the majority of those employees did not receive a raise of any kind last year.

"I'm pleased ... with what we've done with the budget. We hear a lot about the economy and a lot about people losing their homes. We're responsible with the taxpayers' money and that means being responsible with it," said Joel Evans (R-District 4). "I think you'll find our county in very good shape. I do not think we're spending money frivolously."

He added, "I understand people are losing their homes, but if somebody loses their home, do we say we are not going to pay those who are working for us?"

Despite expenditure increase of less than two percent despite approving a budget that expenditures were increasing by more than nine percent, commissioners are confident the county will remain solvent through 2009.

"I think looking at a 1.89 percent increase you should all be commended," added outgoing Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon.

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Local trophy

Mike Schmidt of Charlevoix took this eight-point deer in the Norwood area on Oct. 9 with a Mauser. The deer weighed 208 pounds dressed out. Send your deer photos to news@charlevoixcourier.com and be sure to include the size and points of the deer, where it was shot and names of those pictured.

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Quiz Bowl Champions

Charlevoix took the C-D division championship in the Char-Em ISD District Quiz Bowl League Tournament. Pictured (from left) are Quiz Bowl coach Pete Scholten, Jennie Withers, Weston Bryan, Colton Leese, Collin McDonough, Brock Yenglin, Tanner Fisher and Verónica Shull.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

- Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

Circle of Strength

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

* Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.

* Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.

* Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Snap Shot Sessions

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

NOV. 15

St. Mary School presents a Deer Widow Shopping Expo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 15 at the parish center, 1003 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. Nearly two dozen vendors will offer numerous products. A portion of proceeds benefits St. Mary School; free gift wrapping. Prospective vendors call 675-6385.

Christ Episcopal Church will be hosting their 5th Annual Bazaar & Tea from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 15.

This event includes a traditional afternoon tea complete with assorted cakes, pastries and sandwiches. Also featured are a silent auction, craft, and bake sale tables.

Bids on the silent auction will be accepted until 3:15 p.m.

From 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., special guests will be Andrew and Mary Grace Otis who will provide a sampling of gourmet teas for tasting. They offer a variety of teas to taste well as provide information about tea history and brewing tips.

Proceeds from the bazaar and tea will benefit the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

Call 547-6322 for more information.

Nationol Adoption Day

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be an informational meeting on domestic and international adoption, expectant parent support services, foster/adopt information and paperwork for reunification efforts to help those who are searching for their birth parents/child at Charlevoix library community room A.

Singles for Christ

People 40 and over invited to dinner and recreation at 6 p.m., Nov. 15 at Northern Lights Recreation in Petoskey in the private dining room. Reservations required. Call 347-3438 (days) or 347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com.

NOV. 17

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society meets 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at Horton Bay United Methodist Church, 04961 Boyne City Road, Horton Bay. Members and guests are asked to bring a finger food to share and 10 to 12 copies of your recipe to share with others, if desired. A short program entitled "Preservation of the Boyne City 1910 Water Works Building and the part CCHPS is Playing." All are welcome. Call 582-5326 for more information.

NOV. 18

Courageous Parenting 101

This free five-session substance abuse education and prevention program will be offered from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., every Tuesday from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18 at Harbor Springs High School. This program teaches parents how to prevent their children from abusing controlled substances. Topics covered will include: teen drug use trends and party culture; drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and its physiological consequences; protective, psychological and developmental guidance to help reduce the risk of substance use; dangers of enabling and hands-off parenting; communication and listening strategies; warning signs; the power of denial; practical steps if use or abuse is suspected; sources of help and more. Although walk-ins are welcome, those interested in attending are encouraged to complete and submit a registration form available at the Harbor Springs High School office. Call (231) 838-9233 for more information.

NOV. 19

Need help quitting smoking?

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is offering an hour-long program to help smokers decide to quit.

Therese Green, director of health education at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, will facilitate the session, "Thinking About Quitting Smoking" 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Community Health Education Center, 360 Connable Ave., across the parking lot from the main entrance of the Hospital.

This free program will help participants understand why they smoke, identify a plan to prepare them to stop smoking and provide tips to stay smoke-free. Green will also discuss nicotine replacement therapy options.

For registration and more information, call (800) 248-6777.

NOV. 20

Red Cross blood drive

Noon to 5:45 p.m., Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, U.S. 31 North, Meech St. Call (800) 448-3543 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

NOV. 22, 23

McSauba ski sale and fundraiser

Your chance to get discounts on ski equipment and buy ski passes at last year's prices while helping fund McSauba's new ski hill groomer.

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CCA ort excursion

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is sponsoring an overnight art excursion on November 22 and 23 to the Detroit Institute of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Detroit Artist Market's Holiday Gift Show, the College of Creative Studies, a studio tour and other cultural venues. Foreign films, fine dining and art are among the itinerary.

Tickets include round-trip travel via bus from Charlevoix and Petoskey, morning coffee, a sack lunch, admission to the art institute and double occupancy hotel accomodations. Cost: Circle of Arts members $175, Non-members $200, student members 18 and under $165. Scholarships may be available. Register by Oct. 31. Call 547-3554 for more information or register at 109 Clinton St. E-mail charlevoixcircle@gmail.com for application.

NOV. 27

At 11 a.m., Thanksgiving day, a group of folks will swim at Lake Michigan Beach to raise money for local food banks. Send contributions to: Charlevoix County Community Foundation-Swim c/o John McNabb, 313 Prospect St., Charlevoix, 49720.

Thanksgiving workout

The Second Annual Turkey Trot begins at 8 a.m. at Harbor Health and Fitness, 110 Clinton St. This fundraiser one-mile and five kilometer walk/run benefits Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Register at www.active.com. Course route at www.usatf.com. Call 547-8000 for more information.

Hospice fundroiser

Eta Nu's Lights of Love Raises Money for Hospice at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at the Dilworth Inn, Boyne City. Donations are $3 to $25 for a colored light or $35 for personalized heart. Decorations displayed on the "Lights of Love" Christmas tree to be featured in the Dilworth. After a short dedication and caroling, those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper with homemade desserts, at the Dilworth. All are welcome. Address checks/money orders to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, c/o Candy Greene, 4056 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City, MI 49712-9676. Call 582-2434 for more information.

DEC. 6

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 6 at St. Mary Parish, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix is the 14th Annual Charlevoix Open House Craft Show with custom crafts by local artisans, a cookie walk, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Call 547-9441 or 547-6652 for more information.

Lions collect glosses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmonn Center seeks donotions

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Meduso retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

David Crouse, producer, to give screening of documentary on C.S. Lewis

The Charlevoix Public Library will host a screening of The Magic Never Ends: The Life and Works of C.S. Lewis at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20, with a discussion led by producer David Crouse.

The film represents the first American-produced television documentary on best-selling author C.S. Lewis. The documentary spans Lewis' life from his early days in Northern Ireland, his acclaimed academic career at Britain's prestigious Oxford University, his life-changing friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien, and the legendary love between Lewis and his wife, Joy.

Lewis

The Magic Never Ends features a musical score composed by acclaimed musician David Barrett and narration by Academy Award-winning actor Sir Ben Kingsley. It received an Emmy for Best Musical Score and two nominations in Music and Best Director. The documentary has aired on PBS and will continue to air through 2010.

Other productions by Crouse include Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes, a profile of one of the most gifted and complex coaches of the 20th century; and Lost in Middle America (and what happens next), a look at how the transformation of Lima, Ohio from thriving manufacturing center to part of the Rust Belt reflects the fate of similar communities throughout the United States.

Crouse is currently working on a new documentary on Lewis and J.R. R. Tolkien and Faith. Both are Christian authors who came to their faith through mythology and created engaging, imaginative, and timeless fiction.

For more information, please visit www.crouseentertainment.com.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix. There is no cost to attend.

The screening is part of the area-wide C.S. Lewis Festival, of which Crouse is co-founder and President. C. S. Lewis Festival, Inc. is a not-for-profit, donor-supported corporation that annually facilitates an exploration of the life and works of the man who created Narnia.

For more information, visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 237-7340.

Zonta seeks Young Women in Public Affairs award

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards $500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County High Schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 4, 2009 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, PO Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The winner will be announced at the Zonta meting in late February

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the District, which awards an additional $500 to the District Winner.

Caitlyn Wonski from Boyne City High School was named the winner of last year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of roommate.

Zonta International is a global service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

New Year's Eve party

COURTESY PHOTO

Crookad Tree Arts Center is hosting the second annual New Year's Eve at the Arts Center, on Wednesday, Dec. 31. This event is an all age, alcohol-free celebration featuring performances and workshops by area artists and organizations. The evening concludes with a "Midnight at 9" Times-Square style, ball drop on Division Street. CTAC is looking for a student artist to feature for this year's event. Entry is open to all students in Charlavoix and Emmel counties, and the entry deadline is Nov. 10. The selected, original artwork will be used for promotional materials, t-shirts and admission buttons, and will not be returned. The selected artist will receive a $50 gift certificate for art supplies and will be featured in CTAC's biannual newsletter, Art News. Call 347-4337 for more information. Students may download a call for entry form on CTAC's website at www.crookedtrea.org.

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Chamber, visitor bureau join forces

Duo projects financial savings, streamlined service

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

"One-stop shopping."

That is how Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erin Bemis explained the newly formed partnership between her group and the Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

"It's a partnership, not a merger," Bemis said. "Our seperate boards and seperate entities realized through a series of discussions and, essentially, round-tables, what things we were doing and duplicating in both organizations, and we discussed what we can do if we shared some of the expenses."

She added, "It seemed silly to have two copiers, two postage machines and two offices. When we become more effective we will create a cohesive united front for information—whether it be for a new business or an inquiry on lodging for the CVB (visitor's bureau)."

Brumlay

While the two will remain separate entities, the chamber and the visitor's bureau now share offices in the Chamber's new location on 109 Mason St.

The chamber eliminated one part-time position.

The visitor's bureau's new director Lauren Brumley will divide her time evenly between heading the visitor's bureau and acting as the chamber's coordinator of communication.

Brumley, who recently moved to Charlevoix from Grand Rapids, served the chamber as an intern this summer through Apple Fest'.

"It's going to be a good time. I'm excited to get it up and going," Brumley said. "We're going to have a lot of learning experience trying to take this in a new direction."

In addition to consumers being able to find both entities in one office, Brumley said she will be updating the Web site and working on developing new brochures.

"It just makes sense," said Bemis, who could not put a dollar figure

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Lion speaks on black dog, other mental illness

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Former Detroit Lion quarterback Eric Hipple will discuss depression, suicide and other mental illnesses facing teens today.

Hipple, whose son committed suicide in 2000, will give two talks: one during the school day, Nov. 25 at Charlevoix High School for students only; and another later that evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library for the rest of the community.

"Linda Adams from the public library approached me about having him come. He spoke in Petoskey last year and she had heard how well he interacted with the students and how valuable the discussions were that the students were having afterward," stated Charlevoix High School media specialist Kristin Sidlauskas in an e-mailed response to questions.

According to Sidlauskas, Hipple believes educating people about mental illness like depression, also known as the black dog, and breaking down the stigma related to them is the key to suicide prevention.

"I had just done a book talk for a class that had included several books about mental illness and depression and was surprised how many students came in to talk to me about finding these kinds of books," she further stated. "So, when Linda brought it up, I did some research and thought it sounded like a good idea. He has recently published a book, Real Men Do Cry (and) his presentation for the high school is called, "Keeping a Healthy Mind in High School."

Sidlauskas said Hipple's presentation is important because nearly one in five adolescents suffer from some form of mental, emotional or behavioral issue

"One in 10 is a serious condition. Only about 30 percent get any help at

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Wish granted for aspiring princess

COURTESY PHOTO

Cinderella, played by Charlevoix High School performing arts student Jordan McCarthy (right) chats with her number one fan Patty during their meeting Monday, Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The terminally ill Patty, whose last name is withheld by request, had one wish in her life: to meet Cinderella.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

A recent urgent need at Charlevoix Area Hospital was handled not by a doctor, but by Cinderella.

When Charlevoix High School performing arts instructor Danielle Wager heard a local dying woman's wish was to meet the fairytale princess she found a student willing to play the part and then raced to Traverse City in pursuit of the right garb.

"She doesn't have very long, and the nurses knew they wouldn't get Make A Wish (Foundation) to respond in time and they knew we had a Glynda (from the school's production of Wizard of Oz) costume and asked if we could visit Patty," Wager said. "I drove to the costume shop in Traverse City and got an actual Cinderella costume."

The 49 year old Patty, whose last name and medical information has been withheld upon request, has a cognitive condition which has left her with the mind of a child ... and very big dreams

"She was so excited she started introducing Cinderella to all her nurses and showed her around the hospital telling everybody she

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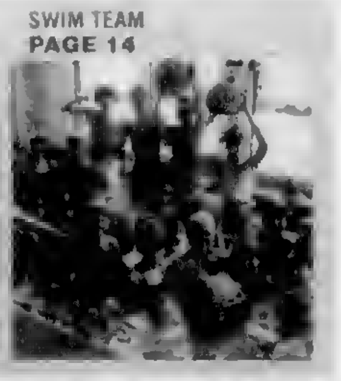

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MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

William H. Stanley, 71 and Gail L. Steck, 61, both of Boyne City

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morissa Ann Miller weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces was born Nov. 6 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Bill and Jennifer Miller of Boyne City. Her siblings are Jessica, Ashley, Joshua, and Chrissy. Her grandparents are Jim Hawkins and Jane Hawkins of Boyne City. Her great-grandparent is Eileen Haseman also of Boyne City.

Cassidy Dawn Jensen weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces was born Nov. 10 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kurt and Sarah Jensen of East Jordan.

Alexis Joann Leist weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces was born November 11 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kayla Wiltjer and Ray Leist of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Tim Wiltjer and Teena Haskin both of Petoskey and Gloria Leist of Boyne City.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Dion Martin Fennell, 23, Wolverine. Probation violation - larceny in a building. Sentenced to 150 days in jail; to serve 150 days in jail; to serve 36 months on probation; $30 in fines and costs.

Thomas Scott Fiting, 45, Saginaw. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for one day; to serve 365 days in jail; $1,870 in fines and costs.

Bryan Chad Sirmons, 23, Charlevoix. Controlled substance: use of narcotic/cocaine/methamphetamine/Ecstacy. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for two days in jail; to serve two days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; $430 in fines and costs.

Albert Kelli Nahinu, 38, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 to a maximum of 60 months; credit for 84 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

EM2 Electric, 309 Prospect, Charlevoix, by Mark R. Willett

Jem Enterprises, 03212 Old Mackinaw Trail, Boyne Falls, by Harold Jensen and Mary Macionski

Crumbs and Cakes, 213 West Lincoln St., Charlevoix, by Ellen-Grace E. Fultz

Fix Mich LLC, 06685 M66 North, #123, Charlevoix, by Scott A. Kerschner and Daniel C. Soullier

Bridging the Gap Intervention Service, 01532 North Shore Drive, Walloon Lake, by Vickie F. Ethridge and April L. Fisher

Movers, 14200 Mascho Road, Charlevoix, by Dave Kurchinski

Charlevoix Equestrian Club, 1544 Klooster Road, by Becky Bills

The Benefits Team, 202 South Lake St., Suite C., Boyne City, by Ronald E. Mills, Neil A. Shawn, Philip L. Hoyt, Michelle A. Shawn and Steven D. Riozzi

Trixler Insulation & Roofing, 129 Zink Road, Boyne City, by Michael G. Trixler

Chateau Lake Charlevoix Estates, 00551 Snyder Road, Boyne City, by Chateau Lake Charlevoix Estates LLC

C & M Painting, 325 North St., Boyne City, by Jessica Corbin

Harmony Home Care, 01650 Larson Road, Boyne City, by Linda Kadlec

Russ Brown & Associates, 07645 Mulberry Lane, Charlevoix, by Russell Richard Brown

All Phaze Remodeling, 05115 Church Road, by Dennis Cadarette

Rostar Concrete LLC, 13385 Phelps Road, Charlevoix, by Tonya Livorno

Zoning Board Public Notice

The Charlevoix City Zoning Board of Appeals will not meet on Nov. 19 as scheduled.

The next scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 17, in the second floor council chambers of City Hall.

A complete agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

S.A.N.E. made the following arrests:

(Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement)

10/03/08 - Mark Edward Guertin, a 51 year-old male Garden City resident, was arrested for two counts manufacturing marijuana and two counts conspiracy to manufacture marijuana. The subject was lodged at the Mackinac county Jail.

Kevin Lestin Fields, a 41 year-old male Cook, Michigan resident, was arrested for two counts manufacturing marijuana and two counts conspiracy to manufacture marijuana. The subject was lodge at the Mackinac County Jail.

10/16/08 - Megan Michelle Bowler, a 20 year-old female Newberry resident, was arrested for one count delivery of marijuana and one count conspiracy to deliver marijuana. The subject was lodged at the Luce County Jail.

10/20/08 - Sheila Rae Scholfield, a 32 year-old female Engadine resident, was arrested for one count delivery of Methadone, one count delivery of Xanax and one count maintaining a drug house. The subject was lodged at the Mackinac County Jail.

Richard Lee Holbrook, a 26 year-old male Newberry resident, was arrested for one count delivery of marijuana and one count conspiracy to deliver marijuana. The subject was loged at the Luce county Jail

10/22/08 - Pauline Evelyn Willis, a 47 year-old female Cheboygan resident, was arrested for one count delivery of Methadone, one count delivery of Methadone in a park, one count delivery of Morphine and one count delivery of Morphine in a park. The subject was lodged at the Cheboygan County Jail and later released on a personal recognizance bond.

10/29/08 - A 31 year-old male Eckerman resident, was arrested for two counts delivery of marijuana and one count maintaining a drug house. The subject was released on bond.

10/30/08 - A 37 year-old male Boyne city resident, was arrested for one count manufacturing Marijuana, count possession with intent to deliver marijuana and one count maintaining a drug house. The subject was lodged at the Charlevoix County Jail.

A 42 year-old male Boyne city resident, was arrested for one count manufacturing marijuana, one count possession with intent to deliver marijuana, one count possession of cocaine, one count maintaining a drug house and one count firearms safety-inspection violation. The suspect was lodged at the Charlevoix County Jail.

11/03/08 - John Dennis Ruddy, a 24 year-old male Clinton Township resident, was arrested for one count possession with intent to deliver Oxycodone, one count possession of marijuana and one count providing false information to Police Officer. The subject was lodged at the Mackinac County Jail.

11/06/08 - A 47 year-old male Boyne city resident, was arrested for one count manufacturing marijuana and one count maintaining a drug house. The subject was loged at the Charlevoix County Jail.

Those wanting to repon narcoties activity are encouraged to call S.A.N.E. at (800) 621-8651.

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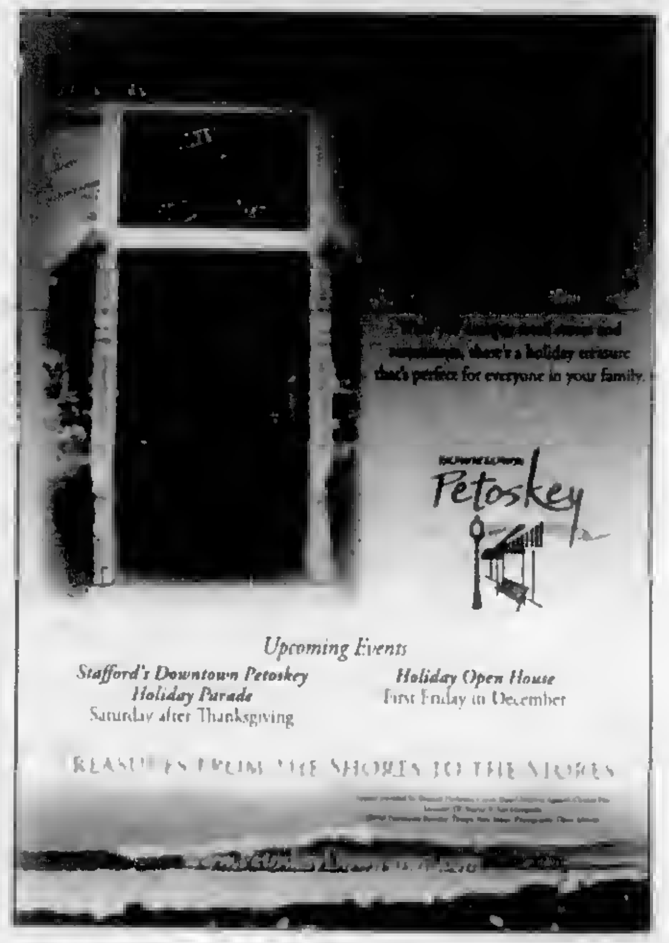

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TREASURES FROM THE SHORES TO THE STORES

House colleagues elect Elsenheimer

Kewadin lawmaker looks to strong Republican caucus future

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer will serve as the Michigan House of Representatives' minority leader in the 95th Michigan Legislature, beginning in January 2009.

Elsenheimer, who will enter his third and final term representing the 105th District of Antrim, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Otsego counties, was elected early Thursday morning by his Republican colleagues.

"First, I want to thank all the residents of the 105th District who have put their trust in me to serve them as their state representative and then I give my gratitude to my House colleagues who have invested their faith in me to lead our caucus into the future," Elsenheimer said. "We are fortunate to have a very talented and committed group of people from across the state dedicated to moving Michigan's economy forward while protecting citizens and taxpayers.

"I'm more confident about our future than I have been in some time. Our discussions on how to make Michigan better have been focused on ideas and positive efforts, and I'm proud to be a part of making our goals a reality."

Before election to the House in 2004, Elsenheimer served as assistant prosecuting attorney for Antrim County, where he handled a variety of criminal and civil cases. He then formed his own law firm, Young, Graham, & Elsenheimer, PC, with two former Antrim County prosecuting attorneys.

Politically, he served as Antrim County Republican Party chair for many years and was on the Bellaire Public Schools Board of Education from 1998 to 2004, when he stepped down to run for the state Legislature.

Elsenheimer attended Northwestern Michigan College, where he received an Associate of Arts degree, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1987 studying psychology, history and philosophy.

He earned his law degree from Wayne State University Law School where he also was a founding member of the Wayne State University Environmental Law Society.

Elsenheimer, born Aug. 21, 1965, was raised in northern Michigan. He and his wife Ann have three children: Emma, Noah and Jacob.

Testing for chronic wating disease

Holly Bailey, a veterinary technology student who works part-time at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health at MSU, removes a tube from a machine that pulverizes the lymph node material to be tested for chronic wasting disease. The DNR uses the ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) diagnostic test, which allows for rapid screening and quantification of the presence of the CWD antigen in the sample.

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Auto crash update

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two-vehicle personal injury traffic crash that occurred recently on US-31 and Boyne City Road in Charlevoix Township.

A 36-year-old Traverse City woman was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Boyne City Road/US-31, north.

She made a left turn onto US-31 and was struck by a north bound van driven by a 26-year-old Charlevoix woman.

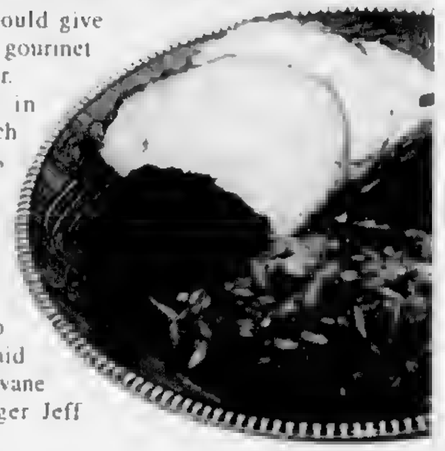
The crash is believed to be weather related

The sheriff's office was assisted on scene by the Charlevoix City Police, Charlevoix EMS and Michigan State Police.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater urges care because similar accidents have occurred at this same location as well as the Walloon Lake junction where vehicles block the view for vehicles entering US-31 and US 131.

Lasater has alerted Michigan Department of Transportation to his concerns about these locations.

Want to help a needy family this Thanksgiving?



For $135 you could give a needy family a gourmet Thanksgiving dinner.

The Neighbors in Need program, which began at Stafford's Pier Restaurant five years ago, is now available in Charlevoix.

"We cook it, box it up and take it to the front door," said Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant Manager Jeff Spreckselt.

The meals, which serve between six and eight people, will be given to families chosen by local food pantries.

"We really don't make any money ... after food costs," Spreckselt said. "We're just the middle man for this whole thing."

Spreckselt said his employees are excited to carry on the tradition begun by their sister business, and Spreckselt hopes to serve as many families as possible.

"We're hoping to do at least 10," He said. "They (donors) can give the whole $135 or as much as they want. They can mail it anonymous or give their credit card info' over the phone."

Call 547-4311 to make a donation, or contact your local food pantry to see if you qualify for help.

Spreckselt added, "It's nice, especially in these hard economical times, to give somebody something—there's plenty (of needy people) in Charlevoix County—I would like to see us do 50 (dinners)."

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How much is a billion?

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

We are deluged with large numbers and we often don't completely understand just how large they are. A few days ago I watched an interview with Ted Turner, a famous billionaire. He said with some chagrin that he confused millions and billions, even when thinking about his own money. Everett Dirkson, a once-prominent U.S. Senator, famously said, when talking about the federal budget, "A billion here and a billion there and pretty soon you are talking about real money." Legislators and commentators have confused numbers to the extent of calling the Wall Street bailout a $700 million total rather that $700 billion. Does it really make any difference? I believe it does. We misunderstand numbers at our peril. To partly quote President Bush, we are likely to "misunderestimate".

Currently we hear of $700 billion for this, $180 billion for that, and maybe a trillion or two overall in order to get the national economy back on track. I have been doing a little arithmetic to try to understand just how much that is. Maybe I can help us all to understand.

How much is a billion? A favorite professor of mine used to use tennis balls in his example. Assuming that a tennis ball is about two and a half inches in diameter, we can imagine the following. Set out a row of tennis balls in a straight line, just touching each other. Ten balls would span just over two feet. One hundred tennis balls would reach about twenty-one feet. A row of one million tennis balls would be about 40 miles long, and a billion would reach 40,000 miles or about two and a half times around the Earth. And that is only one billion. If you want to think about a trillion, multiply that last number by one thousand, making a row of tennis balls forty million miles long or almost half way to the sun from the Earth.

I thought this fall that I must have raked up at least a billion leaves from our over-treed lawn. I decided to find out. Ten dry Maple leaves weigh just one-fourth an ounce. That means forty of them weigh about one ounce. Continuing the arithmetic, 640 leaves would weigh about one pound. Six hundred forty thousand of them would add up to a half tom. I probably did not move that many. A billion leaves would add up to a million and a half pounds, probably more leaves that are produced by all of Charlevoix's trees in several seasons.

What we are interested in is not tennis balls or leaves, but money. How much is a billion dollars? My financial consultant tells me that a stack of one hundred new, crisp one dollar bills is about three-fourths of an inch high. That means that a stack of ten thousand would reach just over six feet. A stack of a million would be 625 feet high. We can imagine that. But a billion dollar bills stacked up would be 625,000 feet or just more that one hundred-eighteen miles. A billion is a thousand time a million, not, just a little more.

Finally what does $700 billion mean to each of us? That works out to nearly $2500 provided to Wall Street financial institutions by each man, woman and child in the United States. That is a stack of crisp, new one dollar bills just over a foot and a half high. Most of us would regard that as a significant gift. I wish were could send them leaves or tennis balls.

WEEKLY POLL

Do you enjoy visiting relatives over Thanksgiving?

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Yes

(18 Votes, 62%)

No

(11 Votes, 38%)

This week's poll question:

Do you support the partnership between the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau?

Relations with Russia: Colder than ever

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

While Uncle Sam has been standing around with his thumb up his proverbial ... Global War On Terror®, one of our biggest and most forgotten threats has continued to strengthen its position while offering threats and insults which American leadership seem determine to ignore.

The Soviets (I'm forever trapped in 1985) may not be as brash as Bin Laden or as freak-show interesting as Kim Jong Ill, but the Russian government is not our friend.

Vladimir Putin was quoted in a June, 5 BBC piece on the proposed missile defense system as saying, "If the American nuclear potential grows in European territory, we will have to have new targets in Europe."

Putin's puppet Russian President Dimitry Medvedev, in a Nov. 5 Associated Press story, said America was to blame for his country's attack on Georgia.

Medvedev also boldly threatened to treat our plans to build a missile defense system in a couple eastern bloc countries as a direct threat.

Can you say Cuban missile crisis?

American officials have said the plan is to stop a so-called rogue state like Iran or North Korea from lobbing missiles across the region, but that hasn't soothed Russia's heartburn over U.S. plans to install missiles in Poland and a radar station in Czechoslovakia.

Medvedev's harsh words are merely cars in a long train of hints that this thing ain't over.

"From what we have seen in recent years — the creation of a missile defense system, the encirclement of Russia with military bases, the relentless expansion of NATO — we have gotten the clear impression that they are testing our strength," Medvedev said during a recent speech at the Kremlin.

George Bush may have seen Putin's soul when he looked into those KGB eyes, but what he has failed to see was the Mad Russian's middle finger.

Make no mistake: Russia will deploy ballistic missiles—with or without nuclear warheads—with the capacity to reach Poland.

Commander-in-chief-to-be Barack Obama gave a frightening, though accurate, picture of American ignorance on the subject when he stated back in August, "Now is the time for Georgia and Russia to show restraint, and to avoid an escalation to full scale war."

Georgia is a sovereign nation—I know, I know, the USA has no business telling another superpower not to invade a smaller sovereign nation—but it's kind of like telling a rape victim to calm down so the rapist doesn't attack you again.

Furthermore, how America is to blame for the attack, considering even the U.S. State Department has condemned Georgia for an alleged strike on its secessionist region of South Ossetia is unknown to this foreign policy amateur.

It is clear that the Russian backing of South Ossetia is intended to destabilize Georgia, thereby making life difficult for its American ally.

So, what's all the fuss over this little country of roughly $4 million? Why, oil, of course.

Georgia has lakefront acreage right on the Black Sea which, according to those in the know, is the third largest oil-rich region on the planet.

Some experts disavow even the possibility of a new Cold War. It is easy to see why: Russia has been painted as a crumbling empire wheezing on its last proverbial leg; and some believe our only differences sprang from the epic battle between "isms," both capital and communal, and now that in Russia's economy at least some free market enterprise exists there is nothing left over which to fight.

But, the two biggest kids on the playground will always seek to do battle, regardless of their similarities or lack thereof, especially when there are unknown billions in oil at stake.

While I cringe when I see nearly defenseless nations invaded by Goliath war machines, I am equally nervous about ideas like those of Lindsey Graham and Joe Lieberman who co-authored an Aug. 26 column suggesting Georgia, "be given the antiaircraft and anti-armor systems necessary to deter any renewed Russian aggression."

Then again, how can we remain idle when a state we claim as an ally is attacked?

Will arming our enemy's enemy deter further clashes? Doubtful. But, neither will pretending we are friends with our age-old nemesis.

This continued policy of blissful ignorance in the face of one of our two largest potential threats—let's not forget the Chinese need farmland, lots and lots of farmland—is a fine and dandy way to jump start the sleeping, but far from deceased, Cold War of old.

Medvedev has spit in Uncle Sam's eye. The question is "Will he blink?"

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Ladies luncheon

DME retirees (from left) Ethel Etzinga, Marilyn Miller, Ruby Curtis, Anna Racignol, Rose Etzinga, Betty Pearsall, and Lillian Wilks have been lunching together every week for years at the Charlevoix Senior Center Inc. Here the ladies enjoyed fellowship on Nov. 11.

LETTERS to the editor

BERGMANN CENTER THANK-YOU

Editor:

Bergmann Center, Inc. had another great garage sale fundraiser this year held in September at the center. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the people who so generously made donations, volunteered their time and those who couldn't resist shopping at a great Garage Sale. All items received for the garage sale were donated, helping us raise over $2,755 this year. Charlevoix, along with the other area communities are very generous to our organization and we would like to send our appreciation for helping us "make a difference in the lives of those we serve."

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50 years later

The 1958 Charlevoix High School class held it's 50th class reunion on Sept. 12 at tha Argonne Supper Club. There were 33 classmates with a total of 56 in attendanca. Those attending are (front, from left) Beverly Moody, Sharon Swanson Davis, Susie Duerr Logie, Ellen Miller Langa, MaryAnn Berg Chew, Mary J. Supernaw O'Brien, Sylvia Miles Smith, Pat Rabb Howard, Carl Sneathen, Ed Louiselle (middle, from left) Nancy Brodin Higbee, Fran Martin Young, Chuck McDermott, Sue McBride Drenth, Esther Boss Vandanberg, Stan Harwood, Lois McGinnis Way, Nancy Juilleret Foster, Lois Bergmann Michelin, Madelyn Rabach Harwood, Rolland Daugherty, Noreen Cross Selissen, Sandy Cunningham Sniegowski, Angel Pease Bearss (back, from left) John Thorp, Glenn Bearss, Bill Maxfield, David Miles, Larry Smith, Ed O'Neill, Ray Schultz, Barb Jarvis McInnis, Clifford Pierce. Classmates attended from California, Ohio, Jamaica, Florida, Indiana, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois and many Michigan cities.
COURTESY PHOTO

Marines seek toys for area youngsters

TOYS FOR TOTS℠

The northern Michigan detachment of the Marine Corps League will again be placing their more than 100 toy collection boxes throughout Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties.

New unwrapped toys and gifts are needed for all ages: from babies and toddlers, up through late-teens.

Between 13,000 and 15,000 toys have been donated and distributed during the drives in each of the last several years.

The toys are all distributed locally, and the need seems to be greater each year.

The Toys for Tots program was begun 50 years ago by a retired Marine Major and his wife in Los Angeles, and has quickly expanded to a national program involving thousands of Marines in hundreds of cities, resulting in literally millions toys being distributed to children each holiday season.

Contact Russ Bolt at 547-4855 for more information.

Toys can be dropped off at the following locations:

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Write a check, mate

Charlevoix Middle School seventh-graders Mac McPherson (left) and Sawyer Golovich enjoy the school's chess club. The club is currently seeking donations of chess boards so there will be enough for all members.
COURTESY PHOTO

Adopt-A-Landscape

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is encouraging members of the public, community groups, master gardener clubs, businesses, and public agencies to "Adopt-A-Landscape."

Similar to the department's long-standing Adopt-A-Highway program, the new Adopt-A- Landscape program hopes to recruit civic-minded volunteers to help beautify interchanges, boulevards, rest areas and roadside parks. Volunteers will plant flowers, shrubs and trees; control weeds; trim and remove trees; sow wildflowers; remove graffiti front highway structures and perform ancillary mowing. Adopt-A-Landscape volunteers will help MDOT stretch limited maintenance dollars. Planting vegetation also will help prevent storm water runoff.

"We know there are talented people out there who would like to help keep Michigan looking beautiful," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Several state rest areas and Welcome Centers already are benefiting from the expertise of master gardener groups who plant and maintain flower beds and shrubbery. The Adopt-A-Landscape program will provide an opportunity for more people to contribute their time and talent."

Adopting groups can use volunteers to do the work on their own, or hire a contractor to perform the work on their behalf. Volunteers receive safety vests, safety materials, and name recognition signs to mark the area their group has adopted, similar to the signs used by the Adopt-A-Highway program. Permits to do the work are being issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested groups should contact their local MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC) for more information on what sections of land are available for adoption.

Visit www.michigan.gov/adoptalandscape for more information.

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Writers Group
Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 pm
Join other writers for support and ideas about writing and publishing.

Story Time
Thursday, November 20, 10:30 am
(Birth to 5)
Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts

Ask the Tech Guy
Thursday, November 20, 10:00 - noon
Bring your computer and your questions for one on one time with the library's technology assistant, Roger Gowell.

Magic Never Ends: The Life and Works of C.S. Lewis
Thursday, November 20, 7:00 pm
Join the CS Lewis Festival and David Crouse, the producer of this PBS documentary, in a lively discussion of the life and works of CS Lewis.

Gamernoons
Friday, November 21, 3:00 - 4:45 pm
Grades 5 7
Try out one of the new games: Need for Speed Underground II or Crash Bandicoot: Twinsanity or go back to the tried and true of Guitar Hero or DDR – the choice is yours!

Sleepy Time Stories
Monday, November 24, 6:30 pm
Ages birth – 8
Come in your pajamas and bring your lovey to hear stories before bedtime.

Eric Hipple Talks About Teen Depression
Tuesday, November 25, 6:30 pm.
Audience: parents and guardians of teens. Eric will speak to teens at CHS at 9:30 am the same day. Dynamic speaker.
Eric Hipple, former National Football League (NFL) quarterback for the Detroit Lions, will speak to parents and guardians of teens. He will be speaking to teens at the CHS that morning. Since his 15-year-old son Jeff's suicide, Hipple has devoted his life to building awareness and breaking down the stigma surrounding depressive illnesses. He received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement award given by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and currently serves as an outreach coordinator for the University of Michigan Depression Center.

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OBITUARIES

Genevie (Jenny) Osenko: passed on November 6, 2008

Osenko, Genevie "Jenny", age 77, died Tuesday, November 6, 2008, at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family. Memorial contributions are suggested to Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation, 915 State St., Erie, PA 16501. Honoring Jenny's wishes, her ashes will be buried in the Norwood Cemetery, Norwood, MI. Jenny was born in Champaign, IL and later moved to Toledo, OH. She married George Osenko in 1950 and was married for 58 years. She had three children,

Osenko

Mark, Ginger and Jeff, who all three believe she was an angel sent from above to be their mom. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University, earning a Masters Degree, and taught elementary school for over 33 years. After retiring from Cherry Hill School District and moving to Sun Lakes, AZ she continued to teach elementary students at the Indian Reservation in Sacaton, AZ. Jenny spent her summers on Lake Michigan enjoying her children and three beautiful granddaughters, Chelsea, Kelly and Alyssa. She spent her winters in Sun Lakes, AZ with truly loving friends and neighbors. No matter where she was, she was cooking delicious pies and sweets and bringing a laugh, a smile and a song to all that were lucky enough to have known her.

Marguerite M. Y. Currie: passed on November 13, 2008

Marguerite M.Y. Currie, 89, of Traverse City, formerly of Charlevoix, died Thursday afternoon, Nov. 13, 2008, at Munson Medical Center.

Born June 14, 1919 in Charlevoix, she was the daughter of the late Earl A. and Irene H. (Harsha) Young.

On Oct. 11, 1947 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, she married George D. Currie.

Marguerite was a proud veteran, who served with the United States Navy as a Wave, during World War II.

She also enjoyed her membership with The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City.

Marguerite is survived by her children: Donald (Darlene) Currie of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Constance Gardner of Interlochen, and Elizabeth (Dean) Elliott of Troy, Penn.; seven grand- daughters, Kristanya and Heather Currie, Jessica, Sarah and Victoria Gardner and Joslyn and Eileen Elliott; and two great grand -daughters, Ana and Bridgette.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters, Louise Gill and Virginia Olsen and one brother, Andrew Young.

Memorial Services was held at The Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 at 11 a.m..

Dr. Homer Nye will officiated

Burial will take place at a later date a Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix

Memorials may be directed to the Presbyterian Church or the Library for the Blind, C/O the funeral home.

Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guest book at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/.

Arrangements were made with the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684; www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

DEATH NOTICE

Shirley A. Shurey, 73, of East Jordan died Nov. 11, 2008 in Charlevoix. Memorial was held Nov. 15.

Second annual community Thanksgiving dinner

All are welcome to this free Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association from noon to 3 p.m., Thursday Nov. 27—Thanksgiving day—at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, Corner of US 31 and Meech St. To help with dinner call Joy at 547-4813, to arrange a ride, call Gay at 547-1344

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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05815 M-66

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Pastor: James H. Green	547-4100

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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

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Evening Service	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m
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Church Office	547-9122

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Revenue-sharing dispute moves to Charlevoix court

RYAN BENTLEY
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

As local educational institutions continue with a lawsuit against the Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board, they'll be doing so in a different court from the one where they filed the case.

Last month, North Central Michigan College, Public Schools of Petoskey and Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District filed a suit in Emmet County Circuit Court challenging the process which the board uses in allocating Odawa Casino Resort revenue-sharing dollars. Along with the revenue board, the Emmet County Treasurer's Office is listed as a defendant because it serves as a fiduciary for revenue-sharing.

Emmet County's only circuit judge, Charles W. Johnson, recently signed an order recusing himself from the case because of his ties to North Central. He is a member of the college's board of trustees.

The case has been moved to Charlevoix County Circuit Court, where Judge Richard Pajtas will oversee the proceedings.

Because the Odawa casino site is in trust status with the U.S. government, property taxes cannot be collected on it.

Under the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' gaming compact with the state of Michigan, 2 percent of the Odawa' casino's electronic gaming proceeds are to be distributed to the community by the revenue board.

Using part of this payment from the casino, the board is responsible for compensating schools, the college and other local taxing units for the property taxes they'd collect if the gaming site was not in trust status.

The tribe's revenue-sharing payments also are used to cover local infrastructure and public safety needs and discretionary grants to governments and nonprofit organizations.

School and college officials contend that the revenue board's current allocation approach doesn't provide the taxing units with all of the tax-replacement funds that the compact calls for them to receive.

As these officials see it, the revenue board should be replacing property taxes based on the casino site's current value, including the amenities the tribe has constructed there.

But under the revenue sharing board's interpretation of the contract, tax replacement payments have been based on the site's value at the time it was placed in trust status. At that time, the site was still vacant, and property taxes thus would have been considerably lower than with the casino complex in place.

One early step in the court case will be consideration of a request from the schools and college for an injunction. They're seeking it to ensure that the latest revenue-sharing payment from the casino isn't spent before the dispute is resolved.

A hearing on the request is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Charlevoix court.

Kathleen Abbott, civil counsel for Emmet County, is representing the county as well as the revenue board in the case. In a recent legal brief, she argued against an injunction.

While the taxing units could suffer some harm if the latest funds are distributed using the board's existing approach, Abbott wrote that the court also needs to consider the adverse impacts which public safety agencies could face if grants that they depend upon are delayed.

Abbott also argued in her brief that the board's approach to allocation has allowed it to provide revenue-sharing funds for all of the purposes specified in the compact: property tax replacement, public safety, offsetting actual costs which local governments face because of the casino's presence, and — using any leftover funds — other lawful local government purposes.

If the schools' preferred method was used, Abbott wrote that not all of these purposes could be satisfied with the funds available.

"(The schools' proposal) usurps the authority granted to the LRSB to determine guidelines for establishment of a criteria or a formula for the distribution of revenues, and all other matters not specified in the compact," she added.

Revenue board member Les Atchison said grant applicants have been notified that this fall's distribution has been suspended because of the pending litigation.

Grand giveaway at Castle Farms

It was a lucky day for Melissa Schultz at the Castle Farms Grand Bridal Expo.

Schultz was the winner of the Grand Giveaway; a wedding package worth over $4,000.

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Counselor offers help for sex addicts

Christian counselor Stephen Guthrie has successfully completed the process for certification in the diagnosis and treatment of sexual addiction by the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Guthrie directs Christian Counseling Services located at 203 E. Upright St. in Charlevoix.

Sexual addiction affects broad segments of the population, both male and female.

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Many addicts are filled with shame and self-loathing as they repeatedly try and fail to gain control over their lives.

The addiction has exploded with the spread of Internet pornography, which is said to have the same addictive power as crack cocaine because one exposure is often sufficient to create a neurological addiction.

In addition to offering counseling for sexual addiction Guthrie also sponsors a local meeting of Sex Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program modeled on AA.

Guthrie is a Board Certified Pastoral Counselor through the American Assn. Of Christian Counselors and holds a Masters Degree in pastoral counseling from Trinity Seminary, University of Liverpool.

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Business development officer

Tom Webb has joined the bank as business development officer for the Petoskey, Charlevoix and Gaylord areas. Webb brings more than 32 years of financial services experience to his new position. He is highly regarded for his estate planning and investment management expertise and his extensive work as an advisor to individuals, businesses, and institutions in northern Michigan. Before joining Northwestern he served as a wealth management advisor at another financial institution. "Northwestern Bank is a northern Michigan company through and through," he said. "I'm thrilled to be part of an organization that truly cares about its customers and employees." Webb is a graduate of the National Trust School at Northwestern University and holds an MBA in finance from University of Michigan. He has actively served the community as board member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Gaylord Rotary, founding president of the Gaylord Education Foundation, president of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, and board member of the Petoskey Education Foundation. Webb is a longtime resident of northern Michigan.

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Those under 18 must have a parent or guardian attend with them. The eligibility seminar consists of an informational briefing and a one-on-one interview with the applicant followed by a Physical Agility Session. Applicants should wear gym clothes and shoes for the physical agility session.

Applicants must complete both an eligibility seminar and physical agility session to be considered for the enrollment into the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. Call Jones' cell phone if you are lost or late for the seminar. Visit www.NGYCP.org/mi or call (800) 372-0523 for more information.

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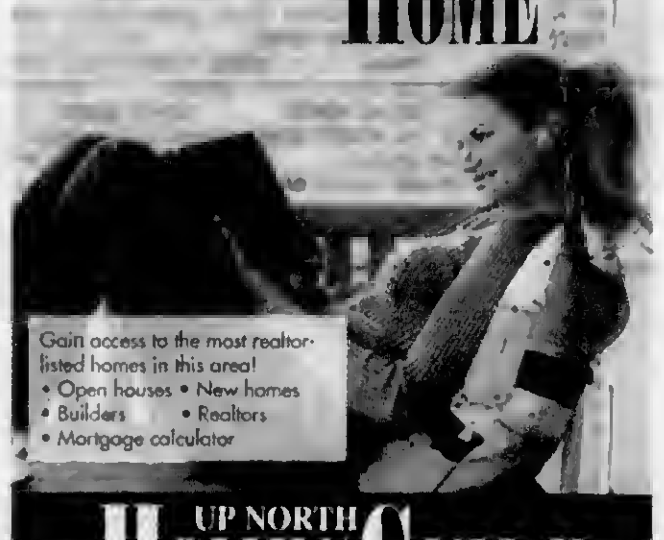

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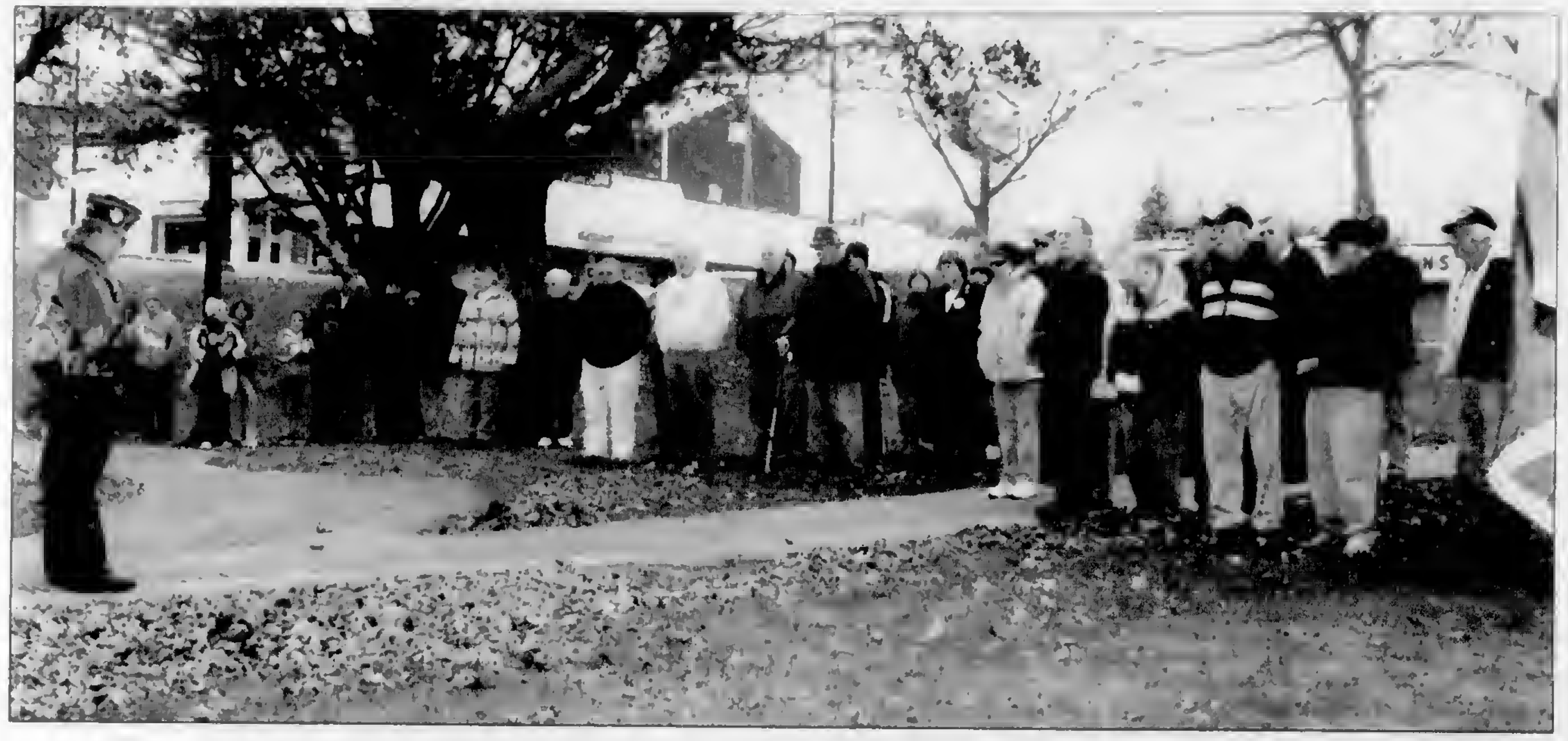

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Tom Browe, haad of VFW Post 1157 of Charlevoix, reads tha names of vetarans who died during tha last year. A crowd of more than 40 attanded tha sarvices in honor of military vatarans past and present.

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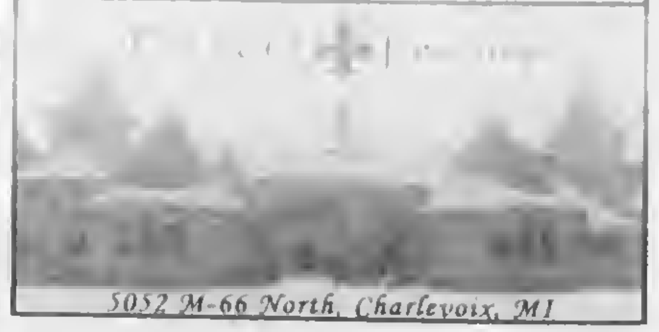

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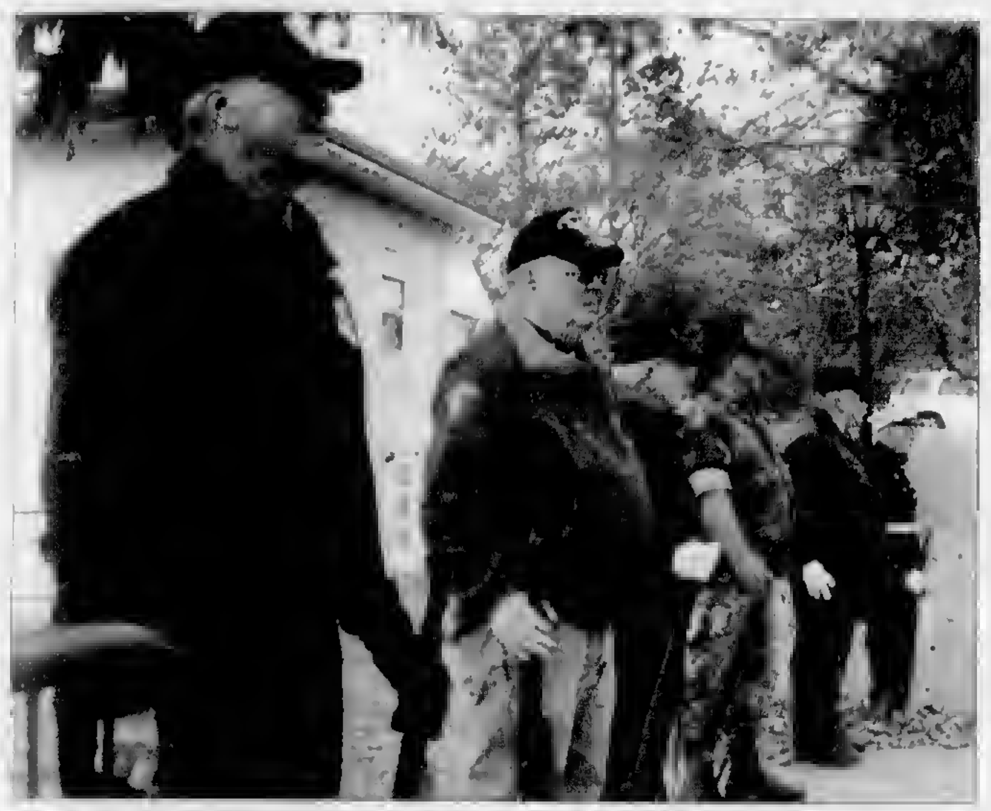

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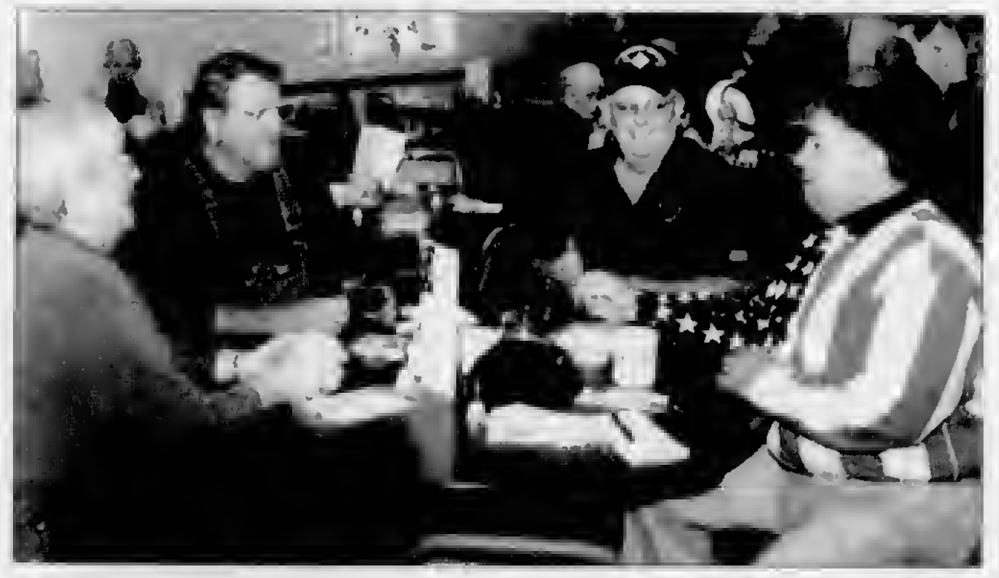
Serviceman from World War II to the Gulf War attended Veterans Day services, Nov. 11, in Charlevoix. Here the firing party ewaits the playing of "Taps" befora their 21 gun saluta.



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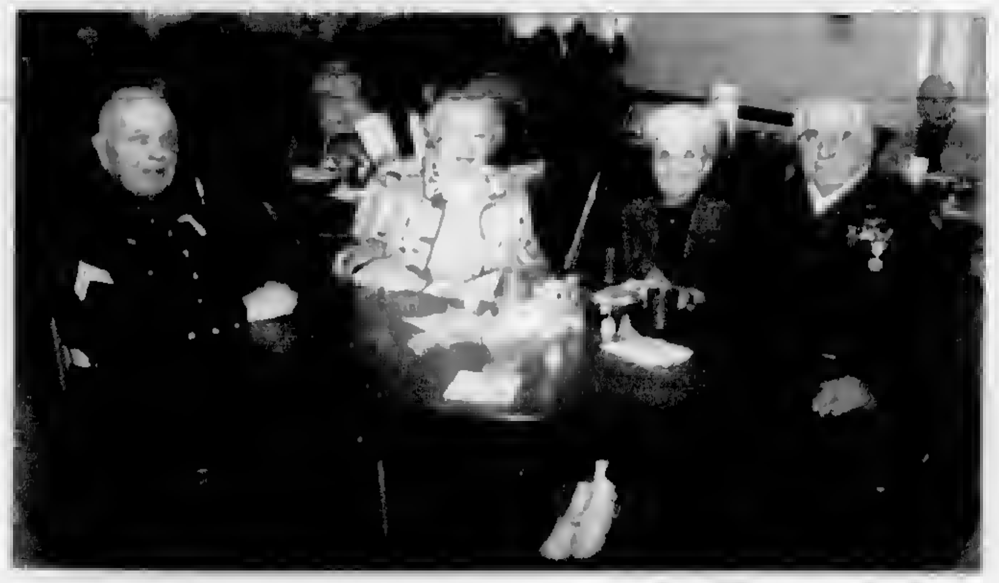
Veterans and their spouses were treated to lunch at the Charlevoix Senior Canter on Nov. 11. Picturad (from left) ara Sharon Woodbury and husband Howard "Woody" Woodbury, Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Director Ed Holm and District Fiva County Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt. The center served lunch to dozens of vaterans frea of charge as a thank-you for their years of service to the country.



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Veterans Ken Staley and Charlie Butcher (far left and right) ate lunch with Arlene Staley and Velma Bennett during the Veterans Day luncheon at the Charlevoix Senior Center this Veterans Day.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

USA Swimming readies for record growth in olympic wake

U.S. team's success, strong television ratings point to new members nation-wide

Bolstered by record performances and high television ratings at the 2008 Olympic Games, USA Swimming is anticipating its largest single-year membership boost in history. With past Olympics sparking five to 10 percent increases in membership, USA Swimming hopes to see post-Beijing numbers surpass those marks.

"The excitement surrounding the sport of swimming is undoubtedly at an all-time high," said Chuck Wielgus, USA Swimming's executive director. "We absolutely expect that this sort of excitement and exposure will translate to membership growth at our clubs across the nation. The performances by our Olympic athletes were awe-inspiring, and NBC did a wonderful job of sharing those performances with a national audience. We are confident that those factors will inspire thousands to take up the sport.

Following Michael Phelps' six-gold-medal performance in 2004, USA Swimming saw year-round membership spike by seven percent, the highest single-year gain for the organization in more than 10 years. Early indicators suggest that the 2009 bump will exceed that mark.

"We have been hearing from our member clubs across the country since the completion of swimming in Beijing, and they are seeing the effects already," said Pat Hogan, USA Swimming's Managing Director of Club Development.

The clubs we have spoken with tell us that their phones have been busy all month, and that trend is being mirrored cross the country.

Though swim season and registration won't fully begin until early to mid-September, some USA Swimming Clubs are already reporting results.

At the Sarasota YMCA, Head Coach Ira Klein stated that approximately 100 children turned up for the first day of its three-day try-out period. The 400 member club set an ambitious goal of 25 to 30 percent growth which Klein said now appears attainable.

"We knew we set some high goals, but after seeing the numbers at our try-outs, we've got a real good shot at the 25 to 30 percent mark," said Klein. "We held our try-outs at the beginning of a tropical storm, and we still had record numbers. I think it's not just what Michael Phelps did, but all of the publicity and coverage that the sport got, and the positive image that the swimmers projected that are sparking so much interest.

Across the country, the Spokane Area Swim Club is seeing a similar influx.

"We came back from vacation and I had more than 30 voicemail messages,

said Todd Marsh, head coach and director. "I was kind of surprised since we haven't even started our recruiting campaign. We're going to have to try to make room for all these new swimmers."

Marsh's wife, Vicky, who works with the SASC and at the local YMCA, said kids aren't the only ones getting into the spirit.

"As a Coach for the Spokane Area Swimming team for the last 20 years and also an employee of the YMCA of the Inland Northwest, I've seen first-hand the impact the Olympics have had on interest in competitive swimming. Michael Phelps' performance has kids excited about swimming competitively, but I've also noticed that adults are swimming and exercising more. It seems that Dara Torres' philosophy of 'age is just a number' is inspiring many adults to train and get in shape at any age."

USA Swimming's highest post-Olympic bump in history came in 1993, following the highly-viewed Olympics in Barcelona. That year saw a 10 percent increase in nationwide membership. In 1997, the Olympic Games in Atlanta sparked an eight percent increase, and membership lifted seven percent in 2005, after the Olympic Games in Athens.

Charlevoix's swim team, the Stingrays, have had over 45 swimmers in the water over the last few months and are always looking for more swimmers to be apart of the swimming fun. Currently the stingrays have swimmers in age from 6 to 17. Call 547-0982.

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Here the Charlevoix Stingray swim team poses at the Charlevoix Community Pool following a meet.

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Charlevoix Walgreens now open

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The Walgreens at Bridge Street and M-66 in Charlevoix opened at recently.

Employees were busy putting the finishing touches on the new drugstore.

Manager Frank Stead said the store's ideal location will help it thrive in Charlevoix.

"We're on a great corner at the intersection of two major roads and there isn't much competition in the area," he said "It's a growing area with a lot of tourism. We've hired an outstanding staff whose focus will be delivering exceptional customer service to this community."

He added, "We believe customers will appreciate the level of convenience they'll find in our drive-thru pharmacy, automatic prescription refills and our nationwide network of pharmacies."

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Wojan Window & Door earns Inc. 5000 ranking

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Wojan Window & Door Corp. has earned a ranking in the Inc. 5000 for 2008.

The company received a rank of 3212 from the awards committee of Inc. magazine – which celebrates the fastest-growing private companies in America.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David B. Fuller and Deborah L. Fuller, of 806 Thompson Street, Boyne City, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Edward Neil Melavey, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2005, and recorded in the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 29, 2005, in Liber 673, on Pages 852 and 853, of Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of forty six thousand nine hundred fifty eight and 35/100 ($46,958.35).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgages or any part thereof. By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Charlevoix Courthouse lobby in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgages, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the total amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgages, with the interest thereon at ten percent (10%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

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Dated November 5, 2008.

Edward Neil Melavey, Mortgagee
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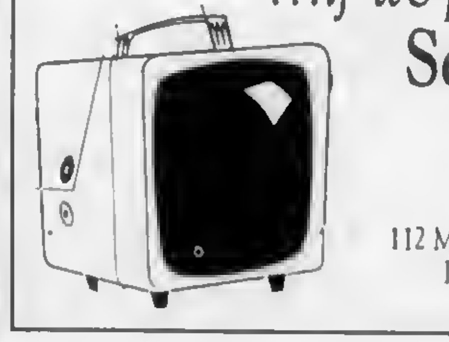

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Date: November 12, 2008
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Bradley Lloyd
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 06-011016-CA 06-011017-CA

IN THE MATTER OF: JOAN E. NELSON

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS INCLUDING: Gertrude Nelson; Jacqueline Nelson, Anders Lien; Andreas Lien; Marthin Lien, Hansine Lien; Johanne Lien; Ales Lien, John Lien; Martha Lien; Elias Lien; Children of Karl Handal Rye; Children of Johanne Handal Takle; Children of Ingeborg Handal Lonnebotn, or their heirs; or any other heirs or unknown heirs of Joan E. Nelson whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
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Dated: November 13, 2008

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel ("Mortgagors") to Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, having its principal office at 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan ("Mortgagee"), which mortgage was executed by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel in favor of Charlevoix State Bank, dated May 26, 2004 in the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan in Liber 616 at Page 491, securing the original principal amount of $192,500.00. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eighty One Thousand Eighty Dollars and Six Cents ($181,080.06), said interest accruing at the rate of 7.25% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount, with interest, as provided in said Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue at the Courthouse in Charlevoix, to the highest bidder in the County of Charlevoix, Michigan, on December 5, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock in the fore noon. The premises covered by said Mortgage are situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated October 27, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation.

Prepared by and for more information, please call:
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all—mostly because they don't know that what they are going through," she stated. "Parents, even those who communicate well with their children, often miss the symptoms of mental illness. Eric believes that education about mental illness and depression is the best way to ensure that struggling children get the help they need and to prevent the tragedy of suicide which is the second leading cause of death in teenagers today."

Sidlauskas hopes to elicit communication regarding mental health issues among students, teachers and parents to readily recognize symptoms and promote a culture which seeks treatment rather than hide symptoms for fear of said stigma.

The event is free as Hipple waives his speaking fee for schools.

If you or someone you know needs help, call North Country Community Mental Health Services at 547-5885.

WISH

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was with Cinderella," Wager said.

Performing arts student Jordan McCarthy, a senior, played Cinderella.

"It was wonderful. It really feels good to go help somebody who can't be exposed to the things she wants," McCarthy said. "She was absolutely beaming. She couldn't stop smiling."

Cinderella spent roughly 45 minutes with her number one fan on Nov. 10.

"She showed me her room and we talked about the movie," McCarthy said. "She said it was her favorite because Cinderella got to kiss the prince."

McCarthy hopes her fellow students will volunteer their services to those community members in need as well.

"I think it was a good experience for Jordan. It's not very often we get to do something like this for someone," Wager said. "Some of the other students look up to her and it's good to see her willingness to help other people."

She added, "I know from personal experience how important things like this are. We we're just happy to

COURTESY PHOTO

Patty showed Cinderella, played by Jordan McCarthy, around her room at the hospital where tha two chatted about Patty's favorite movie: Cinderella. Charlevoix High School performing arts Instructor Danielle Wager drove to Traverse City to find the Cinderella costume. The school was eager to help because hospital officials say Patty likely would not survive long enough to have been granted her request by the Make A Wish Foundation.

COURTESY PHOTO

Patty hugs her idol Cinderella (Jordan McCarthy). Patty said Cinderella was her favorite because she got to kiss the prince.

CHAMBER

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on the savings the two might enjoy.

"It adds up quickly, and in today's economy, anybody who can do anything to be streamlined and more efficient is doing smart business," she said. "What it's done is fill our empty office space, and I think we will be a more cohesive, united front for Charlevoix."

Bemis added, "We will be working together on different pieces of marketing and advertising. We're looking into the future to do a lot more—this is just the first step in that direction."

A committee, which consists of members of both boards, will meet quarterly in the first year and semi-annually in following years in order to follow progress of the partnership.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis

November 12, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. All Commissioners were present.

- Minutes of the October 29, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-101, Approve County Expenditures for October
- Motion approved Resolution #08-102, Harassment Policy Amendment.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-103, SANE Grant Application, and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said document.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-104, Snowmobile Grant Application, and authorized the Sheriff to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-105, Agreement for Auditing Services, and authorized Chairman Christensen to sign said document.

The Board changed the next meeting to Friday, November 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Jane E Brannon, County Clerk

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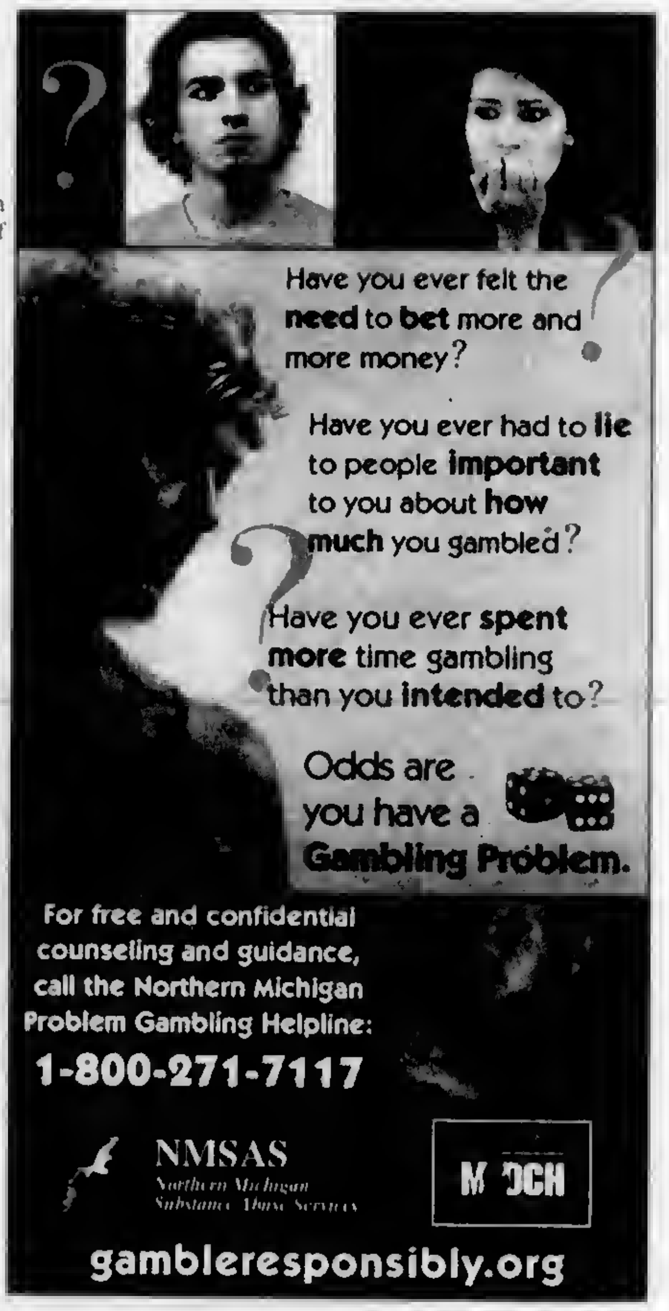

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Reason to celebrate

Charlevoix Democrats had a lot to celebrate on election night, Nov. 4. Here some ot the county's top Dem's cheer as the results came in over the television at the Villager Pub.

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis

October 29, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. All Commissioners were present

Minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #08-093, City and Township Clerk's Report.

Motion approved Resolution #08-094, 2008 Tax Levy

Motion approved Resolution #08-095, Maximum Authorized Millage Rate.

Motion approved Resolution #08-096, Cigarette Tax Distribution.

Motion approved Resolution #08-097, Convention Facility Tax Distribution.

Motion approved Resolution #08-098, 2009 General Fund Budget. Commissioner Drebenstedt voting no.

Motion approved Resolution #08-099, 2009 Salary Schedule. Commissioner Drebenstedt voting no.

Motion approved Resolution #08-100, Amend Crime Victim's Budget.

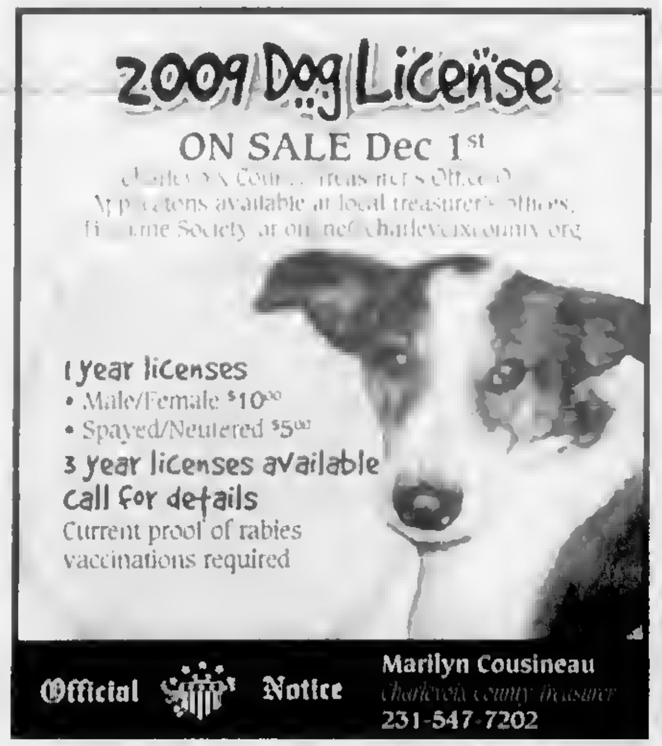
Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Buying a Home?

Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency formerly known as Northwest MI Human Services Agency (NMHSA) is offering a free Pre-Purchase Home Buyer Education Workshop in two parts on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Thursday, Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to on both evenings at their office located at 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. Suite #4, Petoskey.

This class is designed for anyone thinking of buying a home and wants to learn the basics of the home buying process. Participants completing the workshop will receive a certificate which will help them qualify for MSHDA and other home loan programs. Call 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518 for more information and to sign up for the workshop.



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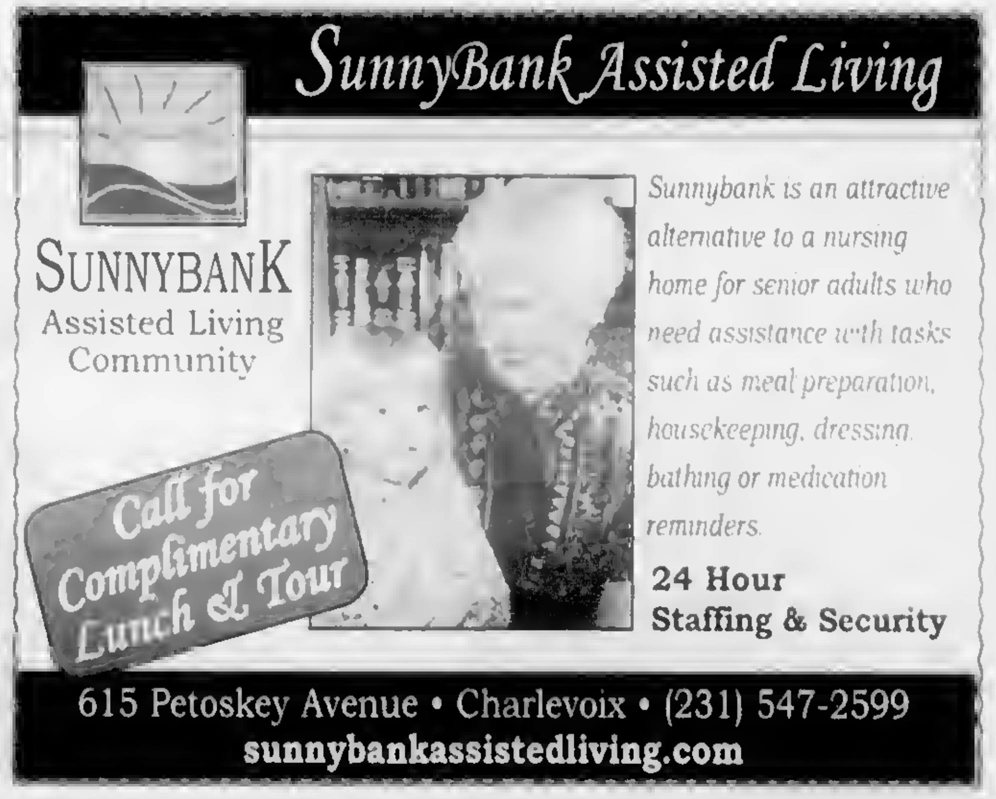

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

ONGOING EVENTS

Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720

· Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

Cancer fundraiser

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

· TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cab.org for more information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday
- Snap Shot Sessions

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

NOV. 20

Red Cross blood drive

Noon to 5:45 p.m., Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, U.S. 31 North, Meech St. Call (800) 448-3543 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Bring your ARC donor card or government photo I.D.

NOV. 20

Visit the North Pole

Open to all throughout the region, Lite 96.3 on 2095 South US 131 in Petoskey will host a North Pole open house with Santa Claus lighting their radio tower "The largest North Pole in the world."

Festivities begin at 4 p.m. on Nov. 21 when Santa will flip the switch.

The Madrigal Singers and Northern Michigan Chorale will sing Christmas carols and refreshments will be served.

NOV. 22, 23

McSauba ski sale and fundraiser

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NOV. 22, 23

CCA art excursion

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is sponsoring an overnight art excursion on November 22 and 23 to the Detroit Institute of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Detroit Artist Market's Holiday Gift Show, the College of Creative Studies, a studio tour and other cultural venues. Foreign films, fine dining and art are among the itinerary.

Tickets include round-trip travel via bus from Charlevoix and Petoskey, morning coffee, a sack lunch, admission to the art institute and double occupancy hotel accommodations. Cost: Circle of Arts members $175, Non-members $200, student members 18 and under $165. Scholarships may be available. Register by Oct. 31. Call 547-3554 for more information or register at 109 Clinton St. E-mail charlevoixcircle@gmail.com for application.

NOV. 27

At 11 a.m., Thanksgiving day, a group of folks will swim at Lake Michigan Beach to raise money for local food banks. Send contributions to: Charlevoix County Community Foundation-Swim c/o John McNabb, 313 Prospect St., Charlevoix, 49720.

Thanksgiving workout

The Second Annual Turkey Trot begins at 8 a.m. at Harbor Health and Fitness, 110 Clinton St. This fundraiser one-mile and five kilometer walk/run benefits Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Register at www.active.com. Course route at www.usatf.com. Call 547-8000 for more information or register at Harbor Health.

Hospice fundraiser

Eta Nu's Lights of Love Raises Money for Hospice at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at the Dilworth Inn, Boyne City. Donations are $3 to $25 for a colored light or $35 for personalized heart. Decorations displayed on the "Lights of Love" Christmas tree to be featured in the Dilworth. After a short dedication and caroling, those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper with homemade desserts, at the Dilworth. All are welcome. Address checks/money orders to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, c/o Candy Greene, 4056 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City, MI 49712-9676. Call 582-2434 for more information.

Christian Science service

The Christian Science Society of Charlevoix, 205 Clinton Street, will hold a Thanksgiving Service at 110 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27. All are welcome; no collection is taken.

NOV. 29

Bier Art Gallery will be hosting a holiday openhouse from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 29, six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse. Refreshments will be available.

DEC. 3

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

DEC. 6

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 6 at St. Mary Parish, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix is the 14th Annual Charlevoix Open House Craft Show with custom crafts by local artisans, a cookie walk, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Call 547-441 or 547-6652 for more information.

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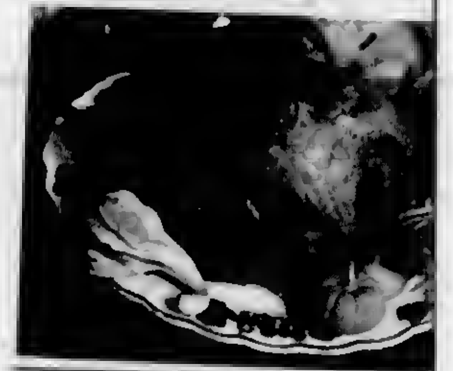

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Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

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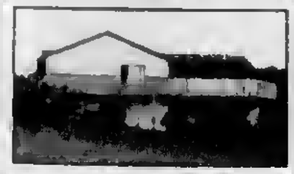

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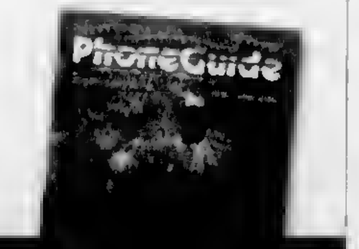

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"That's Outrageous!"

More than the mere title of a book, "That's Outrageous!" has been a calling card of sorts for author Fred Gray, a former staff writer for the Petoskey News-Review, Associated Press writer and a 20-year veteran of Reuters where he was a senior editor and director of technical operations.

"It is the last great challenge in my 40-year career in journalism and something I have always wanted to do," Gray said. "I felt I had a unique style and the stories were highly personal and worth telling."

He added, "Admittedly an unusual offering, but why not?"

THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS!
Fred Gray

Whether arguing the merits of a story with editors or verbally pinning down public officials until they answered the tough questions, Gray's in-depth knowledge of the obscure married with the experience of a well traveled soul made for a columnist who was at worst incredulous, and at best observant and more than willing to share what he'd witnessed.

"That's Outrageous!" is a collection of Gray's favorite columns during his more than six years with the Petoskey News-Review.

And, while a few columns like "The Press" and "Procrastination" take place elsewhere, much of Gray's book focuses on northern Michigan.

"It's occasionally sentimental, poetic, evocative, and a few columns have left more than one reader in tears, and others convulsed in laughter. Or so they say," he said

Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Gray attended East Grand Rapids High School.

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Groomer

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Workers gingerly unloaded the ski hill groomer seen here on Friday, Nov. 21 at Mt. McSauba. The fundraiser the following day at the ski hill was a success, but donations are still sought. Call the recreation department at 547-3253. Or donations can be made at city hall.

Ping-Pong, Norwood style

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

The legal back-and-forth which began nearly three years ago between opponents and proponents of a limestone mine in Norwood continues.

Traverse City Judge Thomas G. Power once again voided the Special Use Permit granted to Wayne Wynkoop to operate his Norwood Limestone Mine LLC.

Wynkoop

"He says a conflict of interest still exists in his mind because some of the people who were on the board when I was supervisor are still there," Wynkoop said of Power's decision. "He said the taint was still there—me resigning didn't get rid of that."

Now that the Norwood Township board has on it at least three known members of the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS), Wynkoop wondered how he will get fair treatment

"That's a huge conflict," Wynkoop said. "I submitted an application last week but how are they going to properly review my application knowing three of them are NTCHS?"

Concerned citizen and Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety member Bill Gnodtke echoed earlier sentiments on the mine issue.

"We continue to prevail once we get out of the township," he said. "He (Power) voided the SUP based on the same reasons as before the conflicts issue with Wynkoop having presided over the board while seeking a Special Use Permit for his operation."

Gnodtke added, "I think the frustration is nothing has changed in all this except the supervisor (Wynkoop) resigned. And Power said a year ago that since he (Wynkoop) nominated them and participated in the selection of people what was the impropriety. It's really frustrating that we had to go through the same thing a second time."

In addition to applying for his fourth permit to operate the limestone quarry, Wynkoop is appealing at least two decisions at the Michigan Court of Appeals.

"The prudent thing to do is wait for the official order," Gnodtke said. "It appears they'll continue to appeal and they'll continue to apply."

Wynkoop said he has only begun to fight

"If they think it's over they've got another thing coming," he said.

No date was set for review of Wynkoop's latest plan by press time.

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BIRTHS

David Nathaniel Burks weighing 8 pounds, 10-and-a-half ounces, and 19-and-a-half inches long was hom Nov. 18 at Northern Michigan Hospital to Stacy Skippergosh and Nathaniel Burks.

Grandparents include: Judy Field, Petoskey, Lary Skippergosh, Charlevoix, Reggie & Jackie Burks, Detroit. Great GrandParents are Henry & Anne Field, Bay Shore and Elizabeth Burks of Charlevoix.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Shawn David Willis, 34, Boyne City. Sex offender, failure to comply with registration requirement—second offense. Serve 20 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Andrew Scott Russell, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession; disorderly conduct/drunk. Credit for one day in jail; 84 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

David Paul Niezgoda, 52, Walloon Lake. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 77 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on prohation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 22, East Jordan. Two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Credit for six days in jail; to serve 24 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs.

Amy Marie Smith, 32, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Thirty days held in abeyance; serve 10 days community service work; to serve nine months on prohation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Brandy Sue Kuhlman, 31, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for five days in jail; to serve 175 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs.

Aaron William Goodwin, 21, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunk. Credit for four days in jail; to serve 26 days in jail; 50 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve nine months on prohation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $350 in fines and costs.

David Michael Balyo, 45, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for one day in jail; 334 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work; to serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Daylon Patrick Rohhins, 24, Walloon Lake. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 67 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work; to serve one year on prohation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance ahuse classes; $1,530 in fines and costs.

No Parking

Charlevoix winter parking notice

No parking on city streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from Dec. 1 through March 31, 2009.

Thanksgiving is top day for home cooking fires

NFPA urges the public to follow safety tips to prevent fires

Thanksgiving Day 2007 topped the charts once again as the peak day for home cooking fires. According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports, there were 1,400 home structure fires involving cooking equipment that year, which is more than three times the daily average.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Each year, hundreds of people in the United States are killed in fires that involve cooking equipment and thousands more are injured. Annually, these fires result in more than half a hillion dollars in direct property damage to homes and their contents.

"Cooking fires can easily be prevented hy following a few simple precautions, such as staying in the kitchen when preparing a meal because fires often start when items cooking are left unattended," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "As much as unexpected guests are sometimes a part of the holidays, you don't want the fire department arriving because your feast is going up in flames."

NFPA offers these tips for safer cooking:

Stand by your pan

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, boiling or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep in mind that you should avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

No kids allowed

- Keep kids away from cooking areas hy enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible, and turn pot handles inward to reduce the risk that pots with hot contents will be knocked over.
- Never hold a small child while cooking.

Keep it clean

- Keep anything that can catch fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stove top.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stove top.

Watch NFPA's new Dan Doofus public service announcement about cooking safety at www.dandoofus.org.

For more information and additional safety tips on cooking and other topics visit http://www.nfpa.org.

Weather

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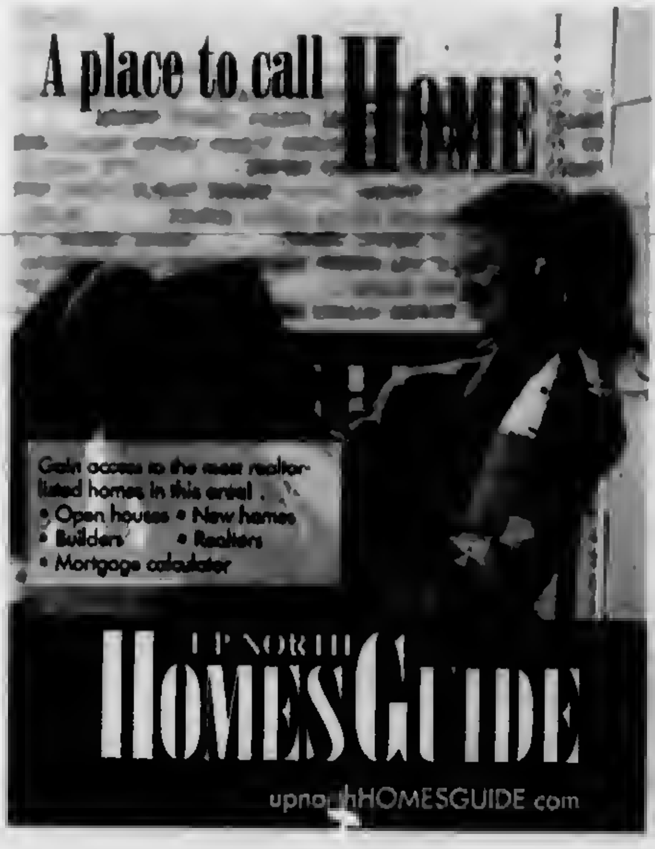
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Char-Em United Way past the 40% mark toward campaign goal

"At this time of Thanksgiving, we want to thank our donors who are reaching deep in their pockets to help us support community services," said Martha Lancaster, United Way Executive Director. "We know that everyone is affected hy the economic downturn, and we are grateful that so many people and businesses have been so generous to United Way and the community. Our theme this year is Live United, and that seems to be striking a responsive chord."

She added, "We are pleased that we are well ahead of dollars raised at this time last year. We have increased our goal 10% in order to meet the increased need for services in the community. The Frey Foundation has offered an additional $20,000 challenge grant if we reach the goal, which is a great incentive."

The United Way campaign raises funds for non-profit health and human service programs serving residents of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Earlier this year, Char-Em United Way distributed nearly $200,000 to 34 agencies which, in turn, provided services to over 20,000 local residents.

In addition to investing community donations in the local agencies which do the front line work, United Way is involved in many other initiatives: the Day of Caring, Stuff the flus, Project Connect and more.

Funds raised this fall will he invested in community programs in the coming year.

Much of the funds raised by United Way come from workplace campaigns.

Early employee and corporate support for the United Way Campaign has come from numerous local companies.

The Education Division, made up of public schools and North Central Michigan College increased its giving by 33 percent.

The response from employees of the Cities of Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Boyne City has also been significant.

"Additional gifts have come from other work site campaigns and many generous individual and small business donors," said Lancaster. "New workplace campaigns this year include Circuit Controls, Northwestern Bank, and the Health Department. We have also gained many new donors to our Leadership Circle of individual and business donors who contribute $500 or more each year."

Char-Em United Way is continuing to accept tax-deductible contributions to the 2008-2009 Campaign.

Donations can be mailed to PO Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770.

Gifts can be made online by going to http://www.charemunitedway.org and selecting "Give."

For more information about United Way call 487-1006 or e-mail at info@charemunitedway.org.

City actions taken

The following actions were taken hy the Charlevoix City Council during their Nov. 17 regular meeting.

ITEM: DEPUTY MAYOR

In brief: Measure to appoint councilman Jill Picha as the deputy mayor

Board action: Approved. 5—1, with Picha the lone nay vote

ITEM: ROUTINE PURCHASE POLICY

In brief: Measure to allow city employees to make routine purchases, i.e. light bulbs, batteries, nails, from Ace Hardware in light of councilman Shane Cole's employment at the store.

Board action: Approved unanimously, Cole abstained

Council agreed to send the conflict of interest policy to city manager Rob Straebel for possible modifications because, council says, the current policy is causing business to hog down. Currently anyone with a connection to any outside business must have prior approval from performing routine business for the city to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest.

The ordinance relating to cleaning up after animals was clarified from referring to dogs and cats to include all warm-blooded animals.

ITEM: MT. MCSAUBA FEES

In brief: Measure to increase ski passes at Mt. McSauba.

Board action. Approved, unanimously

City council accepted the election results from the board of canvassers.

The next meeting of Charlevoix City Council is 7 p.m., Dec. 1 in council chambers, city hall.

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Stupak supports loans for automakers

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) supports efforts in Congress to provide loan assistance to the Big 3 domestic automakers. House and Senate committees held hearings this week with executives of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors and efforts are ongoing to craft a package that can receive the votes necessary to pass Congress. Although Congress was unable to pass a bill this week, congressional leaders have asked the automakers for written plans on how the loans will help their industry as memhers continue to work toward an agreement.

"The jobs of millions of middle class Americans – and the pensions and benefits of millions more – depend on a vihrant domestic auto industry," Stupak said. "When Wall Street wanted a $700 billion bailout, President Bush and congressional leaders came together to give the Treasury Secretary a blank check in a matter of days. I voted against the Wall Street bailout because there was no criteria for which companies would he hailed out. The automakers are not asking for a handout. They are asking for a loan, which in the current credit crisis only the federal government can provide."

Proposals introduced in the House and Senate this week would provide $25 billion in loan assistance to Chrysler, Ford and General Motors to he paid hack in full with interest within nine years. The loans would come from the existing Wall Street bailout, requiring no new federal spending.

The loans for the automakers would include restrictions on bonuses for employees earning more than $200,000 annually, a prohibition on golden parachutes and provisions to ensure that the taxpayers are the first to get their money back when the automakers reorganize and pull out of the current financial crisis. The proposals face opposition from Senate Republicans and the White House, although lawmakers are continuing to work to reach a compromise.

"As we continue to hear of plans for a $150 billion bailout of AIG and hundreds of billions more for other Wall Street firms, it is unconscionable to deny the domestic automakers loan assistance to help preserve our middle class and the country's manufacturing base," Stupak said. "In the final days of the 110th Congress and the Bush Administration, we have an opportunity to prevent a devastating hlow to our economy and the loss of millions of middle-class johs hy making a critical investment in our domestic auto industry."

One in 10 American jobs are linked to the auto industry, with Chrysler, Ford and General Motors supporting ahout five million American jobs. More than one million American workers and retirees are directly employed or supported by the major automakers, with two million Americans receiving health care henefits through the auto industry. An estimated three million jobs would be lost in the first year if the American automakers collapsed – nearly three times the jobs lost nationwide this year.

"Particularly in the current global economic climate, three million lost jobs is simply not an option I or many of my colleagues in the Congress are willing to accept," Stupak said.

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The board of review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the main floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computations.

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De-Stress and Be Thankful

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

A Look at Life
By Gayle Gennet

Families aren't always together for the holidays.

This incomplete gathering may be due to someone serving our country, working a holiday shift, illness, financial strain, a recent divorce, jealously towards a family member, or a grudge held over since childhood.

Any of these can be reason some of us choose to stay home with our immediate family. If you feel it's getting smaller at your dining room table maybe its time to think about helping others in need.

The Ministerial Association is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner and all are welcome to attend. This may be the time to take part and join in this community effort and eat with others who may be experiencing loss or seeking company and comfort.

Helping out by cooking, refilling food platters or cleaning up may be the ticket to focus on others rather than focusing on the life situation you are currently facing.

Holidays, as most know can be a stressful time. It doesn't help with the continuous bombardment of commercials picturing the perfect family and everyone getting along.

This time of year is meant to bring feelings of love and cheer but it also brings on stress.

Elizabeth Scott M.S. tells us that more than 80 % of us find the holiday season to be 'somewhat' or 'very stressful'.

Growing up we all played a specific role in our family. You could be the one who was always in charge, or the cut up, the one who always had an opinion, the favored child, or the peacemaker.

You may have out grown those roles as you started your own family and moved away.

When getting together with relatives you may feel pulled toward old behaviors.

Your spouse may be surprised to view your behavior change in the presence of your family members.

It is important to note if you begin to feel pulled and revert back to your old behaviors.

Helpful hints include bringing up new activities or conversation that stay away from heated issues.

Work on being who you are now or at least more true to your self with the people deep down you love the most. Too many activities fun or otherwise may leave you feeling mentally and physically taxed.

Moderation is the key.

Be reminded that eating, drinking and spending too much will result is weight gain, memories of embarrassing behavior and debt long after the season is over.

Too much togetherness is not always a good thing.

Try to balance your time with seeing some of the family alone is separate activities.

Adults without children can feel lonely at this time of year.

It is important to rely of friends or getting involved with Community Christmas dinners or bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Prioritize your time. If baking, caroling, shopping, sending cards, and visiting family leaves you exhausted, examine what's really important and pick a few to do and skip the rest. Not everyone needs that perfect gift.

Donate to a charity instead or skip gifts altogether.

A phone call wishing someone well is warmer than a card.

Thanksgiving and Christmas is a time set aside to be thankful for what you have and not focusing on what you don't.

We need to be reminded of a quote from Jackie Windspear who said, "Grace is not a prayer said before a meal. It's a way to live."

WEEKLY POLL

Do you support the partnership between the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau?

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Yes (8 Votes, 62%)

No (5 Votes, 38%)

This week's poll question:

Will you brave the crowds on Black Friday looking for a good deal?

Giving thanks is the real turkey

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I sat down to write a list of all the things for which I'm thankful but, as I often do, I got sidetracked by bills and news and life.

All that reality made it difficult to produce the cliché "why I'm thankful" piece I've done in years past. In fact, I'm starting to think gratitude is overrated.

So, without further preamble, I give you my unthankfulness list just in time for Thanksgiving.

I'm not thankful that the wife is nearly finished with her master's degree.

She was in college when I met her and she's gone to school for 13 of the 14-and-a-half years we've been together. Between her work and school schedule, I rarely see her, and I'm just not sure our marriage can survive a sudden increase in so-called quality time.

I'm not thankful that my son is taking driver education. From my experience, 14-year-old boys are not known for their impulse control or sound decision making skills. Besides, the last time I gave him a driving lesson he floored it into a snow bank: an event which led to a broken headlight and another six months off my life.

I'm not thankful that the wife and I decided to look into buying a house. The maze of horrors, false positives and arbitrary rules have given me new respect for the devil and his associates in the real-estate industry.

Don't get me wrong, we're partially to blame. We made the mistake of working over the last couple years to fix our credit. We now score just well enough to qualify for the Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome loan.

The 50-year-old heating oil tank in the basement that looks like it's going to blow is fine, but the tear in the screen disqualifies you; The asbestos in the attic is OK, but the doorway is one inch too narrow; and while I'm sure the radon test will come back negative, the spirits from the Indian burial ground under the basement are definitely going to raise my homeowners' insurance rates.

I'm not thankful the government is taking so long deciding whether to give Detroit auto makers loans or handouts or whatever you want to call it.

While I'm the last one to call for corporate welfare, I'm also not stupid enough to decry free money in my pocket.

And, since I'm looking for a house, I'd like to know now if Michigan's economy is going to turn around or if the wife and I should pack up the Georgie-Boy and hit the open road a la the Wild Thornberries.

But, since I can't relax at camp if a bee is buzzing nearby, I hardly think I could deal with bears and moose chasing me through the woods while the wife films it.

I can almost hear the narration over my screams now: "My assistant Ben has interrupted the courting ritual of the Kodiak bear. That rookie mistake will surely cost him six fingers and a quart of blood."

I know they say to stay calm and play dead, but my first reaction to peril is to emit high-pitched shrieks and flap my arms in panic.

"By my assistant's screams, I can tell the bear's teeth have found bone."

Finally, I'm not thankful that the radio stations decided to start playing Christmas music seemingly earlier than usual. It makes it very difficult to convince the wife that there'll be no gift giving this year (see also: buying a house) when every store and downtown are already full swing with the Yuletide plague.

If there ever was a war on Christmas, it failed miserably.

Judging by the TV commercials urging people to get out there and shop, the anti-Xmas army is in full retreat.

I imagine Santa is operating POW camps in Candy Cane Bay where captured Humanists, atheists and liberal media types are force-fed eggnog and made to watch propaganda films like "It's A Wonderful Life" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Interrogator elves make short work of these enemy combatants who seek court orders to get nativity scenes off public property.

"Vair ah zee injunction paipuz."

What can I say, my interrogator elves are German.

Meanwhile, some sweaty ACLU lawyer chained to the wall has snapped and just keeps repeating "Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings. Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."

That's my column. Happy Thanksgiving and try not to let the in-laws get you down.

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LETTERS to the editor

HALLOWEEN FOR THE HUNGRY

Editor:

I wish to thank the youth of Charlevoix that participated in the Halloween for the Hungry food drive. Many diverse items were collected, ranging from soup, oatmeal, rice and cake mixes. I Also wish to thank the community of Charlevoix for the generous donations of food for the pantry. My gratitude goes out to my employer for their financial support of this project. I also wish to acknowledge the help and support of Ted Poley, the youth minister of Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix and Linda Stoll, a Boy Scout leader and church member.

In these times of need, let us al remember the Christian commission as outlined when Jesus' said, "I was hungry and you feed me, naked and you clothed me," and give generously. Next year we hope to expand the scope of the food drive, and I would like to challenge some of the churches in neighboring communities to participate.

Heidi Miller
event organizer

SOME QUESTIONS FOR MY OUT OF STATE (MI) FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Why do the "bright minds," that drove all those deadly mortgage derivatives down on Wall Street, deserve a bailout, far more than the people (millions) who earn their livings, directly or indirectly, from the American auto industry?

Why should General Motors be allowed to fail; but Bear Sterns and American International (insurance) group get rescued?

I understand that many people, especially on our nation's coasts, do not like American cars, union workers, or car company CEOs; but to listen to your Senators and late night comedy hosts, I find outright insults and a righteous tone.

I don't understand this actual hate and the expressions of "could care less," at the prospect of millions of your fellow Americans (some in YOUR states) losing their jobs; as the result of one or two "Detroit" car makers dying.

Hundreds of thousands of auto related people are suddenly going to be unemployed, and many millions more who earn their livings indirectly, from these auto related people (many your neighbors), are going to be severely affected.

I'm not defending the past decisions of the auto executives, they need to be totally changed in terms of their business model, but the innocent Americans who are now going to suffer from your Senators' callousness, should not hear the brunt of the nation's: "Who cares about the Detroit autos."

Besides the people's jobs lost, who is going to build, in times of war, our tanks, and other needs of defense; are we to go to Toyota and Mercedes?

I can't help but wonder whether George W, and your Senators, would be as "hands off" if we were talking about the American Petroleum Industry!

We're Americans, too

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

HARD TO BEAR

Editor:

I was very disappointed in your newspaper promoting the shooting of a black bear by a teenager. It is one thing to shoot a deer during hunting season for the meat but to shoot a black bear just for the killing is wrong.

They aren't as plentiful as deer and this killing was senseless. Plus, by showing it in your newspaper it encourages other teengers to go out and kill animals for no reason other than to just hunt and kill them. Will you put more pictures in your newspaper?

Charlevoix is such a beautiful city and the area around it has such natural beauty and the animals are a part of this nature.

Just to shoot a animal for the mere pleasure of killing it—and getting your picture in the newspaper—this is wrong. It is against nature.

There is enough subscribers to your newspaper that do not agree with what you are promoting and therefore you should be prepared to lose subscribers to your newspaper if this doesn't change.

Peggy Ray

RESPONSE TO "HARD TO BEAR"

Editor:

Perhaps getting the facts before you write would be helpful. Did you speak to the hunter in the picture?

Did you ask her if she was just out for blood and just wanted to kill something, or did you find out what her family, like my family, does with the bear?

It wasn't shot just to "kill an animal"—we eat the meat, it is used to sustain our family for the year; as is the deer we harvest, the fish we catch, oh yeah and the cows, chickens, pigs and so forth that are "killed" on the farm and sold to the supermarkets we shop in.

Yes, animals are part of nature, as is the cycle of life and death.

If man did not control the population of the wildlife, you would see so many more dead animals on the roadside, bear in your backyard detroying your birdfeeder, starving and wasting animals from over-population and the likes.

Then, you will expect the DNR to come remove the "nuisance" animal in your yard or on your road.

Every year people have their say about such things and the last I checked, this is a free country, hunting is legal, hunting has been around for much longer that you or I could ever imagine. As a country, we have become so disconnected with where our meals come from that many people have no idea just how that meat or fish comes to be, believe me, it didn't drop out of the sky.

I think there are greater things to be concerned about than a teenager, who is carrying on a long standing family tradition, is staying out of trouble by being involved in something, is out enjoying the nature that God granted us, is bonding with his/her brother, father, uncles and friends and is an ethical and safe hunter.

Don't like it? Sorry, don't look at it.

There are plenty of things I don't like, but I don't complain about them at every turn of the page.

Laura Farmer
Charlevoix

BAZAAR A SUCCESS

Editor:

Many thanks to all those who attended our fifth Annual Advent Bazaar & Tea which was recently held at Christ Episcopal Church.

We are so appreciative of your continued support, not only of our "tea" but the ministries in which we were able to support as a result of this sucessful event.

Proceeds will again benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

Lynn Carson
Charlevoix

THANK-YOU, DONORS

Editor:

The snow was swirling around Charlevoix on Nov. 20.

It felt like a pre-winter blizzard. However, I must commend the American Red Cross staff, the Reformed Church

staff and each and every scheduled blood drive volunteer for coming to work.

Volunteers delivered their phenomenal homemade cheesecakes, cookies and bars.

The Charlevoix Lions Club did set-up and take-down. Plus, 108 donors presented themselves. I was so grateful to see all of them. The American Red Cross was able to collect 99 pints of blood.

Considering the downturn in the economy, blood donors know that their donation of one pint of blood can mean life itself for up to 3 hospital patients. All it costs the donor is a couple hours, or less, of their time. Thanks to each of you for giving so generously.

Thank you to the City Water and Electric Department for taking the time to put my banner back up after the wind blew it down.

Winter-like weather certainly presents challenges. Thank you, Charlevoix, for surpassing the obstacles so we could go over our goal for the American Red Cross and the sick and injured.

See you Jan. 15 at the Reformed Church for the next blood drive.

Happy Holidays to all.

Ellen Breining
Petoskey

Meeting Commander

COURTESY PHOTO

Retired U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Joseph Etienne (left), who summers in Charlevoix, had his lifelong wish of meeting the Coast Guard Commander was fullfilled while in Florida recently. Here Etienne has a chat with Commandant Thad Allen this Veterans Day in Port Canaveral. Charlevoix County's oldest veteran, Etienne served in World War II and now spends his winters in Florida. Etienne said the meeting was "great" and Admiral Allen thanked Etienne for his service.

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Smoke detectors for those in need

In support of their mission to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies, the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan sets their sights at preparing our local communities for single-family home fires by using a two-fold approach. First, they will provide smoke detectors to families in need in our local communities and second, they will offer assistance to our senior population by changing the batteries in their smoke detectors on an appointment basis.

Throughout their service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties, the Chapter will be distributing 575 smoke alarms to at risk families using local food pantries. If you are in need of a smoke detector for your home, please visit one of the following locations while supplies last:

Charlevoix County:

Assembly of God Church – Charlevoix

Bible Baptist Church – Charlevoix

Walloon Lake Community Church

Care & Share – East Jordan

"As heating costs continue to rise, it will become imperative for us as an organization to not only be there to provide relief and support to victims of home fires, but also to better educate our community on how to reduce injury in such an incident. This program was received with overwhelming response last year and through grant funding from the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Revenue Sharing Board, State Farm Insurance and the Fire Fighters Association we have been able to triple our efforts this year," said Executive Director, Lori O'Neill.

O'Neill added, "We are also making members of our Disaster Action Team available to change the batteries in your smoke detector if you are a senior citizen living in our service area and would like assistance." To schedule an appointment to have your smoke detector batteries changed, please contact the Senior Center in your area and ask for a sign-op sheet, or call the Red Cross office. Members of the American Red Cross's Disaster Action Team (DAT) will be on the road changing smoke detector batteries."

All members of the DAT team have completed a background check for security purposes and will be clearly identified as Red Cross volunteers.

If you would like more information about how you can obtain a smoke detector or would like more information about the services the local Red Cross chapter provides in the wake of a house fire, please contact the chapter at (231) 348-7666, via email at info@arcnlm.org, or visit their Web site at www.arcnlm.org.

Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program

For senior citizens, the sign-up sheets will be located at the local Commission on Aging or Senior Center facility in the following cities:

Charlevoix County: Boyne City, Charlevoix, & East Jordan

COURTESY PHOTO

The American Red Cross is distributing smoke alarms throughout northern Michigan. If you would like more information about how you can obtain a smoke detector or would like more information about the services the local Red Cross chapter provides in the wake of a house fire, please contact the chapter at (231) 348-7666, via email at info@arcnim.org, or visit their Web site at www.arcnlm.org.

Local receives marine award

The Board of Directors of Northwest Marine Yacht Basin Assoc. located at 202 Ferry Ave. awarded Charles Mason and Kristin Bradley as the 2008 recipients of the Northwest Marine Yacht Club Dock Attendants of The Year Scholarship.

Chuck is the son of Hugh and Betsy Mason of Charlevoix and is in his third year at Kalamazoo College. Kristin is the daughter of Kelly and Lisa Bradley of Charlevoix and is a senior at Charlevoix High School.

Children with hairloss

COURTESY PHOTO

Lauren House (left) 8 years old, of Charlevoix, is pictured with Tammy Seese of Studio South, in Charlevoix, who cut seven inches of House's hair for the Micihgan organization Children with Hairloss. Her hair will be used to make a wig for a child in Michigan who has lost their hair due to cancer or other medical conditions.

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WEDDINGS

Cain - Dluzniewski

Tracie Cain of Tenahn, Texas and Thomas Dluzniewski of Atwood, were married September 2008. Tracie is the daughter of Kraig Cain and Therese Lathan of Texas. Thomas is the son of Tom and Pegge Dluzniewski of Atwood, Michigan.

ENGAGEMENTS

Halverson - Rosendahl

Dennis and Joy Halverson of Charlevoix announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Halverson, to Bernie Rosendahl, son of Bernard and Mary Rosendahl of Skandia, Mich. A May 2, 2009 wedding is planned in Charlevoix. Jessica is a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently employed by Jackson National Life Insurance as a staffing specialist. Bernie is a 1997 graduate of Gwinn High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is a Web site manager for Michigan State University. The couple will reside in Okemos, Mich.

Christmas boxes for the troops

'Tis the Season!

Isn't it time to show them how much you care?

SupportOurTroops.Org is making this call on behalf of the 60+ troop-related groups across America who send care packages to the troops.

Want to help?

Just go to SupportOurTroops.Org and click on the Christmas 2008 care package icon.

1. Over 60 groups are listed there. Just pick the one you want to send your care box goods to.
2. The things the troops principally request are posted there.
3. The care box rules are posted there.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Gamernoons
Friday, November 27, 3:00 - 4:45 pm
Grades 5 - 7

Try out one of the new games: Need for Speed Underground, Hot Crash Bandicoot, Twinsanity or go back to the tried and true of Guitar Hero or DDR – the choice is yours!

Drop-in December: Holiday Crafts
Nov. 30-Dec. 6 Mitten Door Wreath

Stop by the Youth Activity Center and make a take home craft. Open for kids of all ages.

BookTalkers: The Dante Club, by Matthew Pearl
Monday, December 1, 6:00 pm

In Boston, 1865, a group of literary geniuses are putting the finishing touches on America's first translation of The Divine Comedy and preparing to unveil the remarkable visions of Dante for the New World. Their plans come to a halt when a series of murders sows panic through Boston and Cambridge. Only the members of the Dante Club realize that the styles of the killings are directly from Dante's Inferno and its singular account of Hell's punishments. If you liked Devil in the White City, you may enjoy this unique and absorbing mystery novel. Join us!

Books with a Bite: Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Tween Book Club for Grades 5-7

Tuesday, December 2, 3:15-4:15 pm

This popular diary will be the topic of this un-traditional book club! Games, crafts & snacks are part of the plan.

Pre-registration preferred at 237-7340.

Please read book before attending a Book Club session.

Sweet Holiday Swags Workshop
Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 pm

Instructor: Lori Mitchell from Charlevoix Floral

Create a holiday swag for your home or office using your own greenery. Bring your own greenery, cut in 1-3 foot sections, garden gloves and small pruning shears. Bring your own embellishments: ribbons, flowers, and ornaments or use some of Lori's.

Pre-register by calling 237-7340.

Computer Basics I
Wednesdays, December 3 & 10, 10:30 am - Noon

For people new to the computer, this class starts at the absolute beginning, and it's not one bit scary!

Please pre-register: 237-7340.

Open Mic Night
Thursday, December 4, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Come share your talents or come to listen to others. Open to all with music, dance or stories to share.

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Twilight Saga Lock In
Friday, December 5, 7:00-11:00 pm

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OBITUARIES

Ann C. Kallman: Dec. 6, 1927 - Nov. 18, 2008

Ann. C. Kallman, 80 of Oshkosh died at Aurora Medical Center on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008. She was born in Oshkosh, WI. on Dec. 6, 1927, a daughter of the late Lester and Phoebe Lampert Morgan. Ann married Herbert Marvin Kallman on Dec. 26, 1950 in Oshkosh. Herben preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1992.

Ann was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She retired from the Oshkosh School District after twenty years as librarian and media specialist. Ann was a member of the Gem and Mineral Club. Ann loved to travel, and would go to Kentucky to hunt rocks. She also traveled to South America. Ann enjoyed lapidary work and was an artist. She spent many hours at her cabin "up north".

Survivors include her sons, Joel (Judith) Kallman; Eric Kallman, Kris (Denise) Kallman, all of Oshkosh; Arin (Sherrie) Kallman, Charlevoix, MI; five grandchildren, Jessica (Nial) Ellis, Lukas Kallman, Justine (Ryan) Carlson, Annah and Morgan Kallman; nine great grandchildren, Austyn, Madelynn, Alexis, Carlee, Sydney, Sylas, Seth, David and Veda; three brothers-in-law, Jerry Doemel, Oshkosh; William Suenkel, Osbkosh and Paul Kemp, Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband, and three sisters, Mary Kemp, Jesse Suenkel and Phoebe "Sue" Doemel.

Memorial Services were held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home- Eastside on Friday Nov. 21, 2008 at 4 p.m. with Fr Steven Powers officiating.

A memorial has been established

DEATH NOTICE

Karen Ann Slattery, 64, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 22, 2008, at her home. Burial at 11 a.m. at Saint Mary Church, Charlevoix.

Susan E. Vasquez, 53, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 21, 2008, at her home. No services are planned.

Gail L. Smith, 67, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 23, 2008, at her home. Funeral at 3 p.m., Nov. 26, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Donors needed

If you're searching for the perfect gift this holiday season you may not realize that you have the ability to give something for free that will touch the lives of countless others.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan says 50 people can be helped when just one person signs up to become a potential organ or tissue donor. There will come a time when you'll have organs and tissues to spare, and now's the time to commit that you're willing to save someone else's life by donating them. It is also possible to donate a kidney or partial liver or lung while still alive, according to the foundation.

As part of its Holiday Gift of Life Campaign, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is reminding Americans that for Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa perhaps the greatest present anyone can give is the promise to save or enhance the life of another person.

Right now, more than 3,000 Michigan men, women and children are on the waiting list for an organ or tissue transplant while 100,000 wait nationally. And while they wait, 18 people die each day.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it.

For more information on organ donation or to become an organ donor, please contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (800) 488-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org.

Red Cross Sponsors "Holiday Mail for Heroes" Program

The American Red Cross is pleased to announce that it will sponsor, in partnership with Pitney-Bowes, the national "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program again in 2008.

Last year, the Red Cross reviewed and distributed over 600,000 cards nationally to our wounded service members at hospitals around the country and overseas.

This year, we wish to expand the number of people we touch with the holiday greeting cards by including not only our wounded warriors, but also all service members and their families, as well as veterans.

Our goal is to reach 1,000,000 persons this year to show our appreciation for their service and wish them well over the holiday season, and with your help we will

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan, based in Petoskey, will be providing greeting cards people can sign for members of our Armed Forces and their families at several locations this month and early next. The chapter would like to thank Mitchell Graphics, Inc. for donating a portion of the greeting cards.

"We are all proud of our service men and women, and it is easy to understand how difficult it is to be separated from family during the holidays. This is a small gesture to let these courageous people know we are thinking of them and wish them well. It is as easy as signing your name, but can mean so much to the troops," stated Lori O'Neill, Executive Director.

Cards will be available for donors to sign at blood drives, holiday open houses and the Red Cross offices in Petoskey.

This effort will go through Friday, Dec. 5.

The Chapter will have a presence and cards available for signing at the Boyne City Open House Friday, Nov. 29; Cheboygan Hospitality Night Thursday, December 4; and the Petoskey Open House Friday, Dec. 5.

For a complete listing of blood drives in our area where cards will be available for signing, please call 347-5984.

If you would like to purchase your own cards and send them along to the heroes in our Armed Forces, you are welcome to do so; however there are some guidelines to follow to ensure a quick reviewing process before they are passed on.

Cards that contain content that may be considered offensive will not be passed on:

- Please ensure all cards are signed
- Please send cards as opposed to long letters which delay a quick review process
- Please do not include e-mail or home addresses on the cards
- Please do not insert photos, money, religious articles (i.e. rosary beads, prayer cards, etc.), glitter, or like items in cards as these items will be removed during the reviewing process
- Phone cards or gift cards will not be accepted with cards. Those wishing to send calling cards or gift cards/certificates should go to www.aafes.com, scroll down to "AAFES Community Connection" and click on "Help Our Troops Call Home" or "Gift Cards/Certificates for Our Troops" in order to send such items
- No 'Care Packages' will be accepted at this address. Those wishing to send care packages should go to www.AmericaSupportsYou.com and click under "Homefront Groups" to find out how to send care packages
- Participants are requested not to send more than 25 cards from any one person or 50 cards from any one group.
- Note: All cards received may be used in program publicity efforts, including appearing in broadcast, print or online mediums
- End Date of the Program: All cards must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008. Mail postmarked after this date will be returned to sender.
- Please send all cards to:

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship including the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K-8 and Adult	9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
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Church Office	547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	
Church Office	547-9482

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Sunday School	11:10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	547-4121

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday [illegible]	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6281

ST. M[illegible]S CATHOLIC CHURCH
[illegible] Bridge Street

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	547-6652

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Petoskey

Friday Torah studies	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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Military history buff gives thanks

by remembering fallen soldiers

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

With the recent passing of Veterans Day, local veteran and amateur military historian Joe Seidel was reminded of a number of Charlevoix veterans who perished in the line of duty.

This is the first in a series of articles on Charlevoix County veterans—from World War I to Vietnam and Iraq to U.S. Coast Guardsmen—who died in service to their country.

"Hubert Olach made it safely through World War II and was attending medical school when he was recalled on active duty and sent to Korea," Seidel said. "He was killed in action and the only man from Charlevoix to have died in the Korean conflict."

Olach is buried in St. Mary Cemetery.

According to Seidel, local boy Earl Cunningham lost his life while serving in the coast guard in February, 1936.

"A lookout reported a strip of ice, three miles long, bad on it five fishermen," he said. "The coast guard launched a skiff with runners and reached the ice flow."

Three of the fishermen were rescued from the runaway ice flow, but two could not be reached.

"One of the rescuers went back for the other two and by this time the ice flow had moved farther from shore," Seidel said. "He got the fishermen into the skiff, but they couldn't make headway. A dingy was sent out but they were unable, because of the severe snow and temperature, to reach the skiff."

One of the men had made it to shore with frozen feet.

Rescuers found the men the next morning, but they were frozen solid

"The channel had to be blasted with dynamite to get the boat through," Seidel said. "They found them around 4:30 p.m. Both men were dead and Cunningham's body was still in position of handling the boat."

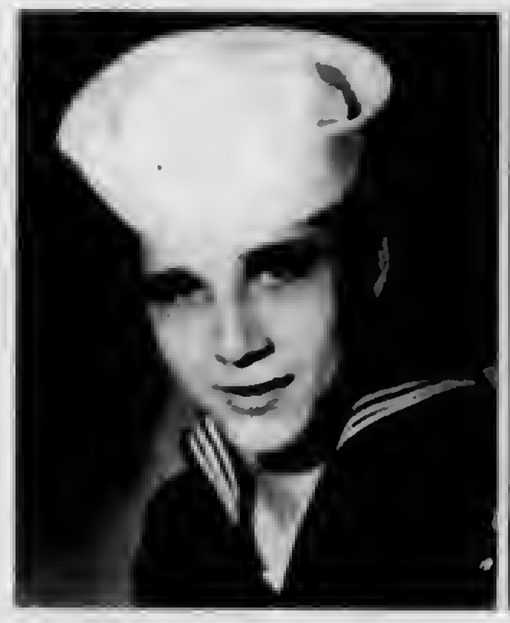
Cunningham received the Gold Lifesaving Medal from the coast guard for his effort

The preceding are but two names on the new Veterans Memorial in Charlevoix's Veterans Park.

While the monument contains numerous names of those who died during wartime, Seidel said the American Legion is always looking for more names and more information on the names they have.

"We wanted to update and honor the people we had known were killed," Seidel said. "We're still looking for information and would be happy to get any kind of knowledge or pictures from anyone who might know about these folks.

Call Seidel at 547-2181 or leave your information on the answering machine at 547-9203.



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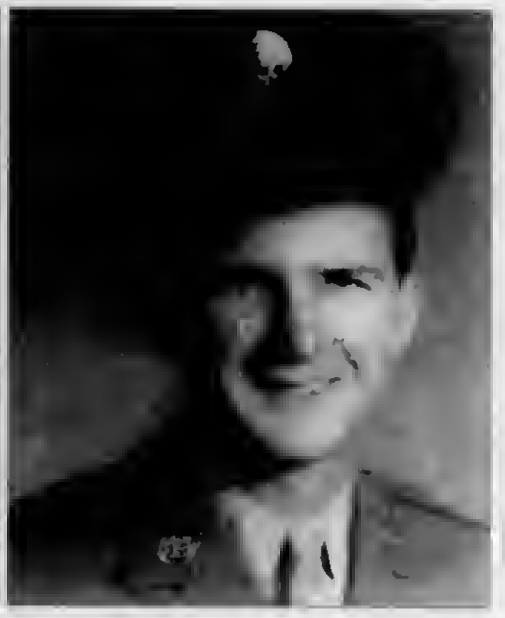

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Support military with new license plate

Michigan motorists can show their support for members of the U.S. armed forces with the new Support Our Troops plate that's on sale now.

The state's newest fundraising plate gives $25 for each plate sold to the Florida-based nonprofit group, Support Our Troops, which sends care packages to troops stationed overseas.

"The men and women of America's armed forces stepped forward when their country needed them so it's wonderful to offer the opportunity to be there for members of the military with this new license plate," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said. "I'm pleased that Michigan residents now have the opportunity to show their appreciation and support."

The plate costs $35 in addition to the vehicle's registration fee, which is based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

Plate renewals are $10 each year. Collector plates also are available for $35, $25 of which goes to the organization.

Michigan joins about two dozen states in offering a Support Our Troops plate. The Support Our Troops organization worked with the Michigan Legislature to approve the plate and the Secretary of State's Office on its design.

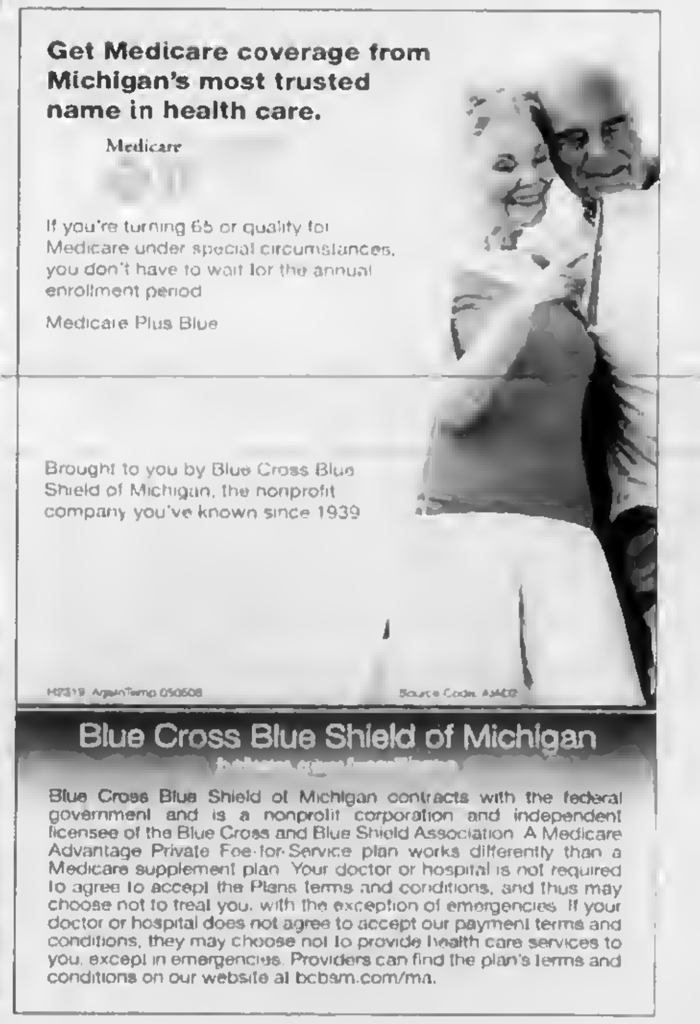
The plate features the attractive logo of the Support Our Troops organization, which has a military member standing with a child and an American flag as the background.

Michigan also offers its veterans 25 plates that highlight their service in the military, and in individual wars and conflicts such as World War II, the Vietnam War and the Somalia conflict.

The department earlier this year began selling plates that commemorate service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and also now allows people to personalize their veteran plates.

Besides the Support Our Troops plate, motorists can choose from a number of fundraising plates that support Michigan's public universities and special causes such as protecting wildlife habitat.

For more information about Secretary of State license plate options, visit the License Plate Store online at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Visit www.SupportOurTroops.org for more information about the organization.



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Emerald Ash Borer quarantine now inlcudes all lower peninsula

Travelers urged not to move firewood

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) today revised its Emerald Ash Borer quarantine to consolidate all 68 contiguous counties of the Lower Peninsula into one quarantine level - effective immediately. MDA, however, is asking travelers not to move firewood to help prevent the artificial spread of other exotic and devastating insects like Gypsy Moth. The ban on moving firewood across the Mackinac Bridge remains in effect.

As part of the amendment, Delta and Schoolcraft counties in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) were also added to the EAB interior quarantine.

"MDA remains committed to protecting the ash resource in the U.P. from the artificial spread of EAB and this amendment simply allows us to focus our attention there," said Ken Rauscher, MDA's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Director. "Although, travelers are now able to freely move firewood in the Lower Peninsula, we are urging them not to do so as there are several other invasive insects - such as Asian Longhorned Beetle and Sirex Woodwasp - that can hitch a ride on it. Please continue to only use local sources of firewood, burn all you buy, and don't take any unused firewood back home or to the next location."

"Campers and hunters are reminded to purchase firewood locally when visiting state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds," Ron Olson, Parks and Recreation chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "Bringing ash firewood onto state forests, state parks, recreation areas, and state forest campgrounds violates state land use rules."

Prior to this revision, MDA's EAB interior quarantine divided the Lower Peninsula into two quarantine levels: 21 counties in Southeast Michigan were Level I and the remaining 47 counties were Level II. This revision effective merges the two quarantines and make the entire Lower Peninsula on level.

"Hardwood firewood is still prohibited from leaving the Lower Peninsula as it is the leading cause of spreading EAB and other invasives. Quarantine violators can still face fines and jail time," said Rauscher. "The inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge remains in place and will continue to prevent hardwood firewood and other regulated ash material from entering the UP."

The addition of Delta and Schoolcraft Counties to the EAB interior quarantine is a result of an EAB infestation discovered in the fall of 2008.

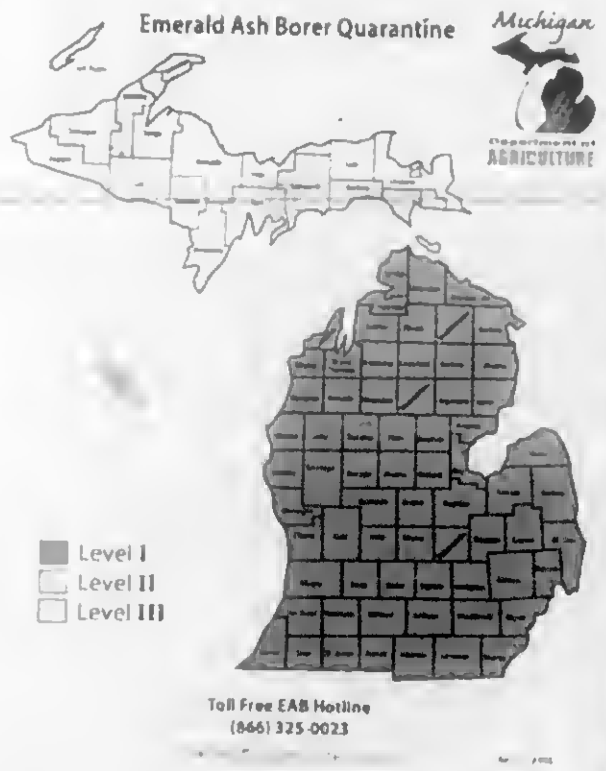
The Delta County quarantine is divided into two levels; the townships of Garden, Fairbanks and Nahma are designated as Quarantine Level II, and the remaining portion of Delta County is Level III.

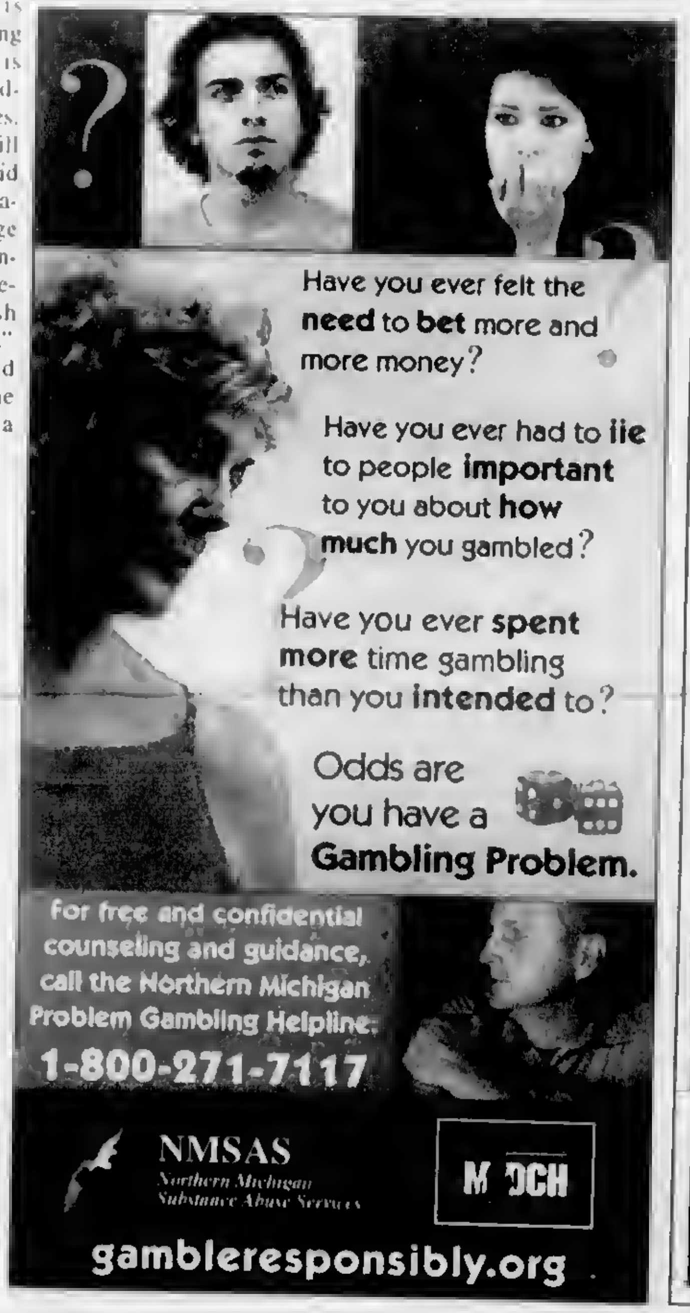
The Schoolcraft County quarantine is also divided into two levels; the townships of Inwood and Thompson are designated as Quarantine Level II, and the remaining portion of Schoolcraft is Level III. The movement of hardwood firewood and other regulated material out of quarantine Level II and III areas is prohibited except regulated articles may move from Level III into Level II.

EAB is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees. In its larval stage, EAB feeds undetected under the bark of ash trees, disrupting water and nutrient flow - ultimately killing the trees in three to four years. First discovered in 2002, the borer is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 35 million ash trees in the LP.

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from $1,000 to $250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood.

Additional information about EAB, quarantine details, and a map of the quarantine boundaries are available at www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info.

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The parade route will follow Lake Street to Water Street through the heart of downtown Boyne City ending at Old City Park, where Santa will meet with all the children at the historic gazebo. In addition there will be hayrides from 7 to 9 p.m. and refreshments will be served to all of Santa's guests.

For more information, contact Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then/Up The Lazy River at 582-2355, the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222 or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

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U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) applauded final action on legislation extending unemployment benefits. H.R. 6867, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008, extends unemployment benefits by seven weeks in all states and provides an additional 13 weeks of benefits in states such as Michigan that have unemployment rates above 6 percent. This is the second extension of unemployment benefits by Congress this year.

"I have heard from workers across northern Michigan who are out of work and struggling to find employment," Stupak said. "More Americans are looking for jobs than at any time since 1992. With costs increasing for necessities such as food and health care, these individuals need our help – particularly through this holiday season – while they look for work or retrain for a new career path."

H.R. 6867 passed the House on Oct. 3 by a vote of 368 to 28.

The Senate passed the bill unanimously on Nov. 20 and President Bush signed it into law on Nov. 21.

Standard unemployment benefits provide for a total of 26 weeks of benefits.

Earlier this year, Congress extended the standard unemployment benefits by 13 weeks for all states.

With the latest extension, unemployed Michigan residents would be eligible for an additional 20 weeks for a total of 59 weeks of benefits through Aug. 27, 2009.

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3:00 – 7:00 PM
Hot chocolate contest featuring local eateries under the heated big tent on Bridge Street. Purchase a limited edition Flurry Fest mug sponsored by Bingham Insurance Services.

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It was roughly 35 degrees on Nov. 15 when Kim Way of Charlevoix discovered four men surfing down at Lake Michigan Beach.

Kim Way of Charlevoix captured a sight not usually seen on the Great Lakes: a man surfing down at Lake Michigan Beach.

This shot of a ship on Lake Michigan was taken earlier this month by Richie Gillespie from his plane. To have your photos appear in the That's My Photo section, send your pictures along with the date and place the photo was taken, names of any persons or pets in the photo and any other information pertinent to the photo to news@charlevoixcourier.com or drop them off at 112 Mason St., Charlevoix.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Traveling Stingray

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More than 40 Charlevoix Stingray swimmers traveled to Gaylord on Saturday, Nov. 15 for a quad meet with Gaylord, Oscoda and Alpena. The team finished in second place. The Stingrays had several swimmers qualify for the M.T.S.L. State Swim Meet. They include: Ethan Siegwert, Brad Klinger, Casey Riley, Alex Gooch and Chrystal Schemanski. The team travels back to Gaylord for an Invitational on Dec. 6. If you have any questions regarding the team or want to join, contact the Charlevoix Pool at 547-0982.

Successful hunt

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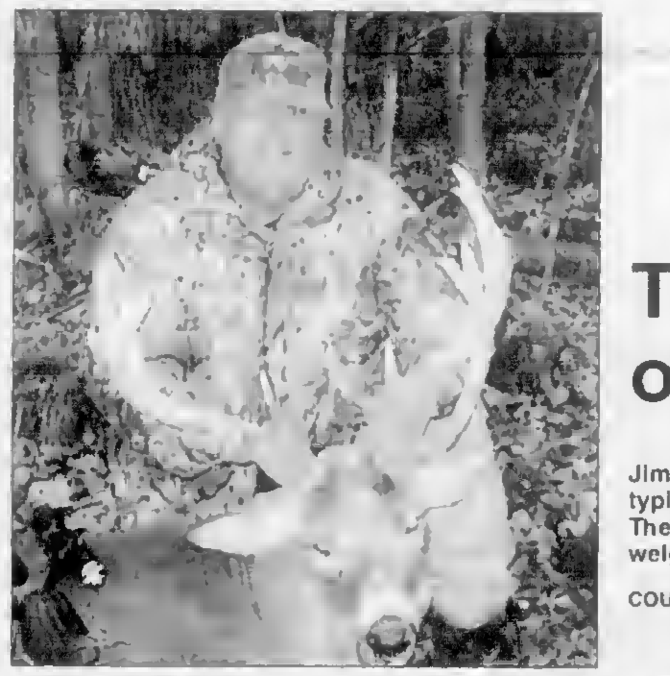
Jordan Farmer 15 years old of Charlevoix, pictured (center) poses with his hunting group (from left) Joe Lesniak, Justin Farmer, Dwayne Farmer and Dave Farmer, after a successful hunt this past bear season in the UP.



Trophy of a lifetime

Jim Wilson of Charlevoix bagged this 13 point non-typical buck while hunting in the Fife Lake area. The deer scored more than 173 inches with a cased weight of 336 pounds.

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Winter driving saftey tips

Because more crashes involving property damage occur during the winter months than at any other time, AAA encourages motorists to prepare for adverse cold weather driving conditions by preparing their vehicles.

Winter Car Care Tips

First, make sure your vehicle is prepared for winter driving. AAA offers the following tips for motorists departing on winter road trips:

* Have the battery and charging system tested. A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather.

* Have the brakes checked to ensure they work properly and apply smoothly, which helps prevent the wheels from locking on slick surfaces.

* Make sure the tires are properly inflated. Under-inflated tires can be dangerous, and may suffer damage. Remember, the air pressure in your tires can decrease 1-2 psi for every 10 degree drop in outside temperature.

* Use the tire size recommended by your vehicle's manufacturer for best snow traction. Overly wide tires tend to float on top of the snow, reducing grip.

* Make sure the engine coolant provides anti-freeze protection down to the lowest temperatures you are likely to encounter; -30oF/-34oC is a good guideline.

* Visibility is critical in adverse weather conditions, so replace worn windshield wipers that streak, and be sure the washer reservoir is filled with a winter solvent that will not freeze.

* Keep the gas tank at least half full at all times to minimize condensation build-up that can lead to gas line freeze-up. If the fuel in your area does not already contain alcohol, use a gas line "dryer" additive periodically to absorb moisture.

* Carry a winter driving kit for use in the event of an emergency. The kit should include a small bag of abrasive material (sand or salt), a small snow shovel, a snow brush, traction mats, a flashlight with new batteries, window washer solvent, an ice scraper, a cloth or roll of paper towels, jumper cables, a blanket, warning devices (flares or triangles), and extra clothes.

* Program your radio for AM 530 or 1610 stations, as you may see signs referencing those frequencies for important traffic advisories.

* Carry a cellular phone and car charger. Program the phone with important numbers including a reliable roadside service provider that can assist you during inclement weather if you have signed up in advance, such as AAA emergency road service (800) AAA-HELP or your local AAA club number.

You can visit a local, reliable auto repair facility for assistance in preparing your vehicle for winter driving. If you are not familiar with facilities in your area or unsure of how to identify a reliable and professional facility, AAA can assist with a listing of AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities that have met and maintained high professional standards. A free listing of AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities is available by visiting the automotive page of AAA.com.

Because more crashes involving property damage occur during the winter months than at any other time, AAA encourages motorists to prepare for adverse cold weather driving conditions by driving defensively while on the road.

Drive With Caution

When taking to the road during winter weather, remember to drive with caution to help maintain your safety as well as that of passengers, fellow motorists and roadside workers. AAA recommends the following tips for winter driving:

* Before starting out in snowy weather, take time to remove the snow from the entire car so it doesn't blow onto your windshield or the windshields of other drivers. Make sure your mirrors and lights are clean as well.

* Drive with your low-beam headlights illuminated.

* When the roads are icy, slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination. Even better, delay your trip, stop early for the day, or take an extended break from driving. Using an online service such as the TripTik Travel Planner at AAA.com can help you find restaurants and lodgings.

* Allow sufficient room for maintenance vehicles and plows, stay at least 15 car lengths (200 feet) back and, if you need to pass, go to the other vehicle's left.

* Watch for icy surfaces on bridges and intersections, even when the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.

* If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheel and accelerate slowly. Add sand or salt under the drive wheels to help avoid spinning the tires.

* If your tires lose traction, continue to look and steer in the direction you want to go. If the drive wheels start to spin or slide while going up a hill, ease off the accelerator slightly and then gently resume speed.

* Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.

* When changing lanes, avoid cutting in front of trucks, which need more time and distance than passenger vehicles to stop.

* Don't use cruise control in precipitation and freezing temperatures.

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Donate venison to feed the needy

Since 1991, Michigan sportsmen and sportswomen have been helping to feed the hungry in their communities by donating some of the venison they harvested through the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program.

As the project gears up for its 17th season this fall, deer hunters are reminded there are a number of ways they can contribute to the program.

Hunters may contribute their time or make monetary donations, as well as giving part — or all — of their deer harvest to this charitable cause.

"This is a grassroots effort, a program undertaken by our sportsmen and sportswomen who want to make a positive contribution to their communities," said Ray Rustem, who represents the Department of Natural Resources in the MSAH program.

The DNR became more directly involved with MSAH during the 2005 season after the Legislature enacted a law allowing the agency to collect money to help pay for processing venison to be donated to the hungry.

Previously, the effort was supported entirely by volunteer and sportsmen's groups including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Safari Club International, Michigan Bow Hunters Association, Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America and the United Methodist Men's Club.

"Wild game is good, nutritious food and the liberal hunting regulations in Michigan make it possible for many hunters to shoot more deer than they can use themselves," said MSAH president Dean Hall. "Sharing the bounty of the hunt is as old as humankind and last year's deer season provided hunters with more than 26 million pounds of venison. Just a fraction of that harvest could provide thousands of meals to the needy.

"Half of those who receive food are the very young or the very old -- the most vulnerable citizens of our state," Hall continued. "And nearly half of the families needing help are the working poor; families who cannot afford groceries despite having someone in the household who works. Hunger strikes people in rural, suburban and urban communities.

It's not just a big-city problem; 40 percent of Michigan's hungry live in rural or suburban areas."

The need for food assistance has never been more pressing.

According to the Michigan League for Human Services, one in eight families in Michigan receives assistance through the USDA food stamp program. (You might remember that Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently challenged state citizens to limit their spending on food for one week to the same amount as a basic food stamp grant.)

Community-based food banks also say they are feeling the pinch from growing need.

"On a local level, our food banks are seeing up to a 40 percent increase in the need for food because of the economy," said Jane Marshall of the Food Bank Council of Michigan. "We need all the help we can get this year."

Last year, almost 23,000 pounds of venison was provided to local charities by hunters who were participating in the MSAH program.

Venison donations must be made through participating licensed processors. Hunters may drop off the entire deer at a processor; the MSAH will pay the processor at a rate of 80 cents a pound for the venison that makes its way into community food banks.

"What we pay the processors doesn't really cover their cost -- it's a charitable contribution on their part, too," Hall said. "We've worked through the Michigan Food Bank to identify reputable charities."

Hunters do not have to donate their entire deer. This year, MSAH has initiated the "Give a Pound Program." Hunters, who are having their deer butchered by a participating licensed processor, can tell the processor how much meat they wish to donate to the program. The processor will make sure the meat is picked up by a MSAH volunteer and distributed to a local food bank or soup kitchen.

Sportsmen and sportswomen also can make a direct donation to the program when they purchase their licenses, either online or at a license agent. But hunters who already have purchased their licenses can still contribute by getting online and going to the state's e-license sales system or by contacting MSAH directly.

The MSAH program continues to grow as more sportsmen and sportswomen -- and community food banks -- find out about it.

"For many years, hunters in Michigan have done an outstanding job in donating venison to help families in need in all parts of the state," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "We are grateful for the support of hunters who donate venison, whether it's as little as a few pounds or the whole deer."

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New camera

The yearbook committee at Northwest Academy received a GE digital camera after being put into a nationwide drawing for "Incentive for Early Rebooking" by Life Touch and were one of six schools in Michigan to win a camera. Joanna Garner from Life Touch delivered the Camera on Nov. 17. Pictured are this year's yearbook committee Dan Riley and Alyssa Themm.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David B. Fuller and Deborah L. Fuller, of 806 Thompson Street, Boyne City, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Edward Neil Melavey, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2005, and recorded in the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on March 29, 2005, in Liber 673, on Pages 852 and 853, of Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of forty six thousand nine hundred fifty eight and 35/100 ($46,958.35)

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgages or any part thereof. By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Charlevoix Courthouse lobby in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgages, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the total amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgages, with the interest thereon at ten percent (10%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

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The length of the redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the time of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 5, 2008

Edward Neil Melavey, Mortgagee
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thelma Jean Brewer, who lived at 09091 Lord Road, East Jordan, Michigan died on September 10, 2008.
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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel ("Mortgagors") to Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, having its principal office at 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan ("Mortgagee") which mortgage was executed by Jeffery L. Gettel and Irene M. Gettel in favor of Charlevoix State Bank dated May 26, 2004 in the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan in Liber 616 at Page 491, securing the original principal amount of $192,500.00. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eighty One Thousand Eighty Dollars and Six Cents ($181,080.06), said interest accruing at the rate of 7.25% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale, unless deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 27, 2008

Mortgagee: Charlevoix State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation

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where he played football and the trombone in the marching band. Feats he said he performed "almost at the same time."

Gray's connection to northern Michigan began many decades ago when he traveled here to visit relatives.

"I spent part of my summers as a kid at my grandparents' cottage at Point Nipigon, located on the Straits between Mackinaw City and Cheboygan," he said.

Before his long career in the news business, Gray worked for the Kent County Road Commission during two summers while attending Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

"It was great for the physique but the road crew spent far too much time reading girlie magazines in the back of the pickup during rainstorms," He said.

Gray spent the summer of 1963 studying Russian language and civilization, his major, in Munich with five other Dartmouth students, and this may explain his love of borsch.

"We lived with families in Poland and traveled through the Soviet Union in a Volkswagen camping bus for a month," he said. "We had an Intourist guide accompanying us at all times to keep us on the straight and narrow, and spent eight hours as we departed at the Czech border being debriefed by the KGB."

See Gray's column "Nina" for more on his travels in Russia.

"I remained in Munich when the others returned to college and found a job for eight months as copy boy in the multi-language Radio Liberty," he said. "During the summer of 1964 I traveled through Europe, sleeping in barnyards and out-of-the-way places."

Following college, Gray attended two years at the University of Michigan Law, then transferred to the graduate school of journalism school before joining the Associated Press in Detroit in 1970 and beginning his career in journalism.

Some of the highlights of Gray's career include covering the death of Walter Reuther when his Lear jet crashed at Pellston airport in 1970, and later editing the copy of AP Vietnam correspondent Peter Arnett on the Foreign Desk, meeting Peter and the other AP and Reuter correspondents when they passed through New York and during his travels elsewhere.

"I was in charge of Reuters coverage of the Olympics in Calgary and Atlanta," he said. "At Reuters I put together the daily news schedule for the Americas and sent it to London for inclusion in the world digest, then helped edit the major stories of the day."

Aside from publishing his first book, Gray is currently the Director of Communications and Web site Development for Emmet County.

"I truly believe we are blessed to live in this incredibly beautiful region. Our goal is to attract people from all over to live, recreate, retire, and invest in the county. It's a dream job," he said. "We have done some innovative things such as produce quality brochures highlighting the strengths of the area, advertising on the Petoskey News-Review Web site, and producing videos of local citizens expounding on why the have chosen to live here. They include Dan Musser III, president of the Grand Hotel; David Johnson, the visionary founder of Bay Harbor; entrepreneurs Larry Beck and Justin Rashid; Cameron Brunet-Koch, president of NCMC, and others equally brilliant."

Visit www.emmetcounty.org to see the videos.

For more on Gray's book and upcoming book signings and points of purchase, visit www.flowingwellpublications.com.

Charlevoix Public Library youth book reviews

The Secret of Play: How to Raise Smart, Healthy, Caring Kids from Birth to Age 12

Pleshette Murphy, Ann

A guide for parents that describes how to encourage healthy playtime habits for children up to the age of twelve, and discusses the value of play in a child's life, and also provides suggestions for toys and developmental games. (Parents/Caregivers)

Food Fights: Winning the Nutritional Challenges of Parenthood Armed with Insight, Humor and a Bottle of Ketchup

Jana, Laura A.

Knowing what to feed children is one thing. Getting them to eat it is quite another! In Food Fights, the authors bring together the science of nutrition with the practical insight of parents who have been in your shoes-offering simple solutions for your daily nutritional challenges. (Parents/Caregivers)

A Day in the Life of a Pirate

Helbrough, Emma

Follows a day in the life of an eighteenth-century pirate from eight in the morning when seaman Jack Kelsall hears the cook sound the ship's bell for breakfast, to seven in the evening when, having successfully looted a merchant vessel, Jack and his mates sit down to a feast. (Ages 9-12)

Pete's Party

Scieszka, Jon

The Trucktown trucks follow the road signs directing them to Pete's party. (Beginning Readers)

Everything on a Waffle

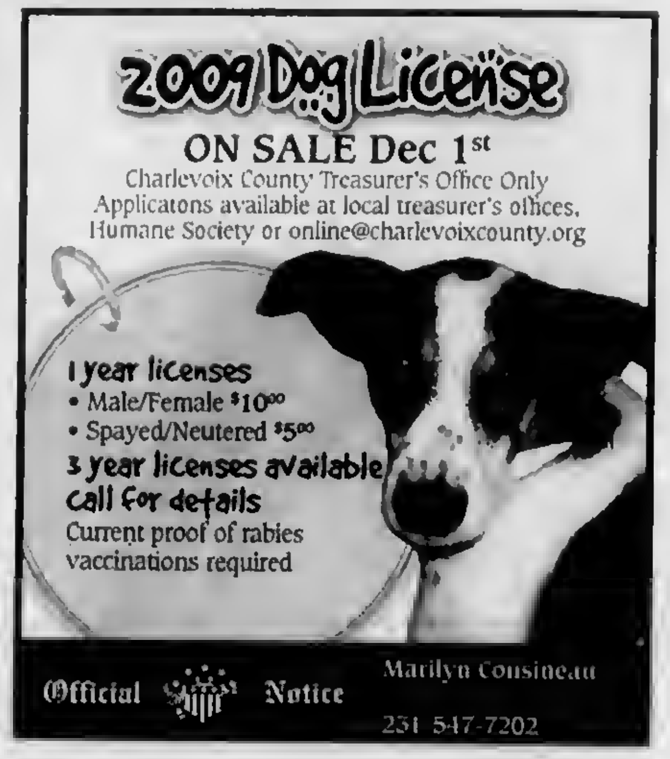
Horvath, Polly

Audio CD. Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea. (Ages 9-12)

Student Atlas

Dorling Kindersley Cartography

Maps, illustrations, and text describe various aspects of countries of the world including physical features, population, standards of living, natural resources, industries, environmental issues, and climate. (Ages 9-12)



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231 547-7202

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 734 of 2008

The following Budget Amendment #2, amending Ordinance #726 of 2008, Budget Appropriation Act of 2008-2009, is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009:

		Residents	Non-Residents
1. Increase Daily Lift Tickets		from $10-$12	from $10-$15*
2. Increase Daily Adult Rental		from $10-$12	from $10-$15
3. Increase Daily Student Rental		from $8-$10	from $8-$12
4. Increase Season Pass Rates	1 Person	from $80-$100	from $125-$150
	2 Person	from $150-$165	from $195-$220
	3 Person	from $200-$210	from $245-$260
	4 Person	from $250-$260	from $295-$310
	5 Person	from $300-$310	from $345-$360
	6 Person	from $350-$360	from $395-$410
5. Increase Individual/Group Lessons Rates			
Individual Lesson (1/2hour)		from $15-20	same
Snowboard Lesson Only		same	same
Snowboard Lesson w/ Rent.		same	same
Ski Lesson Only		from $35-40	same
Ski Lesson with Rental		from $40-$50	same

*Raised in 2008-9 budget from $10-$14. Not effective until 2008-09 ski season.

ENACTED this 17th day of November, 2008.

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Motion by:	Councilmember Lyle Gennett
Seconded by:	Councilmember Gabe Campbell
Yeas:	Campbell, Cole, Gennett, Kusina, Picha, Stevens
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

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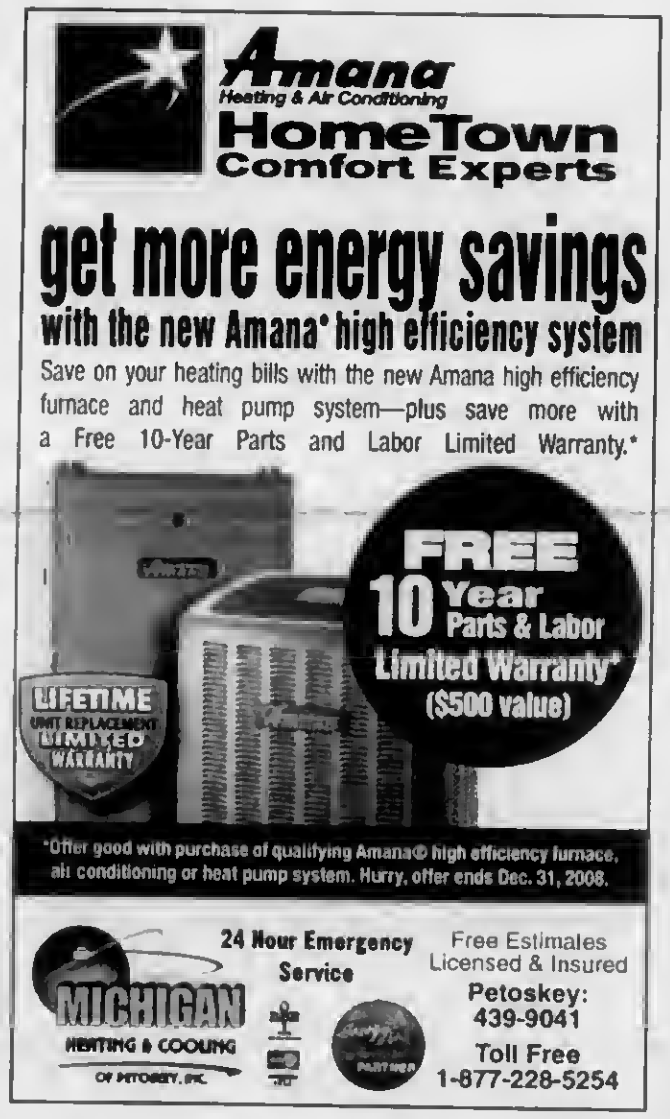

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All people with Medicare should:

- Review the 2009 costs for their current drug and health plan. (Look at premium, co-pays and deductibles)
- Compare the cost and coverage to other plans in their area. (Check to see if the plan covers their medicines, works with their pharmacy and doctors, and covers the services they need)
- Choose a plan that meets their needs.

You'll find helpful Medicare tools and information on this page. Use these resources to compare the cost or benefits of Medicare health or prescription drug plans in your area. Get answers to your Medicare questions. Learn how to lower health care costs and stay healthy. Find out about local resources in your community. By working together for better health, we can reach those who are unaware, unsure, or unable to make their health plan decisions and apply for the extra help.

Visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/openenrollment.asp to download brochures on drug plans, Medicare Part D and more.

Seniors who do not have Web access may call the Courier at 547-6558 for a copy of the brochures.

Fast Facts for Michigan in 2009

- 85% of people with Medicare have prescription drug coverage (including 57% in Part D).
- 44% of those in Part D are receiving the low-income subsidy (LIS).
- 51 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) are available for 2009.
- 99.98% of people in a PDP can switch to a PDP with a lower premium in 2009.
- 27 PDPs offer enhanced benefits or services.
- 29 PDPs have $0 deductibles. • 2 PDPs have premiums under $25.
- $14.80 is the lowest monthly premium for a PDP.
- $44.10 is the lowest monthly premium for a PDP with any generic coverage in the Gap.
- 11 PDPs have a premium amount of $0 for people who qualify for the full extra help.
- 37.80% of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with Drug Coverage (MA-PD) for a $0 premium.
- 13 MA-PDs have a $0 premium.
- 100% of people with Medicare will have access to a MA-PD with a $0 drug deductible.

Each year plans change their premiums and what they cover. People with Medicare should review the changes being made by their current plan and compare it to others to make sure it still meets their needs. Make changes to Medicare prescription drug plans from now through Dec. 31.

Important Dates in 2009

Call (800) MEDICARE or go to medicare.gov for more information.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, November 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

A public hearing was held on a proposed budget amendment ordinance revising fees at Mt. McSauba.

A public hearing was held on a proposed ordinance regarding the clean-up of animal droppings.

Motion passed accepting the resignation of Shane Cole from the Planning Commission.

Motion passed accepting the Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers certification of the November 4, 2008 election results into the record

Motion passed authorizing payment of a bill for purchase of traffic vests from a vendor with a sales affiliation with the City (Sales and Marketing of Michigan)

Motion passed authorizing payment of a bill for fire equipment testing from a vendor with a business affiliation with the City (West Shore Fire).

Motions passed confirming the Mayor's appointments of Toni Felter and Judy Clock to the Planning Commission.

Motion passed reappointing Larry Sullivan, Mary Eveleigh, and Greg Withrow to their positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motions passed reappointing Peggy Brennan to the Shade Tree Commission and Dale Meredith to the Compensation Commission.

Motion passed appointing Council members Gabe Campbell and Lyle Gennett to the Board of Review for 2009.

Motion passed appointing Jill Picha as Deputy Mayor.

Resolution 2008-11-01 adopted, a Resolution Authorizing Routine Purchases by City Employees at Ace Hardware.

Ordinance 734 of 2008 enacted, a budget amendment ordinance revising fees at Mt. McSauba.

Ordinance 735 of 2008 enacted, an ordinance regarding the clean-up of animal droppings.

Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 735 of 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY REVISING SECTION 9.121, 9.124 AND SECTION 9.122A.(1) OF CHAPTER 113 OF TITLE IX BY REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF DROPPINGS FROM ANY WARM-BLOODED ANIMAL, REQUIRING CONTAINERS FOR THE DROPPINGS OF AN ANIMAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF AN ANIMAL

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Revision of Section 9.121

Section 9.121 of Chapter 113 is revised so that it shall read as follows:

9.121. Removal of Droppings.

No person owning, keeping, in possession of or in charge of any animal shall allow the animal to defecate on any public property, public sidewalk, public right-of-way, or upon any other type of public property, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the property unless:

(1) The person who owns, keeps, is in possession of or is in charge of the animal shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by the animal by a sanitary method and dispose of the droppings in sanitary method which may include placing the droppings in a public refuse receptacle if the droppings are in an airtight container or airtight bag.

SECTION 2. Revision of Section 9.124

Section 9.124 of Chapter 113 is revised so that it shall read as follows:

9.124. Container.

No person owning, keeping or in charge of an animal shall permit the animal to be on any public property, public sidewalk, public right-of-way, or upon any other type of public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the property, unless the animal is accompanied by a person who has in the person's possession a container or bag of sufficient size to collect and remove the droppings of the animal. The person accompanying the animal shall show the container to any City police officer or authorized city personnel if requested.

SECTION 3. Revision of Section 9.122.A.(1)

Section 9.122,A.(1) of Chapter 113 is revised so that it shall read as follows:

9.122. Animal Control.

A. **Definitions.**

(1) Except for Section 9.121, the term "animal", as used in this Chapter, shall mean a dog or a cat. In Section 9.121, the term "animal" shall not be limited to a dog or cat, but shall mean any warm-blooded organism other than a human.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ENACTED this 17th day of November, 2008.

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Motion by:	Councilmember Lyle Gennett
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Absent:	None

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

ONGOING EVENTS

-Four Fires Native Talking Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at the Freedom House Church in Charlevoix. It is a biblically based native group that focuses on culture, music and native religion. All are welcome: . do not have to be native American to attend. The Freedom House Church is located at 12705 US 31 N in Charlevoix. Call 547-2568 for more information.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Baidoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

- Saturday Night Alive, fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video speakers and much more at Family of Faith located at 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information. Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

BLOOD DRIVES

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Dec. 3 at Harbor Industries, 100 Harbor Drive
- 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Dec. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

Snap Shot Sessions

In their continuing effort to offer topics of interest to the wider community, Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will be offering "snap shot sessions" focusing on health and healthy outlets. Classes are held at the church, corner of US 31 and Meech St.

Events include:

Nov. 12 - "Picture this - Photography" part two; or "Decorating for the Holidays"

Nov. 19 - "From Camera to Computer"; or "Carding for the Holidays"

For more information on any of these topics call the church at 547-9482.

NOV. 26

Ferry closing

The Ironton Ferry will be closing for the season at 10:30 p.m., Nov. 26.

NOV. 27

At 11 a.m., Thanksgiving day, a group of folks will swim at Lake Michigan Beach to raise money for local food banks. Send contributions to: Charlevoix County Community Foundation-Swim c/o John McNabb, 313 Prospect St., Charlevoix, 49720.

Thanksgiving workout

The Second Annual Turkey Trot begins at 8 a.m. at Harbor Health and Fitness, 110 Clinton St. This fundraiser one-mile and five kilometer walk/run benefits Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Register at www.active.com. Course route at www.usatf.com. Call 547-8000 for more information or register at Harbor Health.

Hospice fundraiser

Eta Nu's Lights of Love Raises Money for Hospice at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at the Dilworth Inn, Boyne City. Donations are $3 to $25 for a colored light or $35 for personalized heart. Decorations displayed on the "Lights of Love" Christmas tree to be featured in the Dilworth. After a short dedication and caroling, those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper with homemade desserts, at the Dilworth. All are welcome. Address checks/money orders to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, c/o Candy Greene, 4056 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City, MI 49712-9676. Call 582-2434 for more information.

NOV. 28

Charlevoix community tree lighting

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Charlevoix is the annual tree lighting ceremony, photos with santa and assorted treats provided by various downtown businesses. The tree lighting will occur at 6 p.m. Call 547-2101 for more information.

Book signing at Round Lake Bookstore

Book Signing from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 28 at Round Lake Bookstore. Meet Traverse City author Jan Lundy and have her sign your copy of her book "Your Truest Self."

NOV. 29

Bier Art Gallery will be hosting a holiday open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 29, six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse. Refreshments will be available.

The Circle of Arts open house, holiday sale

From Noon until 7 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Center and Gallery Location: 109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix:

Noon to 4 p.m. - Tour the gallery and shop for holiday gifts at the new Circle of Arts Gift Shop

3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - View and purchase the 2009 Circle of Arts Community Calendar. Scheduled events in Charlevoix in 2009 will be listed in the calendar

4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Docents will give guided tours

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Program and Reception: Meet the People involved in the Center: Rebecca Glotfelty, President of the Circle of Arts will give guests an overview of the goal and objectives of "Circle of the Arts"; Artists who are featured in the calendar will be on hand to sign any purchased calendars; Kathryn Lohenherz, Board Member of Circle of Arts, will announce upcoming events; Linda Boss will give a power point presentation and Heidi Dietrich will discuss the gift gallery.

Circle of the Arts is a nonprofit organization for the preservation of the cultural arts in our community and also provides continuing education in the arts by offering classes for students and adults. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a docent please call the Center. You may learn more on Circle of Arts by a visit to www.circle-of-arts.org or call (231) 547-3554.

NOV. 30

Freedom House Ministries of Charlevoix located at 12705 US 31 N will be hosting Dr. Paul Kamanu at 10 a.m., Nov. 30.

DEC. 3

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

DEC. 6

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 6 at St. Mary Parish, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix is the 14th Annual Charlevoix Open House Craft Show with custom crafts by local artisans, a cookie walk, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Call 547-9441 or 547-6652 for more information.

Charlevoix musicians performing in East Jordan

The event is called "Bryan Eggers Welcomes Winter Concert," and will take place on Dec. 6. Bryan is a Charlevoix High School graduate who has been writing music for several years. He is putting together a concert focusing on the music he has written, some Christmas music that he has put a little twist on, and there will be some local singers accompanying him including Jessica Dominic (Charlevoix), Alex Burns (East Jordan), Chad Closson (Charlevoix)and Kristy Spencer (East Jordan).

The tickets are $10 per adult, and all children 12 and under are free. Call (231) 536-2870 for time and location.

First Congregational Church Holiday Cookie Walk

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Dec. 6. Call 547-9122 for more information.

Charlevoix Historical Society Christmas dinner

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual Christmas dinner at 6 p.m., Dec. 2 at the Grey Gables Inn, 308 Belvedere Ave. The public is invited to attend this $22 per ticket event. Call 547-0373 for entree selection and reservations. A holiday cheer social hour will precede the dinner. Reserve by Nov. 29. Prepayment not required.

Thanksgiving workout

FILE PHOTO

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

DEC. 16

NWA Christmas concert

Northwest Academy to celebrate holidays with music.

at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

The Northwest Academy Bands, Strings and General Music classes will be presenting holiday music. Young aspiring vocalists from grades Kindergarten through sixth will be performing under the direction of Don Neidert. The string classes will also present some selections suitable to the time of year.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant

Bake sale December 4

COURTESY PHOTO

Carol Starks, left, and Anne Marie Barnes, chair, are inviting you to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 4 Also, the gift shop is having a 30 percent off sale from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Plenty of snow for Flurry Fest

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

With the fledgling festival in its second year, Flurry Fest organizers expect the best one yet.

According to Charlevoix Downtown Development Executive Director Keith Carey, the first festival was merely an abbreviated venture.

"Thanks to mother nature it truly was a Flurry Fest last year, and with the season's first snowfall it seems folks were inclined to hit the road and go home early," he said. "But, we estimated we had between 250 and 300 people come down to the festival tent and enjoy hot chocolate and music from the Petoskey Steel Drum Band."

Some additions to this year's expanded Flurry Fest include music from Gary Stutzman's Tuba Christmas, the steel drum band and the North Country String Band to name a few.

The new snowgroomer will be down from Mt. McSauba and the city will have emergency service vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances for the kids to check out.

To accommodate the increased number of events, a portion of Bridge Street, from Clinton to Mason Streets will be closed from noon until 9 p.m.

The festival itself is from noon until 7 p.m.

There will be a free children's' movie at Charlevoix Cinema from approximately 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and, shortly

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Polar bears spotted in Lake Michigan

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

A crowd of mora than 120 people watched nearly two dozen entrants in this year's Polar Dip take a frigid swim on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The fundraising avent, which took place at Lake Michigan Beach, raised money for local food pantries.

Downtown tree lighting

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Crowds formed in downtown Charlevoix Nov. 28 as the large pine tree on the corner of Bridge and Clinton Streets was transformed into the largest Christmas tree in Charlevoix. Be sure to check out mora community Christmas gatherings with next week's Flurry Fest.

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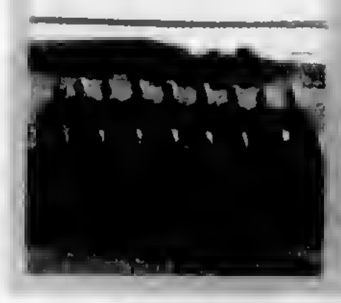

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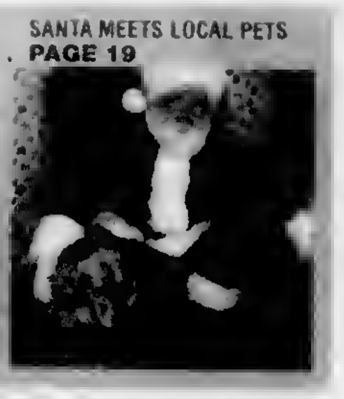

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jaylyn Marie Brusse weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born Nov. 19 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Annette and Paul Brusse, Jr. of Ellsworth. Her sibling is Lillie Ann. Her grandparents are Winer and Hazel Hyde of Ellsworth, Paul Brusse Sr. and the late Sarah Brusse of East Jordan. Her great grandparent is Elizabeth Bair of Florida.

Jiri Arnold Loper weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces was born Nov. 17 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chris and Carey Loper of Boyne City. His grandparents are Joe and Jay Roulean of Boyne City, Greg Loper of Charlevoix and Ted and Brenda Poelking of Kissimmee, Fla. His great grandparents are Jean Loper of Charlevoix, Dorothy Parke Jones of Cadillac and Elliott and Luree Barber of Clovis, Cal.

Addison Grace Burns weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces was born Nov. 21 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Alex and Melissa Burns of East Jordan. Her sibling is Aubrey Elizabeth. Her grandparents are David and Jeni Willingham of East Jordan, John and Victoria Stanley of Niles, Robinson and Kim Burns and Joyce Burns all of Petoskey. Her great grandparents are Jim and Sonia Burns of Boyne City, Carl and Doreen Zorn of Lapeer, Freeman and Jean Willingham and Deloris Gensley all of Flint.

Ryan Kenneth Stout weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces was born Nov. 23 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mary and Jason Stout of Petoskey. His grandparents are Donna Stout and Ken Stout both of Petoskey and Lois Bentley of Linwood. His great grandparent is Mary Lyons of Ashland, Ky.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Galen Bleau Bartels, 30, Beaver Island. Disturbing the peace. Serve 10 days of community service work, $600 in fines and costs.

Erin Lynn Weatherwax, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 40 hours of community service work, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Karl Edward Maddick, 43, Leroy. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Logan J. Dyess, 20, Charlevoix. Breaking and entering a motor vehicle, less than $200. Pay $350 in fines and costs or serve 14 days in jail.

Dustin Duane Oldfield, 29, Boyne City. Insufficient funds to cover check written under $100; controlled substance: Possession of marijuana. One-hundred-sixty-five days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; serve 12 months on probation; $394.77 in fines and costs.

Peter Joseph Gallagher, 39, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Credit for six days in jail; to serve 87 days in jail; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Michael Wiesenauer, 18, Boyne City. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor; minor in possession of alcohol. Credit for six days in jail, $300 in fines and costs.

Phillip Henry Marco II, 56, Harbor Springs. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow-second or subsequent offense. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Joshua Kevin Houck, 24, Boyne City. Larceny less than $200. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 15 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; to write a letter of apology; $967.49 in fines and costs.

Shawn Michael Hall, 21, East Jordan. Sex offender: failure to comply with registration requirement. Fines and costs totaling $200.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Jesse James Wisdom, 26, East Jordan. Sex offender: failure to comply with registration requirement-habitual offender, fourth offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 15 years in a Michigan correctional facility; $120 in fines and costs.

Guy Franklin Gensman, 51, East Jordan. Assault/assault and battery. Sentenced to 33 days in jail; credit for 33 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Charles Douglas Wicker, 64, Boyne City. Two counts of criminal sexual conduct-second degree-with a person under the age of 13. Sentenced to a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of 15 years in a Michigan correctional facility; credit for 44 days in jail; $180 in fines and costs.

Larry James Goddard, 58, Wolverine. Contractor-false statements-$200 or more, but less than $1,000. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for one day in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; $118,580 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Boyne Country Carpet & Upholstery, 150 Gronow Drive, Boyne City, by Bill J. Ulvund

J.M. Seal Coating 297 M75 North, Boyne City, by Jacob J. Maltby

Boyneview Estate, 3544 Church, Boyne Falls, by Amy Wright, Beth Faughan, Jill Rodriguez and Barry Wolvin

JC's Horseshoeing, 2900 Old State Road, Boyne City, by Justin C. Gardner

Kerner Services, 09804 Pincherry Road, Charlevoix, by Ella F. Kerner

Sure Set Hooks, 06425 Bayshore West, Hayes, by Gary Young

Break Free Computer Works, 228 West Antrim #2, Charlevoix, by Danny M. Threlkeld

Beaver Island makes list of Top Cops

PHOTO BY JEREMY LAWSON FOR PARADE

ELAINE WEST
NORTHERN ISLANDER EDITOR

PARADE Magazine recently announced their annual awards for outstanding police work. Ranking number one on their list of "Top Cops" for 2008 was none other than Michael Niles, son of Beaver Island resident, Jackie Madigan.

Niles, 43, was born and raised in Aurora, IL, where he still resides with wife Becky and daughters Anneke, 11 years old, and Katrina, six years old. He has served as a Police Officer with the Aurora Police Department for 21 years.

Niles was determined to solve four "cold case" homicides and led an investigation that resulted in the arrest of 31 gang suspects charged with 179 counts of first degree murder. Niles and Special Agent Cory McGookin of the

FBI traveled all over the U.S. and Mexico interviewing witnesses who could testify in the cases.

PARADE's coverage of Officer Niles dedicated work on behalf of solving the crimes including the story of

a six year-old boy, the innocent victim in a gang shooting. The youngster was killed when visiting his grandparents and shots were fired into the room where he was sleeping. After more than 10 years, one suspect in that case has now been convicted of first-degree murder and another awaits trial.

Jackie Madigan attended the general assembly of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, where Niles was named as the 2008 Police Officer of the Year. "It was very special to him," said Madigan, who explained that the assembly and the awards luncheon were very impressive and populated with many high ranking law enforcement officials, including the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

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Located at 624 State St., Boyne City, the clinic's phone number is 582-4605.

Existing patients are encouraged to call on Fridays only for questions and prescription assistance for the short term until the new clinic is up and functioning to full capacity.

New patients will have full access from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday beginning on Dec. 5.

Dr. Richard Mansfield is the clinic's Volunteer Medical Director.

The clinic is dedicated to reaching out to the underinsured to provide health care services through volunteer service and community support.

It also coordinates with the regional medical community to find avenues to help people with conditions beyond our capabilities.

The clinic provides care for people with basic medical needs as well as providing continuous primary care for people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and others.

It is the purpose of the Boyne Area Free Clinic to ensure that all people who need access to medical care are provided that opportunity.

This clinic is a charitable organization driven by volunteers who desire to help provide these vital health care services.

The clinic will provide care to any person in need without the ability to pay.

It will provide this service in the beginning on a weekly basis, but as more funding becomes available and more medical volunteers make themselves available we hope to operate several days per week.

Community members can help by donating generously to support this crucial mission for our neighbors in need.

Charlevoix County land use plan

CHRISTINA ROHN
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission is in the process of updating its future land use plan (master plan) for the first time in nearly 30 years.

On Monday, Dean Solomon, county planning commission member, made an appearance at the Melrose Township Planning Commission meeting requesting feedback on the newly-reworked document.

According to Solomon, the state allows the county a 63-day review period, during which time they plan to visit the county's village, 15 townships and three cities.

Solomon said county planning commission members began requesting feedback in early November, and have given a deadline of Jan. 7, 2009, for all comments.

"Hopefully we'll be flooded with comments," Solomon said. "This (land-use plan) is an overall vision for the entire county — it helps us have consistency between the townships, the cities and the village.

"It provides a tool for them to see the bigger picture of the county and take that into consideration when they're developing their own plans."

Randy Frykberg, Melrose Township zoning administrator/planner, said this update will be beneficial to all parties involved.

"Anytime we have an ordinance change or a master plan issue and the county reviews it, they need a document to review it against — they need a standard," he said. "It's not a direct impact on us, but it's a gesture that we're trying to work together; especially in this economy, we've got to work together.

"I think it can help each township — as we look at (the county's) goals and objectives, we can use some of those too."

The Melrose Township Planning Commission said it would discuss this issue further at its next regular meeting, 7 p.m., Dec. 15.

Solomon said once the Charlevoix County Planning Commission receives all comments from the townships, cities and village, they will make several revisions before conducting a formal public hearing. Once this has taken place, they will make the proper modifications before sending it to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners for a final review.

"Hopefully it won't be too much into the next year — we hope to have this completed in the first two months of 2009," Solomon said.

Frykberg said Melrose Township recently discussed making revisions to its own master plan, however, the township will now wait for the county's results.

"I think it'd be best to wait and see what the county does and use it as a spring board, and then move forward with the (township's) master plan," he said.

For more information about Charlevoix County's Future Land Use Plan, visit www.charlevoixcounty.org and click on "proposed new future land use plan."

Food program

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey announces the following times and places for December food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

- 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 4 Boyne City, City Hall

noon to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, December 4, Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, Mancelona Community Lighthouse
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 11, Pellston Village Hall
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 11, VFW Hall Harbor Springs

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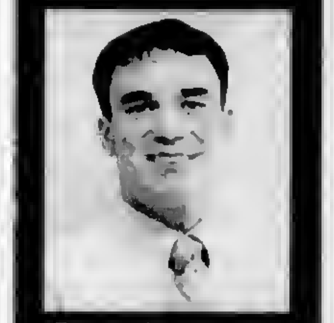

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Reason for the season

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Stephen Guthrie

There is a sign painted on the window at the entrance to St. Mary School that makes this bold statement: Jesus is the reason for the season.

There was a time in America where that statement would have been regarded as a simple statement of common knowledge and belief, with nothing controversial about it.

Today, though, it would be easy to find someone quick to argue a statement like that could only be made by someone narrow minded or ignorant enough to believe in the God of the Bible and his son Jesus, the presumed messiah come as a savior to those who feel no need to be saved.

Drawn from this population would be folks who resent the Salvation Army bell ringers and don't want children singing carols in the school Christmas program.

They are from the same minority that is so put off by anything Christian they write Xmas each time they should be spelling out Christmas.

And this is the same politically correct group that has somehow turned the time honored and joy filled blessing "Merry Christmas" into a seasonal greeting to be avoided because of its potential to offend.

In just a few quick years, advertisers, businesses, and politicians – basically, anyone who relies on the public's favor - have largely replaced "Merry Christmas" with "happy holidays" as the politically correct greeting of the season.

Examine the history of Christmas, though, and you come to the conclusion that for the two-plus centuries of America Jesus has, indeed, been the reason for the season.

In the third and fourth centuries, as the Roman empire under Constantine began to embrace Christianity, the newly organized church began looking for ways to replace popular pagan festivals with Christian celebrations.

The solution was to co-opt the existing festivals and replace pagan deities with Jesus.

Although it has long been widely believed the actual birth date of Jesus was in late April, His birthday celebration replaced the popular Roman celebration Saturnalia and a number of other pagan festivals based on the winter solstice Dec. 22.

By the time our western European ancestors were ready to bring their traditions to the new world, Jesus was already the reason for the season.

What I find curious and comical is how those who choose the term "happy holidays" do so without realizing it is a shortened form of the once common English term "holy days". The holy days of Christmas, or Christmastide, refers to the season of Christmas, which includes the four weeks of advent preceding Christmas Day and goes until the day of Epiphany, Jan. 6.

So as the symbolic battle of Merry Christmas vs. happy holidays plays out in advertising and greeting cards, and even as those who crave the public's approval are busy distancing themselves from anything Christian, the nation at large still lives and works in what is essentially a Judeo-Christian society clinging to Judeo-Christian traditions.

And Christmas and Easter, bolstered by their Jewish counterparts of Passover and Hanukkah, are irrefutable examples of how school, work, and commerce all pivot around traditions that really matter to people in America. Traditions that are historically Christian.

The Easter and Christmas holidays that bookend Christian tradition bring commerce to a halt, close schools and government, and cause us to rearrange our family priorities and schedules. They give us cause to pause, to take a break to reflect on and celebrate what really matters to us.

This is true even for people who would not count themselves among the faithful. The reason? We are a people who came from a strongly Christian heritage, and it is part of who we are.

Our constitution, with its emphasis on equitable treatment under the law and the protection of individual liberties, was drawn by men with overwhelmingly Christian values.

All the great charitable institutions – and the spirit of charity which distinguishes the United States among nations - grew out of the Christian tradition of caring for those in need.

Our first universities, which formed the basis for our system of higher learning, began as Christian schools and seminaries.

The great leaders of our nation learned to read by reading the Bible, where they absorbed the Judeo-Christian values and moral code by which they governed.

At our very heart we are a nation of Christian values and traditions.

And at the heart of Christmas lies a celebration of the birth of a savior into a world who would not receive Him.

So that's why if I see you during this upcoming period of holy days, I will greet you with the politically incorrect but heartfelt and joy-filled blessing "merry Christmas".

And that's Christmas with a capital C.

Stephen Guthrie directs Christian Counseling Services, offering Christian counseling and healing prayer by appointment at 231.675.4682 His column appears here periodically.

WEEKLY POLL

Will you brave the crowds on Black Friday looking for a deal?

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No (41 Votes, 87%)

This week's poll question:

Will early snowfall and lowered gas prices be enough to increase tourism to the norther region this winter?

Economics and ecology

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Ear to the Ground

By Roger Knutson

We are reminded daily by television and newspapers that we live in a world economy, how interconnected the world's national economies are and how economic problems in one place reverberate around the world like a stone thrown in a pond or the complex web of a spider.

This interconnectedness comes as a surprise to ecologists.

Both ecology and economics get their name from a Greek word, oikos, which means roughly "home" or "household."

It is safe to say that the whole world is our home and what happens anywhere is likely to affect everywhere.

The first solid ecological evidence of the oneness of the world arrived in the 1950s.

Both the U.S. and the then Soviet Union had been testing nuclear bombs.

Everyone knew how locally devastating such bombs were. We had all seen photos of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where the first nuclear bombs were dropped to end World War II.

We did not know how far-reaching the effects of nuclear bombs exploded in the atmosphere were until it was proven that the radioactive products of those bombs were appearing in the bones and teeth of children across the United States, half a world away from where they had been detonated.

Radioactive material, put into the atmosphere in one part of the world, turned up in may other parts of the world.

This information was frightening enough to bring about the cessation of atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons.

It is now, or at least should be, common knowledge that the whole Earth's air and water are intimately connected and that local circumstances can produce global consequences.

Our knowledge of economics seems to be lagging behind our ecological knowledge. Money now moves so easily and quickly around the world—much faster than air or water.

Apparently few knew or even suspected that banks in Iceland could be rendered insolvent by the issuing of bad mortgages in the U.S

Apparently toxic assets can be as hazardous worldwide as toxic radioactivity.

If economists did consider this possibility, they seem to have said, "Everyone is making tons of money, everything must be all right."

Ignorance of that magnitude is not bliss, it is extremely dangerous; as dangerous as exploding nuclear bombs in the atmosphere without knowing what the worldwide outcome will be.

We can only hope that economists show, in the future, as much diligence about money flows as ecologists did with the spread of radioactivity a half century ago.

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LETTERS to the editor

YOUR RIGHT TO EXPRESS XMAS

Editor:

Each year the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and its many like-minded allies deliberately bully individual citizens, schools, and government officials into removing any mention of Christ or Christianity from the public celebration of Christmas.

Christmas has historically been one of the most celebrated holidays of the American people. Misconceptions and controversy about the fictitious "separation of church and state" and the celebration of Christmas has led many public officials to "remove Christ from Christmas" in places such as schools, parks, libraries, and government offices.

This was not the intent of the founding fathers. No court has ever ruled that the Constitution requires government officials to censor Christmas carols, eliminate all references to Christmas, or silence those who celebrate Christ's birth.

In order to eliminate any confusion with regard to your right to publicly celebrate Christmas, the following will equip you to dispel the myths and excuses that are used to silence the public celebration of Christmas.

Religious Christmas carols may be sung by individual students or by a group of students during school activities such as choir, Christmas programs, and other events.

School officials may refer to the school break in December as a "Christmas holiday."

The Supreme Court has acknowledged with approval that government has long recognized holidays with religious significance such as Christmas. Congress has proclaimed Christmas to be a legal public holiday.

School districts may not ban teachers or students from saying Merry Christmas.

The Supreme Court has stated that teachers and students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.

In order to violate the Establishment Clause, a teacher would have to use his or her authority to promote religion to his or her students.

The Supreme Court has stated that "the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like. The Court explained that the "study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education," is constitutional under the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court has held that the Constitution "affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any. First Amendment rights accompany each student throughout the school day both inside and outside the classroom. School officials must permit students to convey religious sentiments through their school assignments, selection of reading materials, and clothing that conveys a religious message through words or symbols.

Public school officials may display religious symbols such as a nativity scene if they have a clear educational reason for doing so. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday.

Public officials may display religious symbols such as a cr'eche or nativity scene.

To determine the constitutionality of municipal religious displays, lower courts evaluate whether the religious display passes the Supreme Court's three-prong Lemon test. Under the Lemon test, courts will inquire "whether the challenged law or conduct has a secular purpose, whether its principal or primary effect is to advance or inhibit religion, and whether it creates an excessive entanglement of government with religion."

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Courts often look to the endorsement test or "The Three Reindeer Rule," which asks whether a reasonable observer would believe that the municipal display constitutes an endorsement of religion by the government.

This Rule requires a municipality to place a sufficient number of secular objects in close enough proximity to the cr'eche to render the overall display sufficiently secular.

The Constitution does not require government officials to eliminate all public religious expression of Christmas. The right of public school students and public officials to publicly celebrate the Christmas holiday is protected by the U.S. Constitution and the various court decisions. It's okay to say Merry Christmas, regardless of the legal threats from the ACLU and its allies. To support and encourage others in your community to exercise their right to say Merry Christmas you'll be part of an important effort to protect and preserve the rights of people everywhere to practice and observe their beliefs. We must protect what we have, reclaim what we've lost and shape who we will become. Resources available on request.

Jerry Evans
East Jordan

DIAL "P" FOR PENSION

Editor:

Much of the controversy over saving the auto makers has to do with paying the pension obligations of union auto makers.

These total $62 billion, and many in government think they are undeserved in addition to being unaffordable.

This of course brings up the subject of all pensions, private and government.

According to Business Week, just 13 percent of those working in the private sector receive pensions while 100 percent of those in government get them.

According to CNN, 50 percent of all government expenditures are pension costs.

The estimated total of federal, state and local government pensions is a staggering $5 trillion.

There are too many examples like that of the administrative assistant working for the city of San Francisco who recently retired with a yearly pension of $147,000.

When a government pension fund loses money, it is made up by the taxpayer. When a private pension fund loses money, it means less pension.

According to the Wall Street Journal, we are nearing the point where we cannot afford government pensions in today's global economy, which government created.

Naturally, we can never expect the politicians to deny pensions to their friends and relatives, so it will take a referendum to eliminate the government pensions that make us uncompetitive in today's global economy.

Carl Goodwin
Norwalk, Ohio

WATCH OPPOSES ALBA WELL

Editor:

Water Air Team Charlevoix (WATCH) has been observing the Bay Harbor leachate situation for several months with considerable interest and with growing concern.

It was a major topic of discussion at our recent meeting.

We learned from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council that only 20 percent of the leachate comes from the East Park.

The CKD (cement kiln dust) piles in this area are being properly sealed with a cap and up-gradient diversion wells installed.

The remaining 80 percent of the leachate comes from CKD piles under the golf course. Properly scaling and installing wells reduces the leachate flow by as much as 40 percent.

We feel that injecting the leachate into a well at Alba is a very bad idea because the science indicates that it could affect the Lake Charlevoix watershed, and possibly other watersheds, in the long term.

We feel that the problem should be handled on-site.

Therefore we have passed the following resolution: WATCH is opposed to the Alba injection well.

The CKD piles under the golf course should be capped and up-gradient diversion wells should be installed as was done in the East Park.

This should be done in a timely manner.

The Petoskey waste water treatment plant should be upgraded to handle the leachate and reduce the mercury and other heavy metals from entering the bay.

This should also be done in a timely manner.

Bill Henne
president of WATCH

WINE LOVERS BEWARE

Editor:

I work for a wine retailer in Madison Heights.

The vast majority of our business consists of us delivering wine to our clients. Our Madison Heights team has developed sound relationships with clients all over Michigan, and we are proud that we can personally cater to our clients' tastes and their budgets when we make suggestions to them. It is this localized, personal touch to Michigan consumers that gives us a leg up over out of state wine retailers and out of state wineries.

The first week of December, the Michigan House of Representatives will likely vote on House Bill 6644.

Supported by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the Michigan Wine and Beer Wholesalers Association, this bill would make it illegal for my Michigan-licensed wine company, and other Michigan wine retailers, to deliver wine to our Michigan customers.

The aforementioned advocates of this bill claim that this is the only way to stop minors from purchasing wine for delivery online, in spite of there not being one known instance of a minor successfully purchasing wine from an out of state retail wine shipper in any of the dozens of states that allow the deliveries.

To penalize actual local retailers due to a phantom risk posed by out-of-state retailers seems foolhardy and misguided.

The practical ramifications of House Bill 6644 passing would be catastrophic for my company, as well as hundreds of other wine retailers and catering companies. We would be forced to employ less delivery drivers, warehouse workers, and even customer service reps. During this particularly trying holiday season, the Michigan State House of Representatives would be better served considering a bill that can create more jobs, not one that is certain to take jobs away.

Rick Wolfe
Madison Heights

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Eagle Scout AWARD

COURTESY PHOTO

Casey Riley, a 15-year-old scout of Charlavoix Boy Scout Troop 11 and Venture Crew 11, was presented the Eagle Scout Award on Nov. 9. Fellow Scouts, family and friends attended the caremony held in the Community Rooms of the Charlevoix Public Library. Scoutmaster Tim May presented Riley with an Eagla Scout plaque, patch and engraved pockat watch. To obtain the rank of Eagla Scout must aarn 21 required badges and 10 non-required badges. At least 100 hours of work must be documanted toward the Eagla Projact. Rilay's Project was complatad at tha First Baptist Church of Charlevoix. Irrigation was installad across the parking lot of tha church. A concrete dumpstar pad with an arborvitaa cage was planted around the dumpster to seclude it from view. His project complated the landscaping at the first Baptist church, which was done in phases, with other Troop 11 Eagle projects. Casey Riley, son of Denise Riley, is a sophomore at Northwest Academy in Charlevoix. His brother, Dan Riley, has also achieved the rank of Eagla Scout.

Thanksgiving Day dinner

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Pictured are just a few of the volunteers who helped at this year's Community Thanksgiving Day dinner. Almost 200 people were served—double last years number. Nearly 40 volunteers worked with the Community Reformed Church to make this avent possible.

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Boss Anniversary

Kenneth J. Boss and Myrna Rae Veenstra were married Nov. 8, 1958 at the Charlevoix Church of God by the Rev. George Majors. Their residence is at 203 Alice St., Charlevoix and have lived in this area life long. Kenneth was employed at Puff's of Petoskey and Myrna worked for Dr. Martin as a nurse at the Charlevoix Public School.

Their children are Scott and Cindy Boss of Charlevoix, Brenda and Randy Wilson of Pendleton, IN, and Cindy and Joe Powers of Grayling. They have nine grandchildren.

A November 30 Anniversary party was held to celebrate Kenneth and Myrna Boss' 50th anniversary. The party was from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Reformed Church and hosted by their children.

NWA Christmas concert

Northwest Academy to celebrate holidays with music at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

The Northwest Academy Bands, Strings and General Music classes will be presenting holiday music. Young aspiring vocalists from grades Kindergarten through sixth will be performing under the direction of Don Neidert.

The string classes will also present some selections suitable to the time of year.

The Beginning Band which is made up of students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be the first group to show off their new found talents on traditional band wind and percussion instruments.

Their final number will also feature the intermediate band as the two groups share the stage and perform together.

The intermediate Band which is made up of 7th and 8th grade students will continue with the selections that they will present to honor this special time of year.

This band will be joined by the Advanced Band and the two groups will perform a song that offers many of the favorites of the season and the audience will be invited to join in a "sing along" that will be sure to be an evening favorite.

The Advanced Band which features grades seven through 12 will then take the stage and present many new selections that will be sure to please the audience and leave everyone with a song in their hearts.

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Computer Basics I
Wednesdays, December 3 & 10, 10:30 am—Noon
For people new to the computer, this class starts at the absolute beginning, and it's not one bit scary! Pre-register @ 237-7340.

Story Time
Thursday, December 4, 10:30 am
Birth – age 5
Join others for stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and fun!

Open Mic Night
Thursday, December 4, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Come share your talents or come to listen to others. Open to all with music, dance or stories to share.

Gamernoons
Friday, December 5, 3:00 - 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
Try out one of the new games: Need for Speed Underground II or Crash Bandicoot: Twinsanity or go back to the tried and true of Guitar Hero or DDR – the choice is yours!

Twilight Saga Lock-In
Friday, December 5, 7:00-11:00 pm
Come dressed as your favorite character from Stephanie Meyer's popular series. Teens will get to listen to the movie soundtrack while eating Italian food and wedding cake; enter a wolf howling contest; and end the night by watching the movie Van Helsing. Pre-register at: 237-7350.

Learn to Play the Guitar
Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Now is your chance to learn to play the guitar in this interactive workshop. Bring your own guitar or use a baritone ukulele brought by the instructor, Robin Lee Berry. For all ages, $5 registration fee, call 237-7340.

JATL: Jazz @ the Library
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OBITUARIES

Gail L. Smith: April 24, 1941 - November 23, 2008

Gail L. Smith, 67, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, at her home in Charlevoix.

Funeral was 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where friends may met the family from 1 p.m. until the time of the funeral.

The Reverend Michael Arp officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Gail was born April 24, 1941, in Detroit to Samuel and Vera (Campbell) Kelly.

She moved with her family to Charlevoix in 1946, and was a 1959 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Gail married Gary D. Smith on Feb. 6, 1960, in Ellsworth.

From 1964 to 1972, she worked as a cook at the Charlevoix A&W.

Gail retired in1996, after working for 17 years as a custodian for Charlevoix Public Schools.

She attended the Bible Baptist Church on May Street in Charlevoix.

Gail was an avid gardener, loved to cook and take care of her family.

She was especially proud of her Irish heritage.

Gail is survived by her husband Gary D. of Charlevoix; daughters, Kathleen (Brian VanStembrouck) Leitner of Charlevoix, Karen (Stanford, Jr.) Follette of Mt. Pleasant; son, Kyle (Shannon) Smith of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Gary, Darick(Bobbie), and Ryan Leitner; Adam and Samuel Follette; Logan, Taylor, and Kelsey Smith; brothers, Don Kelly, and Delbert (Mary Ann) Kelly of Charlevoix, Paul (Della) Kelly of Arizona.

Gail's daughter Koreen preceded her in death in 1993, and her sister Beverly McClanaghan in 2008.

DEATH NOTICE

Jean Hanley Smith Sager, 93, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Indianapolis and Petoskey, died Nov. 14 in Charlevoix. Service is noon, Dec. 3, at St. Mary Church. Visitation 11 a.m. at Winchester Funeral Home. Burial in Indianapolis.

Betty J. Hodgkinson, 76, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 26 in Charlevoix. Burial in Greenwood Cemetary, Petoskey.

MENSA scholarships available

Each year, the American Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) makes available more than $60,000 in regional and national scholarship funds.

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Applicants must be citizens or residents of the United States and planning to enroll in a degree program at an accredited institution of higher learning in Fall of 2009. Membership in Mensa is not a requirement in this scholarship contest, nor is there any age requirement. The competition ends on Jan. 15, 2009, and all essays must be submitted by that date to be eligible for consideration. For more details, those interested should go online to www.nmm.us.mensa.org and click on Scholarships. Alternatively, applicants can phone (231) 275-6735 for more information.

NCMC scholarships up for grabs

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All candidates from NCMC must be nominated by the faculty representative, Erick Haight. Contact him at (231) 348-6648.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6410**

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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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Evening Service	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

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203 E. Upright

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m
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In addition to recognizing the exiting Board members, the Chamber would like to introduce to you the 2009 Board members: Pat McKeown Sr, Pat McKeown Ford Lincoln Mercury; Kim Swidorski, Harbor Industries Inc; Alicia Mosher, Prudential Preferred Properties; Mark Greyerbiehl, Ace Hardware; Tom Conlan, Belvedere Golf Club; Dave Kurchinski, Michigan Officeways; Mike Hinkle, Charlevoix State Bank; Elizabeth Rich, Harbor View Café and Villa Modeme Motel; and Chris Turkelson from Hayes, Turkelson, & Groat.

Coming Soon -Charlevoix's 2nd Annual Flurry Fest

'Tis the season! Get in the spirit of the season and join the festivities at the 2nd Annual Flurry Fest under the Bridge Street tent on Saturday, December 6th. There will be activities for the entire family to enjoy! It is an all day event featuring the Merchant Holiday Open House, a visit from Santa Claus at 12:00pm, followed by a free holiday movie at 1pm, and live music from 3-7pm. Bands performing are local favorites including Tuba Christmas, North Country String Band, and the Petoskey Steel Drum Band. Not to mention a competition for Charlevoix's best hot chocolate and a special visit from Santa's reindeer will be taking place. Additional activities on Bridge Street and East Park include an appearance by Mt. McSauba's new groomer, snowboard demonstrations, and tours of the City of Charlevoix emergency vehicles. So come downtown to the Bridge Street tent to enjoy live music, roasted chestnuts, and the spirit of the season!

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It's your choice! The Chamber is now accepting nominations for the awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting. These include the following:

- OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD -The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual who, over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents, and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live.

- AMBASSADOR AWARD -This award recognizes an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix Community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs.

- CHAIRMAN'S AWARD (Formerly PRESIDENT'S AWARD) -This award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time and/or resources to help the Chamber of Commerce. The Chairman of the Board selects this person with approval by the Board of Directors. Please contact the Chamber at 547.2101 or manager@charelvoix.org with your nominations by Thursday, December 4th.

Stay Informed with Legislative Action Alerts

The importance of an informed citizenry – and in this case, an informed chamber member – is vital for keeping on top of ever changing laws, regulations, and proposed state and federal legislation. Being informed is one thing, but the next step is doing something with this knowledge and being able to take action.

The need for chamber members to communicate with elected leaders becomes increasingly important when legislation is being debated that will impact their bottom line. The Government Relations Division will be sending special email action alerts to chamber members on critical issues so the voice of northwest Michigan business is heard by contacting legislators in Lansing and Washington, DC.

Action Alerts are available only to chamber members, so email your name, business name and address, along with the email addresses to Jamie Callahan in the Government Relations Division at jamie@tcchamber.org or jamie@northwestmichiganbusiness.com to receive these alerts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Dec 04	Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Holly Daze, 5:30 pm, Castle Farms
Dec 05	First Friday Biz Breakfast, 7:30am, Grey Gables Restaurant
Dec 06	Charlevoix Christmas Open House (Community Wide) & Downtown Flurry Fest
Dec 10	Jazz at the Library –Holiday Concert, 7pm, Charlevoix Public Library
Dec 12	North Central Michigan College Luncheon Lecture Series, 12:00 pm, NCMC
Dec 12	BIGGEST, Little Christmas Party, 6pm – 12am, Castle Farms
Dec 13	Friske's Christmas Celebration, 9am – 3pm, Friske Orchards
Dec 13	Santa is Coming to the Castle!, 11am – 1pm, Castle Farms
Dec 13	Esperance Saturday Open House, 12-5pm, Esperance
Dec 15	Alliance Office Hours, 10-11am, Chamber of Commerce
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Fresh Christmas trees are festive and fragrant

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Deputy Director Gordon Wenk joined Marsha Gray, Executive Director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association recently to celebrate the start of the fresh Christmas tree season in Michigan

"Thanksgiving weekend marks the unofficial beginning of the holiday season," said Wenk. "I encourage residents to select a real Michigan Christmas tree - - a fresh, high quality tree benefits the environment, supports local farmers, and Michigan's economy."

Michigan produces and sells more than a dozen tree varieties on a wholesale level -- more varieties than any other state. Our state has approximately 42,000 acres in commercial Christmas tree production, with an annual farm gate value of over $41 million. The top six counties, Missaukee, Oceana, Wexford, Montcalm, Allegan, and Manistee, account for

just over 50 percent of the Michigan's total Christmas tree acreage.

The industry also generates an additional $1.3 million in sales of wreaths, cut boughs, garland, and other cut greens.

"Many family holiday traditions include a trip to a Christmas tree farm this time of year to choose and cut the perfect tree," said Gray. "Michigan ranks third in the nation in the number of Christmas trees harvested, supplying approximately 3 million fresh Christmas trees to the national market each year."

After the holidays, there are many uses for recycled real Christmas trees. Many communities chip the trees and use the chippings for mulch, hiking trails, playground areas, animal stalls, or landscaping. Whole trees are recycled for an even greater variety of uses: river shoreline stabilization, sand dune erosion prevention, marshland sedimentation, fish habitat, winter garden decorations, wild bird feeders, even hazardous chemical clean-ups.

For more information on Michigan's Christmas tree industry or to find a Christmas tree farm in your area, visit MDA's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mda or contact the Michigan Christmas Tree Association at 800-589-TREE or at www.mcta.org.

Michigan Christmas Tree Facts & Tips:

Christmas trees typically take seven to ten years to grow to a harvestable size. By planting new trees for a holiday season seven to 10 years in the future, farmers are establishing an environment that produces oxygen, reduces wind and water erosion, improves water filtration into soil, filters sediment from rainfall, and provides a

habitat for wildlife. Real Christmas trees also absorb carbon dioxide, which helps counteract possible greenhouse gas effects.

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The climate, soils and topography of Michigan permit the production of many popular species of Christmas trees. The top Christmas tree species

in Michigan is Scotch Pine. The three other leading species are Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir and Colorado Blue Spruce.

Consider these tips when purchasing a pre-cut tree or cutting your own:

- Look for a well-shaped tree with few bare spots;
- The tree should be fragrant, not musty;
- The needles should be green and have good retention; shake the tree to allow brown interior needles to fall out, green needles should

not fall off a healthy tree;

- Store the tree in a cool, sheltered area to protect it from the
- elements until it is brought inside and decorated.

In addition, to help keep trees fresh throughout the holiday season and prevent Christmas-tree related fires:

- Make a straight cut across the trunk base and place the tree in a stand filled with at least one gallon of fresh water. Expect a freshly-cut Christmas tree will absorb up to one gallon of water the first day.
- Keep trees watered with at least one quart of water daily to maintain fragrance and beauty. A watered tree not only looks better but also is more fire resistant. If the water level in the tree stand drops below the end of the tree stump, a layer of sap can form over the cut stump in just a few hours, making it impossible for the tree to absorb water.
- Place trees away from heat sources such as fireplaces, televisions and radiators.
- Check tree lights to ensure that they are consumer-inspected (UL-listed or Factory Mutual-approved).
- Inspect lights and cords before hanging them to ensure they are in good working order and fault-free.
- Remember to unplug tree lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

BE CAREFUL *when hanging Christmas lights*

As the holiday season gets under way, Detroit Edison reminds customers that a quick check of electric lights and decorations before installation can provide peace of mind and a safe holiday season

"Safety should be the first priority when installing holiday lights," said Larry Kaufman, DTE Energy's energy efficiency expert. "Just because lights worked effectively last year does not mean that they shouldn't be inspected this year. A few minutes spent checking cords and plugs for potential hazards reduces the possibility of a fire."

Every year, tragedy strikes during the holiday season when house fires start because of faulty or damaged electrical cords and improper use of electrical outlets and electrical decorations. Home decorators should use lights only as directed by the manufacturer. Lights should be thrown away if they have frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked or missing insulation.

Check for the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label before stringing lights and setting up other decorations. This label indicates the product has been tested by UL engineers for foreseeable safety hazards such as fire and electric shock. Remember also to check the color of the UL label. Indoor-use only light strings are marked with the UL's green holographic label, and light strings for indoor and outdoor use have the UL's red holographic label.

With so many different types of electrical holiday decorations currently on the market, it is important to read the safety, use and care instructions provided with each holiday lighting package and store these instructions with the decorations for reference the following year.

Seasonal lighting is an inexpensive way to put a sparkle in the holidays. Most lights cost from less than one cent to 7.5 cents per string to operate for six hours, depending on the wattage. For lights that blink on and off, the cost is halved. New LED holiday lights are on the market now that can cut lighting costs even more.

In addition to visually inspecting electrical holiday decorations, Detroit Edison offers the following tips so everyone can enjoy safer holidays:

Indoor lighting

· Do not overload electrical circuits.

Do not use more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord

Do not insert new bulbs or change fuses when light sets are plugged in

Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture and drapes.

· Turn off decorative lights before you go to bed or leave home.

· Make sure household smoke detectors are working properly

Outdoor lighting

· When hanging lights around your roofline or in trees, be sure to survey the area for overhead power lines and maintain at least a 20-foot distance.

· Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.

· Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them

Do not run electrical cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

For added protection, plug outdoor lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

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MDOT seeks public comment

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is seeking public comment on its draft 2009-2013 Five Year Transportation Program.

Comments should be e-mailed to MDOT Five-Year Program@michigan.gov before Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The draft 2009-2013 Five Year Transportation Program is available on the MDOT Web site at: www.michigan.gov/mdot5yearplan.

The Five Year Transportation Program, a continuous, interactive dialogue with the department's customers and stakeholders, has become the anchor of MDOT's project development and delivery systems. Each year, a new fifth year is added and program/project adjustments are made to the previous four years.

Duo donates to replace Rex

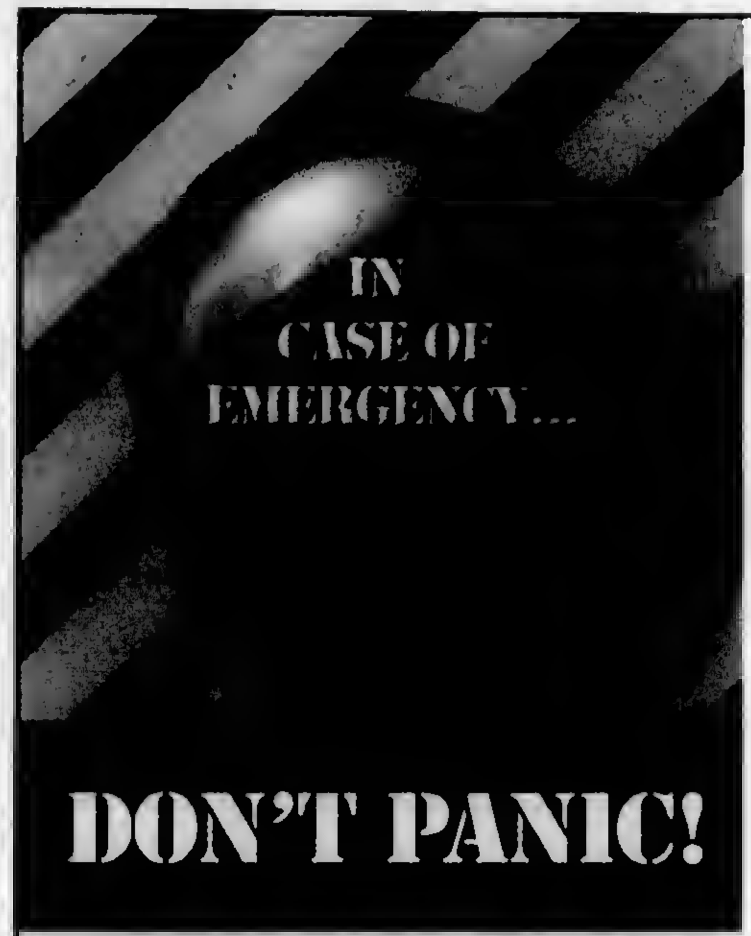
Donation to replace the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit Rex who recently died of cancer

Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that two fourth graders from Boyne City Elementary School took it upon themselves to have a cookie bake sale at the Boyne City Glen's this weekend to raise money to help pay for the replacement of the Sheriff's Office K-9 dog "Rex" who recently died of cancer.

The girls raised $204.72 for the Sheriff's Office fund to replace "Rex."

The fourth graders from Boyne City Elementary School were: Alysse Whittet, age 10 and Emma Vondra, age 9.

Sheriff George T. Lasater states this is typical of Charlevoix County residents who get involved when there is a need and these young ladies reflect the overall positive community involvement and attitude.



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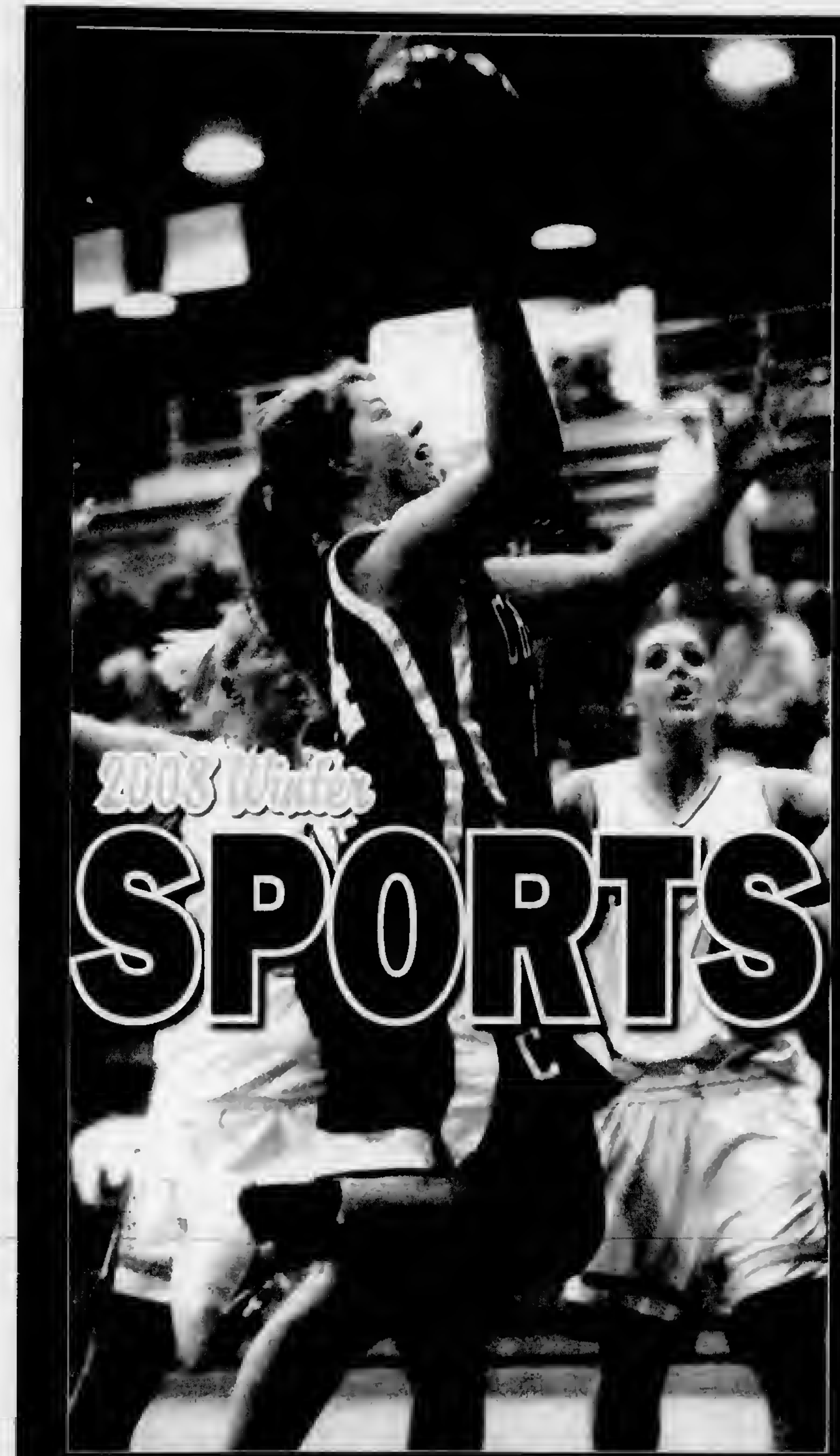

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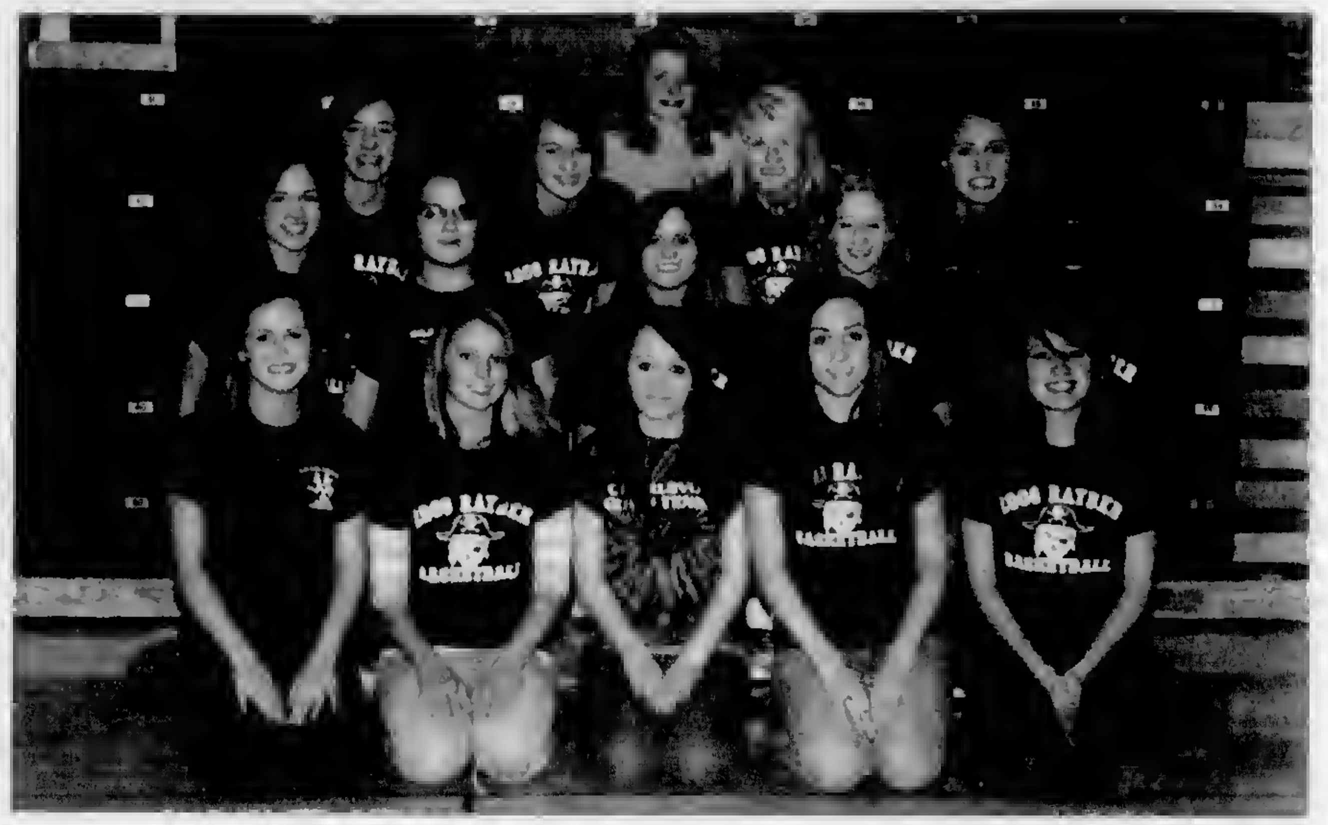
Cheerleading & Wrestling TEAMS

Cheerleading



The Charlevoix Rayder cheerleaders hope to make history again.

According to cheer coach Erin Nickel, her 16 girls aim to win the conference championship for the second year in a row.

"We're really big this year, but we have a lot of work to to because of the different experience levels," Nickel said. "They're doing a great job and it means so much to them."

Nickel's squad is made up of 15 girls and one alternate.

"We're scheduled for 12 meets," she said. "We'll be traveling to tournaments in the U.P. And as far south as Harrison."

The Rayder cheerleaders will be hosting the Lake Michigan Conference in February.

The cheerleaders met in Boyne City last week for their first contest of the year.

"We anticipate a lot of competition out of our league," Nickel said. "Bellaire is a team my girls admire so we like to play with Bellaire and those strong teams."

She added, "We try to beat each other, but in a really friendly way."

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FRONT ROW (left to right): **Rechel Nuttell, Kelsey DeCoster, Erike Smith, Lindsy Lawey, Alena Purvis. MIDDLE ROW** (left to right): **Hallie Belfy, Ceitlin Bryant, Hallie Bills, Amber Trudeeu, Ella Kilgore. BACK ROW** (left to right): **Madison Alden, Jordan Dixon, Annie Dipert, Carley Price, Karinne Smolenyak.**

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FRONT (left to right): **Curtis Russell, Myles Kerr. MIDDLE ROW** (left to right): **Chris Kela, Ryan Penfold, Met Golovich, Zeke Daman, Austin Devries, Alex Weha. BACK** (left to right): **heed coech Creig Golovich, manager Chentel Novotny, Matt Levens, Jecob Roach, Chris Levens, Cley Heise, essistant coach Rip Henkina, essistent coach JD Pop.**

Wrestling

Change is the name of the game this year in politics and sports.

Changing the way his team wrestles is necessary to the Rayder wrestling team's survival, according to coach Craig Golovich.

"Take-downs is the game now," he said. "If you can take a guy down and escape from the bottom, that's all it takes to win today."

Despite having only two seniors this year, Golovich's team is stacked with younger athletes who have been wrestling for years.

The addition of the a wrestling clinic given by Olympic wrestler Roy Hall has, Golovich said, is helping his athletes understand why they do many of the things they do.

"He's (taken) Davison to nine titles in 13 years, and they're Division 1," he said. "The wrestling's changing so much and I'm trying to catch up with it. If you go downstate and see how high school kids wrestle, it's a lot different. The competition is so tough and a take-down will win a state meet."

Assistant coaches J.D. Pop and Rip Hankins will be helping Golovich ready his team for what he expects to be stiff competition from wrestlers from Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis.

Team captains Mat Golovich and Zeke Daman are expected to do well this year, coach Golovich said, so long as the two remain healthy.

"They gotta stay healthy. I've had too many of them at the end of the eyar get hurt and that's all it takes to take you out of a competition," he said. "I expect them both to be at the state tournament this eyar."

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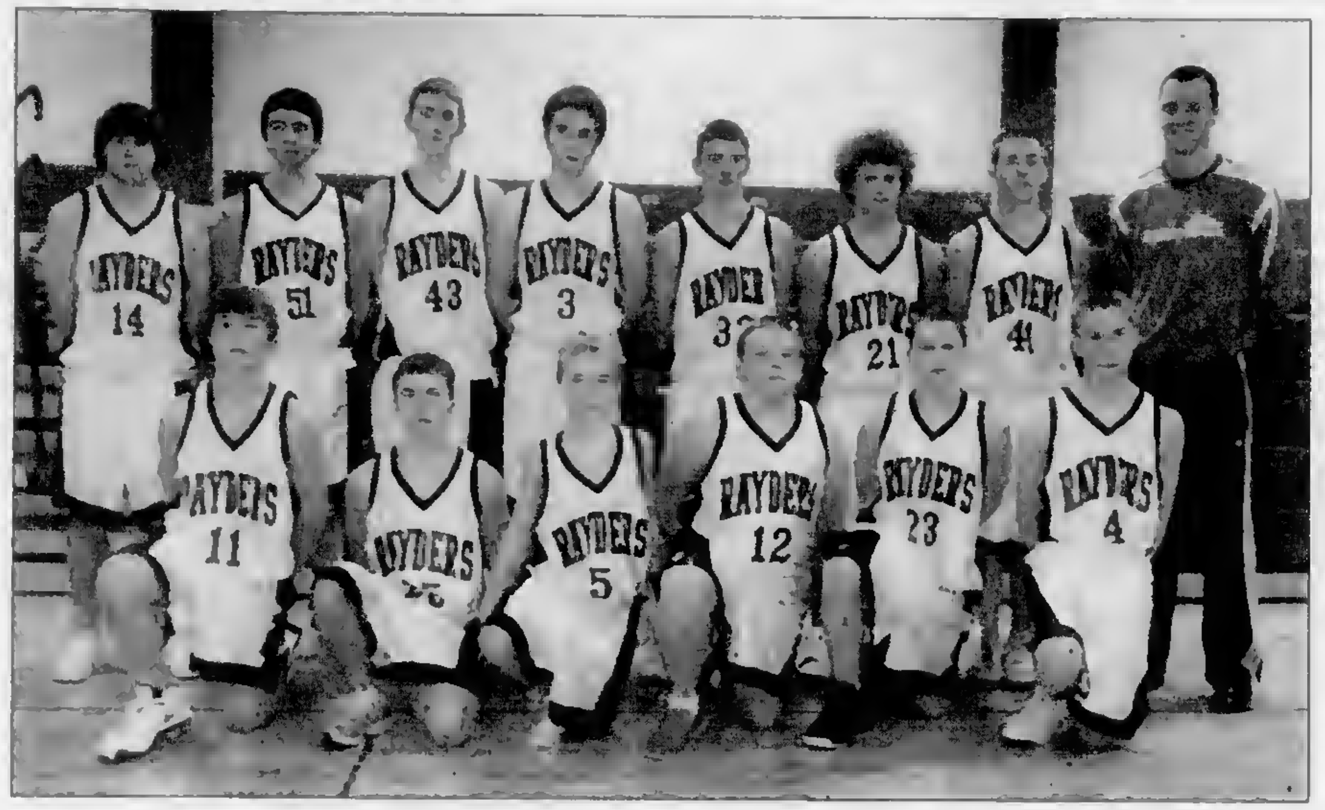

Freshman boys' basketball

FRONT (left to right): **Andrew Potter, River Geuthler, Isaac Klooster, Nolan Ager, Merc Durkee, Jessie Drost. BACK** (left to right): **Jordan Jones, Coby Herrlman, Matthew Batdorff, Zach Stringer, Will Jeakle, Jake McClean, Mathew Denise.**

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Freshman girls' basketball

FRONT (left to right): **Molly Jeekle, Meddie Zimmermen, Jana Balasz, Chelsea Hoffmen, Anna Moon. BACK** (left to right): **Mercedes Schmidt, Emily White, Lauran Bertling, Nicole Pischner, Kristen Cole, Amende Bromen. LAST ROW** (left to right): **coech Todd Klinger.**

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JV boys' basketball

FRONT (left to right): **Ty Wilhelm, T.J. Currier, Matthew Klooster, Will Larsen. BACK** (left to right): **Joa Filipiak, Dylan Putman, Matt Murray, Wade Werth, Thomas Rich, Boog Nitchman, coach Bryan Hawkins.**

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JV girls' basketball

FRONT ROW (left to right): **Lynzia Gotshall, Danielle Barron. MIDDLE ROW** (left to right): **Hannah Hybl, Emily Mielke, Taylor Smith, Katie Mays. BACK** (left to right): **Jenna Way, Megan Peters, Kelly Greyerbiehl, Kelsey Way**

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Varsity Boys' BASKETBALL

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FRONT (left to right): **Jeeb Doebel, Andrew Plude, Casey Helstrom, Jon Putman, Scott Silberhorn, Clayton Mitchell, Keegan LaBlance. BACK** (left to right): **Rex VanPolt, Tyler Jones, Collin McDonough, Brock Yenglin, Justin Friske, Bill Ivan, Thomas Parrish, Ben Myers.**

Boys' basketball

Though still in practices and deciding final cuts last week, varsity boys' basketball coach Keith Haske has a good feeling about this year's team.

The Rayder boys come back to work following a strong 22-3 season with a tough loss in the first game of regionals to McBain.

"We have eight seniors coming back, so we have a very solid core group of kids," Haske said. "These kids have played together all these years and they just do a great job of knowing what each other's going to do, and I know basketball is very important to them and it means a lot."

Returning seniors include Thomas Parrish, Justin Friske, Weston Bryan, Brock Yenglin, John Putman, Colin McDonough and Scott Silberhorn.

"I think we'll go where those guys take us," Haske said. "Our kids work hard in practice and that does pay off."

According to Haske, escaping the hype some other teams enjoy can actually work to his advantage.

"Traverse City St. Francis has been ranked number one in the state in the preseason polls," he said. "It's great for once not having everyone putting pressure on you, but they also have great kids or they wouldn't be ranked number one."

Haske added, "I'm tremendously excited. I really like our seniors and our younger kids. They give us additional depth and help us continue on with what we've been doing in Charlevoix for several years."

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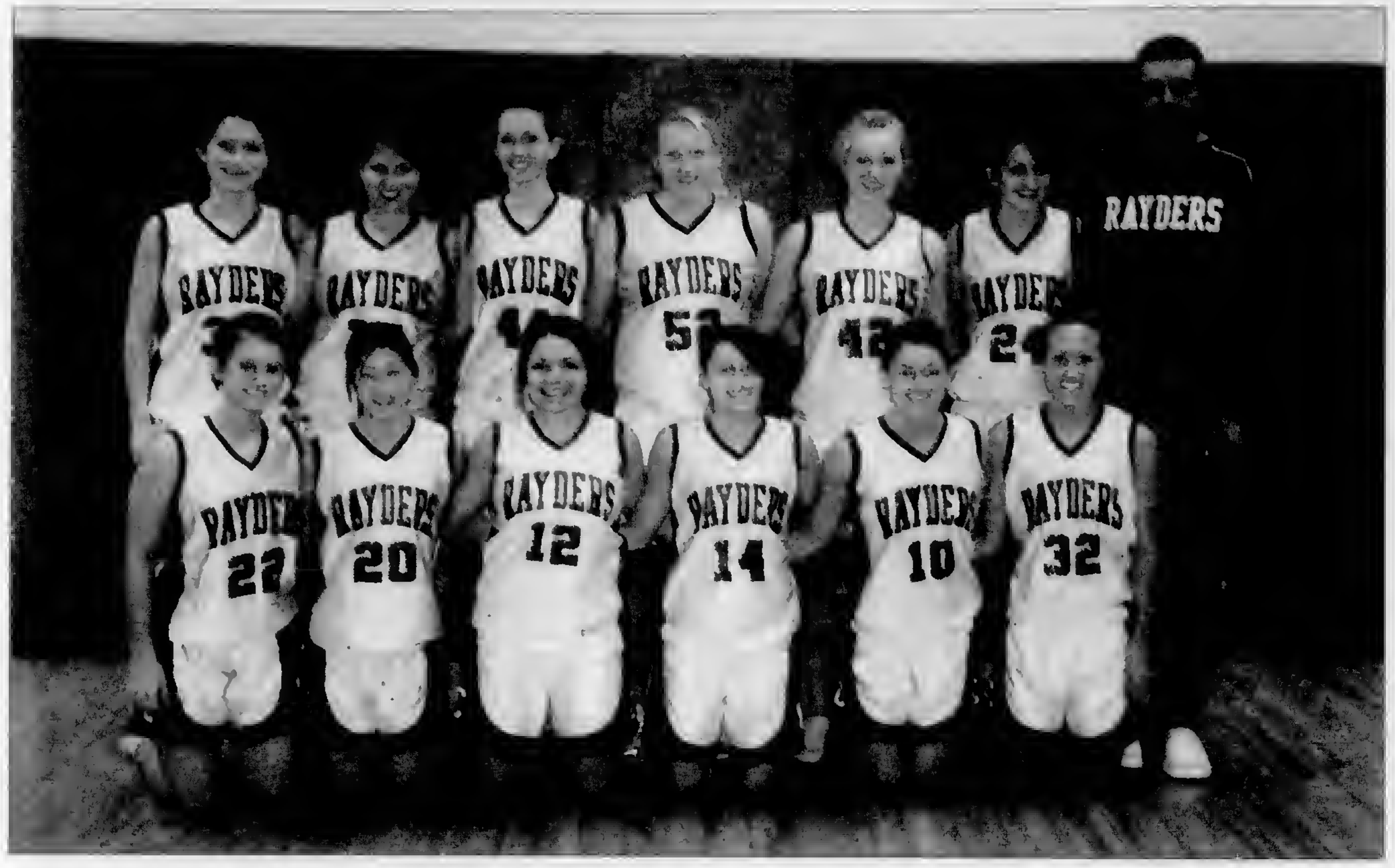

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FRONT (left to right): Olivia Catt, Chelsey Haska, Ericka Faust, Alyssa Smith, Taylor Storm, Madison Way. BACK (left to right): K.C. McCary, Meridith Rich, Bridget Paters, Tammy Potter, Sarah Pottar, Shauna Spencley, and coach Brat Erskina.

Girls' varsity basketball

With eight seniors and four juniors, Brett Erskine's Rayder girls' varsity basketball team is down a couple players from last year.

And, Erskine said, his players will have to give their all to make it to regionals again.

"We're just going to be working on a lot of pressure defense this year and trying to turn the ball over to get those easy baskets," he said. "We'll try our best and see what happens the same as we do every year."

With an influx of new coaches in the league, Erskine is certain his girls will face some high-energy teams.

"Our league is always tough and we should see some pretty good competitive teams," he said.

Some top players on Erskine's roster include Tammy Potter, Shauna Spencley, Meredith Rich and KC McCary.

"These kids are going to have a great year," Erskine said. "They're just doing really well so far and the other girls are falling into line. We'll just keep getting better and the plan is to peak at the end of the year when we get into the tournament."

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Charlevoix - East Jordan SKI TEAM

FRONT (left to right): Luke Hawley, Varun Archarya. SECOND ROW (left to right): Alexandria Lobenherz, Amanda Fritsch, Emily Bajko, Ellen Boyer. THIRD ROW(left to right): coach Sue Miller, Anna Moon, Jenna Kirby, Joe Hidakastu, Christina Russell. BACK (left to right): Paul Stolt, Tanner Fisher, Justin Williams, Brian Shutler, Jordan Hagen, and coach Steve Pirie.

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Skiing

With nearly half the Charlevoix-East Jordan co-ed downhill ski team returning, coach Sue Miller is optimistic her team will do well.

"I've got a lot of experience and some new kids," she said. "Granted, we haven't been on the snow yet, but I have great attitudes and the kids all get along and we have a great team."

Miller added, "We're looking forward to a good year."

This year's team is a fairly even mix of boys and girls—the girls having gone to state-level competition last year.

"Our mission is just to have the athletes become better skiers, better teammates and just to enjoy the sport," Miller said. "Obviously our goal is to go to state finals, but there's always big things, little things, tactics, techniques that we have to work on until then, and every athlete is different."

Miller looks forward to strong competition by Boyne City and Petoskey, but added that the entire league has great teams.

"I'm excited; especially with the early snow," she said.

The first race is Jan. 6 in Boyne Highlands for the Petoskey Invitational.

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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Keith Haske
Varsity Assistant Coach: Dr. Jim Gels
Junior Varsity Head Coach: Bryan Hawkins

December 12	Friday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey Invitational (Vs. Grand Haven)
December 13	Saturday	TBA	AT Petoskey Invitational
December 16	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling (JV @ CMS)
December 18	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Benzie Central
December 19	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling (Varsity)
January 6	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
January 8	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
January 13	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Gaylord
January 15	Thursday	4:30 6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
January 22	Thursday	4:15 6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
January 26	Monday	4:15 6:00pm	HERE Cheboygan
January 28	Wednesday	4:15 6:00pm	AT East Jordan
January 30	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
February 6	Friday	6:00pm	AT Grayling
February 11	Wednesday	4:15 6:00pm	AT T.C. St. Francis
February 13	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
February 20	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
February 25	Wedneday	4:15 6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
February 27	Friday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
March 3	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
March 5	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey
March 9-11-13	M-W-F		MHSAA Districts
March 16-18	M-W		MHSAA Regional
March 24	Tuesday		MHSAA Quarter-Finals
March 26-28	Th-Sat		MHSAA Semi-Finals and Finals

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Coach: Erin Nickel

November 25	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
December 13	Saturday	TBA	AT Harrison
December 16	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
January 7	Monday	TBA	AT Manistique
January 22	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
January 29	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Gaylord
February 10	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
February 11	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE LMC Championship
February 18	Wednesday	TBA	AT T.C. West
February 21	Saturday		DISTRICTS AT East Jordan
February 28	Saturday		REGIONALS AT Sparta
March 6-7	Fri-Sat		FINALS

GIRLS JV/VARSITY BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Bret Erskine
Junior Varsity Coach: Leslie Hoffman

December 2	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Frankfort
December 4	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Cheboygan
December 6	Saturday	4:00pm	AT Kingsley NWC - LMC Challenge
December 12	Friday	4:15 6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
December 16	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling (JV)
December 19	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling (Varsity)
January 7	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT St. Ignace
January 9	Friday	6:00pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
January 12	Monday	6:00pm	AT Gaylord
January 16	Friday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
January 23	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
January 27	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
January 29	Thursday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
February 3	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
February 5	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Grayling (JV)
February 6	Friday	6:00pm	AT Grayling (Varsity)
February 10	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT T.C. St. Francis
February 12	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
February 17	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
February 19	Thursday	4:15 6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
February 24	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
February 26	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Petoskey
March 2-4-6	M-W-F		MHSAA District @ East Jordan
March 10-12	Tue-Th		MHSAA Regional @ Indian River - Inland Lakes
March 17	Tuesday		MHSAA Quarter-Finals @ Petoskey
March 19-21	Th-Sat		MHSAA Semi-Finals and Finals

CHARLEVOIX/EAST JORDAN SKIING

Coach: Sue Miller

January 6	Tuesday	10:00am	Petoskey/Harbor Springs Invitational at Boyne Highlands
January 8	Thursday		Boyne Mt. (BC/EJ/CHX/GRAY)
January 13	Tuesday	2:00pm	Holiday Hills (TCSF/ER)
January 22	Thursday		Boyne Mt. (BC/EJ/CHX/GRAY)
January 29	Thursday		Nubs Nob (HS/ER/TCSF)
January 31	Saturday	5:00pm	Boyne Mt. (BC/EJ/CHX)
February 2	Monday	10:00am	Manistee Invitational at Crystal Mt.
February 5	Thursday		LMC Make-up TBA
February 12	Thursday	All Day	MHSAA REGIONALS @ Nub's Nob
Feburary 17	Tuesday		LMC Championship @ Boyne Highlands
February 23	Monday	All Day	MHSAA STATE FINALS @ Marquette

VARSITY WRESTLING

Coach: Craig Golovich

December 3	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT Onaway w/Mancelona
December 6	Saturday	10:00am	AT Mancelona Invitational
December 8	Monday	5:30pm	AT Cheboygan w/Houghton Lake & St. Ignace
December 11	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City w/Elk Rapids
December 13	Saturday	9:30am	AT Manton Invitational
December 17	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE Gray & Elk Rapids
December 19	Friday	2:30pm	AT Rudyard - "Bridge Brawl"
December 30	Tuesday	9:00am	AT Alpena Invitational
January 8	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska & Ogemaw Hts
January 14	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT T.C. St. Francis & Boyne City
January 17	Saturday	9:00am	HERE Charlevoix Takedown
January 22	Thursday	1:30pm	HERE Grayling & T.C. St. Francis
January 29	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska & T.C. Central JV
January 31	Saturday	10:00am	AT Gaylord Invitational
February 7	Saturday	9:00am	HERE LMC Championship
February 14	Saturday	8:00am	AT Petoskey Invitational
February 18-19	Wed-Th		TEAM DISTRICTS
February 21	Saturday		INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS
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1:00 – 3:00 PM
Children's free movie The Polar Express at Charlevoix Cinema sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and Charlevoix Cinema – bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry for admission.

3:00 – 7:00 PM
Hot chocolate contest featuring local eateries under the heated big tent on Bridge Street. Purchase a limited edition Flurry Fest mug sponsored by Bingham Insurance Services.

Music under the tent featuring local musicians like The North Country String Band sponsord by Charlevoix Ace Harware and back by popular demand – the Petoskey Steel Drum Band sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank and Lite 96 FM!

5:00 – 7:00 PM
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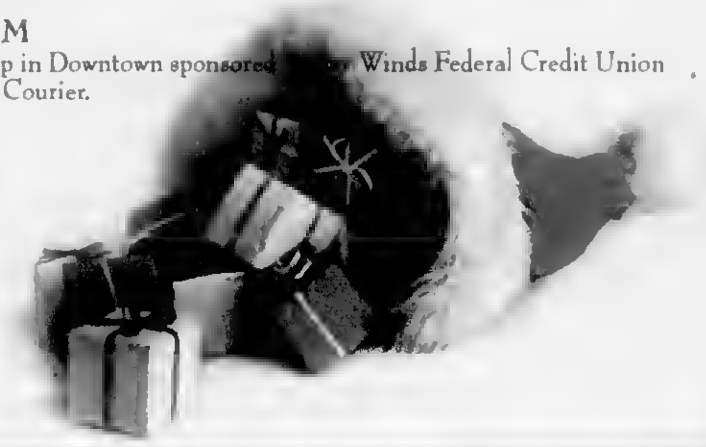

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Fourth Annual Holiday Art Bazaar

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The Crooked Tree Arts Center is gearing up for its Fourth Annual Holiday Art Bazaar. More than 80 local artisans will fill both galleries at CTAC full of items for holiday shopper. The bazaar is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 28 with a wine and hors d' oeuvres reception with free gift wrapping, music and holiday cheer. CTAC members are welcome beginning at 5 p.m. and the bazaar is open to the general public beginning at 6:30. The bazaar lasts through Dec. 23. The galleries will be open three Sundays in December for holiday shopping. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 7, for a tea tasting; at 3 p.m., Dec. 14, Anonymous 4 performs a concert; from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the galleries will be open; for last-minute shopping the gallery will be open from noon to 4 p.m., Dec. 21. Call 347-4337 for more information. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell St. Visit www.crookedtree.org.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix athletes among soccer greats

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NorthStar Soccer Club's U18 Girls Premier team was recently named the 2008 Michigan State Premier League's Premier 2 Division Champions. The team finished its season undefeated (6-0-2) scoring 22 goals and allowing only four. Team members include Leah Beemer, Julie Doherty, Helene Dryden, Kelsey Kuhn, Jessice Lang, Sere Lang, KC McCary of Charlevoix, Kelysa McKeon, Cerly Moore, Chelsea Moyer, Kali Moyer, Michelle Ness, Jenny Pierick, Meridith Rich of Charlevoix, Kelly Ritsema, Kelly Wendels, Lorin Zelinski and coach Steva Taylor.

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Dean Spencley (on left) pictured with his best friend Patrick Faust shot this nine-point buck in Charlevoix on opening day. It won the buck pole at Dunhams in Petoskey with an 18-and-a-half inch inside spread, a 20-and-five-eights inch outside spread and weighed 160 pounds.

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There shall be a meeting of the duly elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates. The purpose of this convention is to elect the county Republican officers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Charlevoix County Republican Party follows the Charlevoix County Convention.

For further information contact chairman John E. Haggard at 547-6634.

Thinking about starting your own business?

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 08006147-NA
PETITION NO. 08000012

IN THE MATTER OF:
Nora Kay Vargo
DOB: 04/05/05
Hannah Grace Stafford
DOB: 06/29/07

A hearing regarding termination of parental rights will be conducted by the court on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Charlevoix Probate/Family Court, 301 State Street, County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan before the honorable Frederick R. Mulhauser.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that NICOLE K DESCHERMEIER personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO.

Estate of John W. Curtis
Date of birth: 11-12-39
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, John W. Curtis, who lived at 05471 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died May 1, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kimberly A. Atkinson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St. #9, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11-28-08
John D. Farshea (P13393)
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Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)3471410

Kimberly A. Atkinson
518 S. Spinningwheel Lane
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
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(L-12/3)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO.

Estate of Kathenna F. Curtis
Date of birth: 2-18-42
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Kathanne F. Curtis, who lived at 05471 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died July 4, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kimberly A. Atkinson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St. #9, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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FLURRY

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after 3 p.m. there will be music and hot chocolate in a 30 by 60 foot heated tent.

"We've got a couple things going on outside the tents, too," Carey said. "The Seaports Great Lakes group will be roasting chestnuts throughout the event and Santa's reindeer will be downtown from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m."

There will also be a snowboarding demonstration set to begin at approximately 3 p.m. in East Park.

"It will feature the Go Film Local crew and the Training Grounds crew from Mt. McSauba," Carey said. "A half dozen or so experienced riders will be doing a little showing off."

He added, "The anchor event that helped develop Flurry Fest is the open house. Merchants will have finger foods and some will have their own entertainment in stores and great sales and fantastic gift ideas. The idea is to bring folks downtown for a community celebration and also patronize downtown businesses."

Check it out

FILE PHOTO

The Charlevoix Recreation Department Director Ike Boss will be down at this year's Flurry Fest, Dec. 6 in downtown Charlevoix showing off this snowgroomer which was recently purchased thanks to fundraising efforts of Boss and the community. Funds are still needed to pay off the groomer. Call 547-3250 to find out how you can help.

FILE PHOTO

From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. during Dec. 6 Flurry Fest, you can donate $5 minimum to the local humane society and have your dog's picture taken with Santa Claus at Charlevoix Camera/Picture This in the Oleson's plaza. Pictured (from left) are Lucy, Douglas and Hubble with Santa.

Santa was there

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Santa Claus was out making the rounds Friday, Nov. 28 during the annual community Christmas tree lighting in downtown Charlevoix. He is seen here getting gift requests from one of the many children in attendence.

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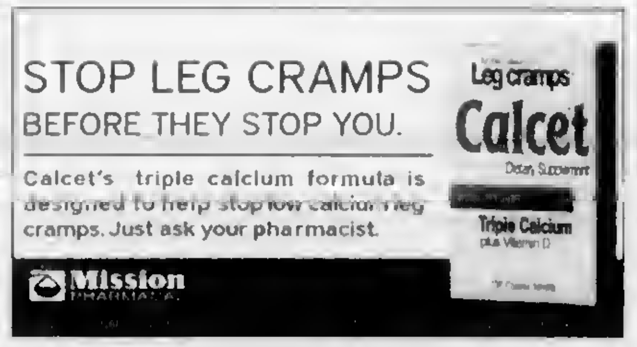

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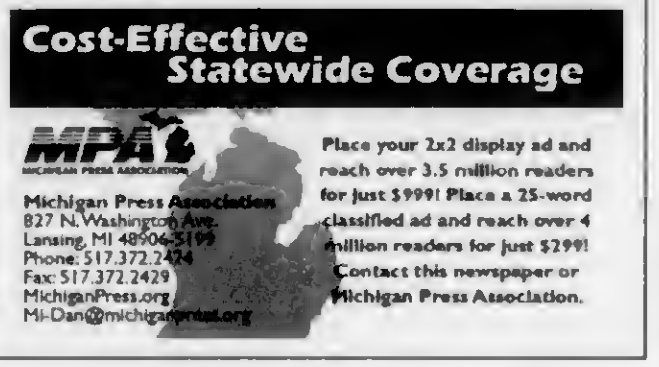

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Safe gifts are at the top of everyone's list

The holidays are quickly approaching and the holiday shopping season is already in full swing.

But, everyone must remember to make sure that all the toys and gifts they buy for the children on their lists are safe and age appropriate.

With so much attention focused lately on dangerous toys with high lead content, those that pose choking hazards, and toys that are poorly constructed, it is more important than ever to take precautions.

Last year, more than 170,000 children under the age of 15 were treated at the emergency room for toy-related injuries, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. More than 80,000 of those were to children ages 5 and younger.

The majority of those injuries were to the head and face. Lacerations and contusions made up most of these injuries.

Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Month.

The group encourages everyone, whether they are buying gifts for a charitable giving tree or for their own family or friends, to make conscientious decisions based on what is best for the child.

"It can be very tempting to buy the hottest toy or game, but it may not be the best choice for your child," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America. "It is much more important to make sure that the gifts we give are safe."

Prevent Blindness America suggests the following tips to help keep this holiday season safe and bright for children:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Monitor toys that your child has received as gifts to make sure they are appropriate for your child's age and developmental level.
- For older children, give gift certificates to movie theaters, the child's favorite restaurant, or retail stores that allow the parents to choose an appropriate item.
- Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child.
- Remain aware of recalled products. Unfortunately, some toys that have been recalled or banned may still be available online.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (such as a basketball along with eye goggles). The American Academy of Ophthalmology estimates that there are 40,000 sports-related eye injuries each year.
- Any toy that is labeled "supervision required" must always be used in the presence of an adult. Keep toys meant for older children away from younger ones.
- Always save the warranties and directions for every toy. Repair or throw away damaged toys.
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. BB guns and air guns should not even be considered toys.
- Inspect toys for sturdiness. Your child's toys should be durable, with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact. Dispose of plastic wrapping material immediately on toys as they may have sharp edges.
- Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the part of a toy can fit in a toilet paper roll, the toy is not appropriate for children under the age of 3.

For more information on safe toys and gifts, visit Prevent Blindness America at www.preventblindness.org or call (800) 331-2020.

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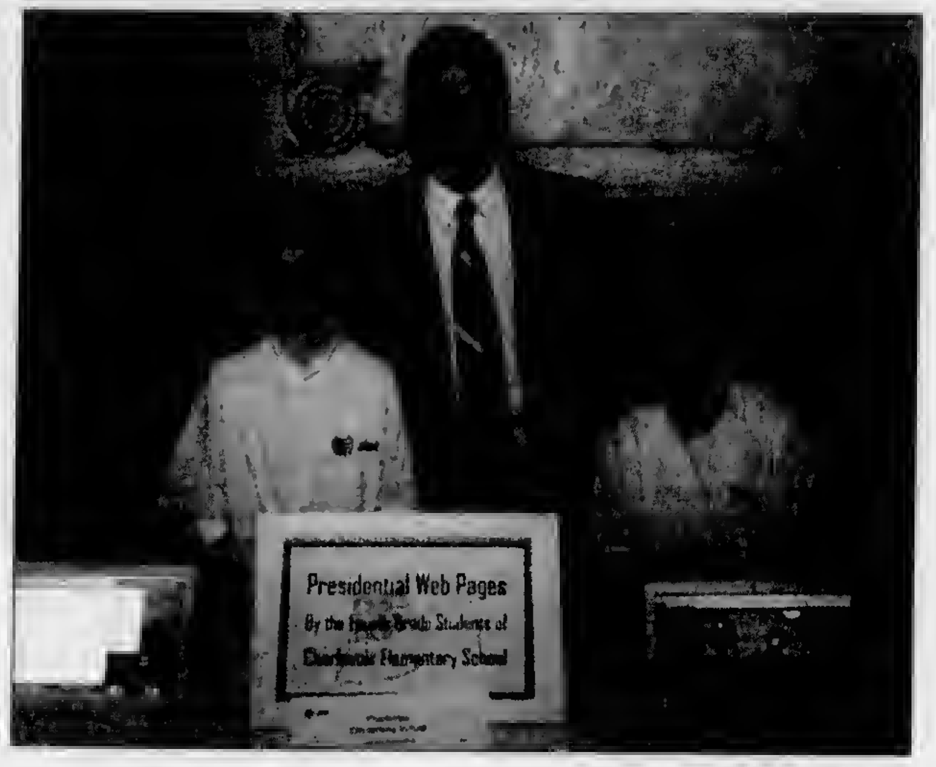
Visit to Lansing



COURTESY PHOTO

Michigan State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Kewadin) is seen here with Matt Good (left) and Chris Gregory, both students from Charlevoix Elementary School during the eighth annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase, Nov. 12 at the State Capitol Building in Lansing. The school was one of 40 elementary, middle and high schools statewide that participated in the event, whose purpose is to show elected members of the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement.

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ONGOING EVENTS:

-Four Fires Native Talking Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at the Freedom House Church in Charlevoix. It is a biblically based native group that focuses on culture, music and native religion. All are welcome: . do not have to be native American to attend. The Freedom House Church is located at 12705 US 31 N in Charlevoix. Call 547-2568 for more information.

-Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

- Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237 0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

- The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675 4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906, or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

BLOOD DRIVES

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Dec. 3 at Harbor Industries, 100 Harbor Drive
- 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Dec. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday
- Open Mic Night, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 4, Charlevoix Public Library

Come share your talents or come to listen to others. Open to all with music, dance or stories to share.

- Twilight Saga Lock-In, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Dec. 5, Charlevoix Public Library

Come dressed as your favorite character from Stephanie Meyer's popular series. Teens will get to listen to the movie soundtrack while eating Italian food and wedding cake; enter a wolf howling contest; and end the night by watching the movie Van Helsing. Pre-register at: 237-7350.

- Learn to Play the Guitar, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Dec. 9, Charlevoix Public Library

Now is your chance to learn to play the guitar in this interactive workshop. Bring your own guitar or use a baritone ukulele brought by the instructor, Robin Lee Berry. For all ages, $5 registration fee, call 237-7340.

- JATL: Jazz @ the Library, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 10, Charlevoix Public Library

Join the JATL Trio for a delightful holiday concert featuring vocalist Claudia Schmidt and saxophonist Bill Sears. JATL CDs will be on sale.

DEC. 3

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

Republican convention for Charlevoix County at 5 p.m., Dec. 3 in the courthouse at the commissioner's chamber.

Jazz @ The Library

COURTESY PHOTO

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 10, at the Charlevoix Public Library, join the JATL Trio for a holiday concert featuring vocalist Claudia Schmidt and saxophonist Bill Sears. JATL CDs will be on sale.

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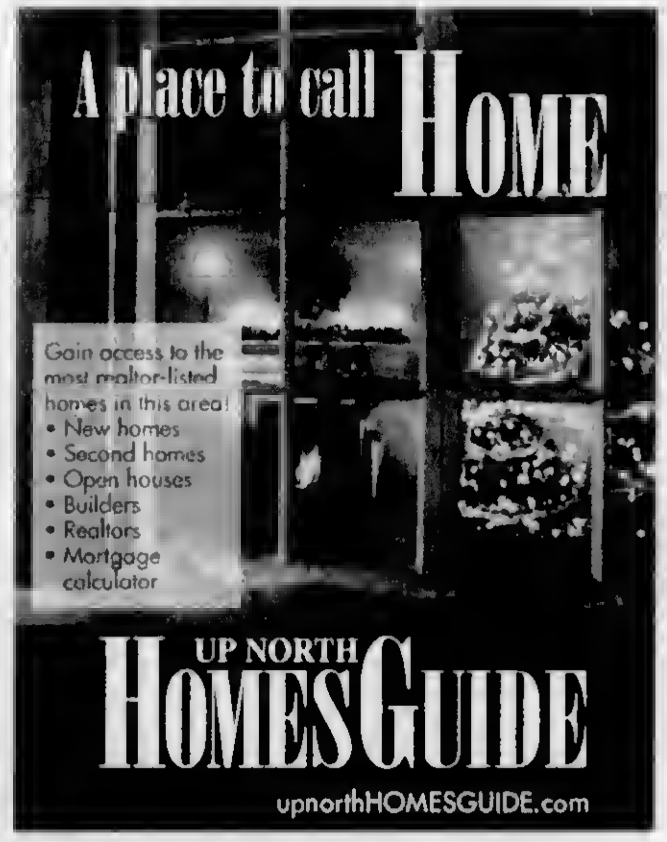

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

DEC. 4

Genealogical society meets

At 7 p.m., at Boyne District Library, the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet to hear guest Cheryl Potter-Browe, newly elected county clerk, discuss the materials and searchable data available within the clerk's office and at the county level. Bring a dozen Christmas cookies and a container to take goodies home. Meetings are free and open to public.

DEC. 5

Community Hymn Sing and musician's jam session at 7 p.m. at Family of Faith Ministries, 203 East Upright St. Come for old time, gospel and hymns, followed by a jam session featuring a variety of musical styles. Musicians bring your instrument. Call 547-4221 for info.

DEC. 6

Community Church of God gift basket and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 6 at the church, 202 West Hurlbut St. Call 547-2140 for more information.

Angel Food Ministries orders taken 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 6 at Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, and 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pine River Apartments for residents only.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 6 at St. Mary Parish, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix is the 14th Annual Charlevoix Open House Craft Show with custom crafts by local artisans, a cookie walk, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Call 547-9441 or 547-6652 for more information.

Charlevoix musicians performing in East Jordan

The event is called "Bryan Eggers Welcomes Winter Concert," and will take place on Dec. 6. Bryan is a Charlevoix High School graduate who has been writing music for several years. He is putting together a concert focusing on the music he has written, some Christmas music that he has put a little twist on, and there will be some local singers accompanying him including Jessica Dominic (Charlevoix), Alex Burns (East Jordan), Chad Closson (Charlevoix) and Kristy Spencer (East Jordan).

The tickets are $10 per adult and all children 12 and under are free. Call (231) 536-8[illegible] for time and location.

First Congregational Church Holiday Cookie Walk

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Dec. 6. Call 547-9122 for more information.

Charlevoix Historical Society Christmas dinner

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual Christmas dinner at 6 p.m., Dec. 2 at the Grey Gables Inn, 308 Belvedere Ave. The public is invited to attend this $22 per ticket event. Call 547-0373 for entree selection and reservations. A holiday cheer social hour will precede the dinner. Reserve by Nov. 29. Prepayment not required.

DEC. 11

Concert at 7 p.m., Dec. 11 at Charlevoix High School.

DEC. 13

Christian Singles dinner at 6 p.m., Dec. 13 at Zion Lutheran Church, 500 West Mitchell. Bring a dish to pass and a $10 gift to exchange. Call 347-3438 (days) or 347-5747 (evenings) to R.S.V.P. E-mail frieda@compnor.com for more information.

DEC. 16

NWA Christmas concert

Northwest Academy to celebrate holidays with music

at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

The Northwest Academy Bands, Strings and General Music classes will be presenting holiday music. Young aspiring vocalists from grades Kindergarten through sixth will be performing under the direction of Don Neidert. The string classes will also present some selections suitable to the time of year.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

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Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

. Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

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Anonymous 4, Choral quartet

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series welcomes Anonymous 4, a choral quartet renowned for their unearthly vocal blend and virtuosic ensemble singing, on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

Ruth Cunningham of Manhattan, Marsha Genensky of California, Jacqueline Horner-Kwiatek from Ireland, and Susan Hellauer from the Bronx combine musical, literary and historical scholarship with contemporary performance intuition as they interweave music with poetry and narrative.

Anonymous 4 will present The Cherry Tree – named for the miracle ballad of Joseph and Mary, the earliest text of which survives from a Coventry Play, circa 1400 – which persisted in many forms, making its way into medieval British carols of the mid-15th century and into British and American traditional ballads.

Performing Mervele noght iosep and As I lay up on a nyght, along with other much-loved medieval carols, like Nowell synge we, Make we joye, Synge we to this mery cumpane, and Hail Mary, the group will also perform the monophonic 15th-century ballad carols Newell: Tydings trewM, and Lullay my child: This ender nithgt, along with the well-known lullaby carol of the Nuns of Chester, Qui creavit celum. Traditional American Christmas songs with British roots – A Virgin Unspotted, The Shepherd's Star, Star in the East and William Billings' joyous 4-part fuging tune Bethlehem – will also be performed.

This December performance premieres Anonymous 4's newest program for the 2008 holiday season, and it will be recorded for harmonia mundi usa in February 2009 for Fall 2009 release.

In addition to their unmatched medieval repertoire, Anonymous 4 has often reached out into the realm of contemporary music and has premiered works by Peter Maxwell Davies, John Tavener, Steve Reich, and Richard Einhorn. The group most recently expanded their repertoire to include traditional music of the British Isles and America. Anonymous 4 has performed in major venues and festivals throughout North America, Europe and the Far East. The ensemble has appeared on numerous radio and television programs, including Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," "CBS Sunday Morning," A&E's "Breakfast With the Arts," and NPR's "Weekend Edition." Anonymous 4's award-winning recordings have attained unprecedented popularity, rising to the top of Billboard's classical chart, and selling almost 1.5 million copies worldwide. Purchase tickets now for a special holiday gift for friends and family. Patron tickets: $50; CTAC members: $20/adults; $8/students; and non-members: $25/adults; $10/students. Tickets are available at Crooked Tree Arts Center, www.crookedtree.org, 231) 347-4337, or visit the Arts Center at 461 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey.

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East Jordan Community Nights

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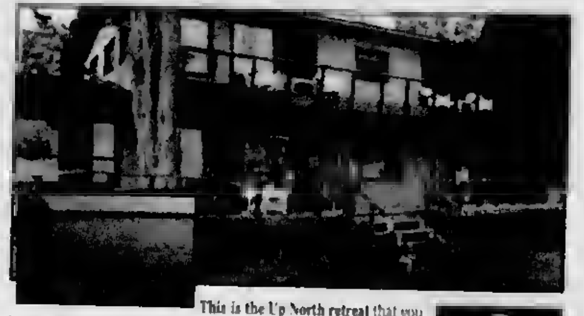

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Dunn

Transformers II actor Kevin Dunn ran a benefit for Beaver Island's Joddy Croswhite.

"Joddy's a great guy. He and his family are very sweet people. I saw that they needed help, and I wanted to do something," Dunn said.

Joddy is a musician. He is 56 years old, and has just been placed on the University of Michigan's liver transplant list.

Joddy's wife, Beth, is a counselor at Beaver Island City Schools. She said her husband is very sick, and lately

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COURTESY PHOTO

Beaver Island's Joddy Croswhite (front, canter) is pictured enjoying tima with his tamily. Croswhita was diagnosed with Hepatitis C, and is currently waiting tor a liver transplant. Transtormers II actor Kevin Dunn recently auctioned a Transtormers II hat signad by the cast of tha movie in order to relse funds to help Joddy.Pictured with Joddy are his wifa Beth, and his two sons Saygan (back lett), and Styrder.

Holiday concert

COURTESY PHOTO

Begin the Christmas season with the sound ot music by the Charlevoix High and Middla School Bands tor their holiday concert at 7 p.m., Dec. 11 in the high school's auditorium. Small groups of student performers will serenade the audience from around the lobby and auditorium as people tind their seats. A wide variety of holiday music will be presented ranging from "Greensleeves," "Sleigh Ride" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Also slated tor the playlist is "Little Drummer Boy/Bolero" which uses the entire auditorium as the piece grows in intensity.

Schools, city partner on fiber optic network

State of the art communications just around the corner

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Following years of planning by Charlevoix Public Schools officials and the city, preliminary work began last week to connect the Schools and the city's various departments.

According to city manager Rob Straebel, not only will the new technology offer video conferences, high-speed Internet and connectivity among city departments, but it will save them money by eliminating their current antiquated phone system.

"Partnering with the school district is an efficient use of taxpayer funds," Straebel said.

Per the tentative agreement between the district and the city, Charlevoix Public Schools will retain 48 of the 72 strands of fiber—which are actually ultra pure glass strands as thin as a human hair—with the remaining 24 strands allocated to the city.

Light carrying data from phones and computers travels the glass strands by bouncing off mirrored walls called clads.

The school district will pay $120,414 for the installation of the backbone of the fiber optic system and the city has agreed to give use of its conduits and right-of-ways in exchange for the 24 strands as well as pay for any lines which extend from the mainline to the various locations in the city.

The city, while not helping to pay for the connections among the schools, will be responsible for paying for its connections to the fiber optic system.

"The individual segments of fiber optics for the city include five buildings: City hall,

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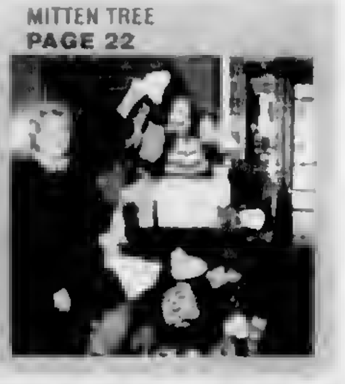

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Nathan Louis Russell, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession, first offense. Totaling $300 in fines and costs.

Alyssa Anne Bellant, 17, East Jordan. Larceny under $200. Serve 15 days of community service work; to serve eight months on probation; to serve seven days in jail; 71 days held in abeyance; $415 in fines and costs.

Nels Terry Johnson, 56, Luther. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work; serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Gilbert Guy LeBlanc, 58, Belleville. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days community service work; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Elizabeth Christie Wiser, 21, East Jordan. Larceny under $200. Credit for one day in jail; 40 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days community service work; to serve six months on probation; to write a letter of apology; $680 in fines and costs.

Jodi Kristen Russell, 40, Charlevoix. Allowing a minor to consume drugs/alcohol on premises. Pay $300 in fines and costs and serve six days in jail.

Robert James Cronk, 20, East Jordan. Allowing a minor to consume drugs/alcohol on premises; minor in possession of alcohol. Pay $400 in fines and costs; credit for 12 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Meltech Electric, 7490 Loomis Road, East Jordan, by Melvin L. Dykstra

Midwest Michigan Maintenance & Management, 17049 Beck Road, Charlevoix, by Bryan Liotta and Daniel Brooks

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gary David Arnold, 33 and Amanda Jean Hartley, 27, both of Charlevoix

Paul Walter Glotzhober, 24, Port Hope, and Katie Sue Way, 23, Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David Carl Grutsch vs. Kathy Ann Grutsch

Rick A. Simon vs. Tina Rose Simon

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avary Cheyanne Bearden weighing 5 pounds 9 ounces was born Nov. 24 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christopher and Nichole Bearden of East Jordan. Her sibling is Madison. Her grandparents are James and Edith Johnson, the late Clifford Bearden, Michael McCaig and the late Sherry McCaig all of East Jordan. Her great grandparents are William Finch of Mancelona, James and Audry McCaig of Ishpeming, Leanore Baker of Boyne City, Virgil Tracey the late Lulu Tracey of Kalkaska.

Natalie Rose Fitzgerald weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces was born Dec. 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tiffany Lodes and Dean Fish of Muskegon. Her sibling is Rozalyne Marie Fish. Her grandparent is Tansa Hannah of East Jordan.

Jonah Scot McLean weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces was born Dec. 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to John and Julie McLean of Charlevoix. His siblings are Jake and Jared. His grandparents are Bob and Judy Bernhardt of Trout Lake and Eva and Bill Homer of Grosse Point.

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Unemployment rises

RYAN BENTLEY
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

Whether comparing it with the previous month or the same period a year ago, October's unemployment rate turned out to be higher for Northwest Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth released monthly statewide and regional statistics on joblessness Tuesday, with the 10-county Northwest Lower Michigan region showing a 9.2 percent unemployment rate for October. The area's unemployment had stood at 6.2 percent a year earlier, and at 8.4 percent in September.

For October, unemployment rates proved to be higher in Emmet and Charlevoix counties than for the region as a whole, which also includes Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties. The jobless rate stood at 9.4 percent in Emmet and 11.6 percent in Charlevoix.

"Both of those numbers now are higher than the (statewide rate)," said Matt McCauley, assistant director for regional planning at the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. "For the past couple of years we've enjoyed being a little below the state."

McCauley said the economic challenges making state and national headlines this fall have been factors in the rising employment in northwestern counties as well.

A slowdown in manufacturing — especially at automotive-related companies — is one contributor. Declines in residential construction are another, McCauley noted, and in turn seem to be leading to job losses in professional service fields such as banking.

Statewide, the unemployment rate stood at 8.6 percent for October, up from 8.3 percent in September. The jobless rate had stood at 6.7 percent in October 2007.

Separate agencies

Northwest Michigan Works!, which provides workforce development services around the region, reminds residents that it is a separate entity from the state's unemployment agency.

When people have trouble reaching an unemployment office by phone, Northwest Michigan Works! spokeswoman Janie McNabb noted that they often contact her agency to find out about a claim's status. But Northwest Michigan Works! staff do not have access to such information.

Since people who receive unemployment benefits are required to seek new jobs through Michigan Works! — and since unemployment offices have typically shared locations with the workforce development agency in years past — McNabb said the confusion is understandable.

The state's unemployment agency no longer has offices in Northwest Michigan. Area residents instead can access the agency by phone at (866) 500-0017 or online at www.michigan.gov/uia. Michigan Works! service centers have phones and computers available for this purpose.

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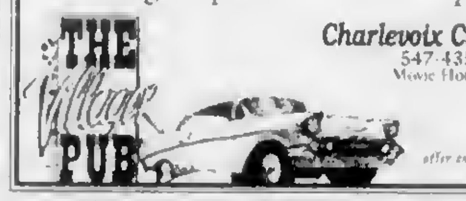

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Bethany Gohs, a eighth-grader at Northwest Academy in Charlevoix, is seen here holding the debut issue of Navigator Times, the school's first newspaper. Gohs plays photographer, newshound, editor, advertising salesman and publisher, but hopes she will have contributing writers soon.

LINDSEY MANTHEI
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

Bethany Gohs is not your average eighth-grader.

When this Northwest Academy student realized that her school needed a newspaper, she decided to start one herself.

Gohs says she's not completely sure what she wants to do when she grows up, but is probably not interested in going into journalism.

"I started the newspaper just for fun," Gohs said.

The daughter of "Charlevoix Courier" editor Benjamin Gohs, Bethany Gohs distributed the first copy of the "Navigator Times" in late November.

The newspaper focused on holiday themes, including a holiday gift guide featuring new technology, a sports column and interviews with teachers.

"Bethany is one of our outstanding students here," Northwest Academy school administrator John Bailey said. "She was very well-qualified to start this newspaper and it was very well done."

Gohs distributed the paper by placing approximately 100 copies at the front desk of Northwest Academy.

"The paper has been a real hit here at the school," Bailey said. "Kids were standing all around, reading it and talking about it."

Gohs said she was pleased with the school's response to the newspaper and is looking forward to working on the next issue.

As editor of the "Navigator Times," Gohs wrote all copy, headlines and photo captions herself and took all the photos with the school's camera. Gohs recruited her brother to write a sports column.

The only aspect of the paper Gohs did not do herself was the layout, which her father helped her with.

"After a while, I think Bethany will find that she's tired of doing it all herself. There are kids in her grade who would be really good choices to help out," Bailey said.

For the January issue, several classmates have offered to help out, including one student interested in drawing comics.

To raise money for the ink and paper for the first issue of the newspaper, Gohs visited downtown businesses to sell ads. The ads cost $25 for a business card-sized ad in every issue of the scheduled monthly "Navigator Times."

Northwest Academy plans to open a club account for the money raised by ads and Bailey said that the school will let students decide what the club will be called.

Northwest Academy is a public charter school in Charlevoix that was established in 1996.

The small school is known for individual attention and a strong music program.

Contact Lindsey Manthei by e-mail at lmanthei@petoskeynews.com.

Help for struggling homeowners

Key to surviving hard economic times is taking action

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Go just about anywhere in northern Michigan and you will see myriad homes for sale; some by seller, but more and more of them are bank repossessions.

According to experts in the housing industry, even if you have lost your job and could be facing tough times, you may still be able to save your home.

"Communicating with your banker is very important," said Charlevoix State Bank President Mike Hinkle. "A lot of people are embarrassed and they don't communicate and it makes the problem bigger."

He added, "Banks do not want to foreclose. If Charlevoix State Bank is foreclosing, all other options have been exhausted or the borrower has refused to communicate with us."

Help for those having trouble with debt is just a phone call away.

Hinkle recommends calling either the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency at (231) 347-9070 or (231) 947-3780; or GreenPath Debt Solutions at (888) 776-6735.

Charlevoix State Bank Vice-president Luann Keinath said the federal H4H program is also out there for distressed homeowners.

"There are a lot of things going on, but many of them are not finalized," Keinath said of the recent $700-plus-billion rescue plan. "The sooner they communicate with their lender the better. There are programs but once they're gone so far they don't qualify for certain things."

The HOPE for Homeowners program also known as H4H allows at-risk homeowners who qualify to refinance their mortgage.

The program has been greenlighted to last from now until Sept. 30, 2011.

"As many as 400,000 homeowners could avoid foreclosure through this program over the next three years," the Federal Housing Commission states on their Web site. "If you are having trouble making your mortgage payments, HOPE for Homeowners may be able to help you by refinancing your loan into a new 30-year or 40-year fixed-rate loan with lower payments."

Some of the various qualifying criteria, according to the commission, include mortgages which were originated on or before Jan. 1 and, as of March 1, the payment exceeded 31 percent of the borrower's gross monthly income; homeowner did not intentionally default and has no ownership interest in other residential real estate; has not been convicted of fraud in the last 10 years; and homeowner did not lie about their income in order to obtain the mortgage in question.

Luann said there is another program available if your mortgage is through Freddie Mac.

"They may be able to do a short-term forbearance program or, if they had their mortgage awhile, they might be able to modify it," she said. "Fortunately, for us, we have not had many residential foreclosures . but with the economy people are having difficulty and we are trying to find solutions for them so they don't have to get to that stage (of foreclosure)."

According to HUD, distressed homeowners should take the following steps as soon as they believe they are unable to pay their mortgage:

- Contact your lender
- Talk to a housing counseling agent
- Prioritize your debt
- Explore loan workout solutions
- Members of the military should check with their particular service branch for possible options
- Beware predatory lending schemes

Hinkle said it can often be difficult just contacting lenders based out of the area, but he said even if you can only leave a message on an answering machine, it is better than ignoring the problem.

When contacting your lender, be sure to have all pertinent loan information ready and a description of the problem you are facing.

HUD advises to beware of scams including:

- Equity skimming — where a buyer offers to repay the mortgage or sell the property if you sign over the deed and move out
- Phony counseling agencies — these hucksters often offer counseling for a fee when it is often given at no charge.
- Always know what you are signing

If you suspect predatory lending, call (800) 348-3931 to see what can be done.

For those considering buying a home for the first time, Keinath said you may want to seriously consider using a local mortgage lender.

"Our bank is locally owned," she said. "And, when you do your borrowing in your own community you have a face with a name and you know who you are dealing with."

She added, "Our costs are pretty reasonable and we're interested in serving the community, so we're not going to sell you something we wouldn't do ourselves."

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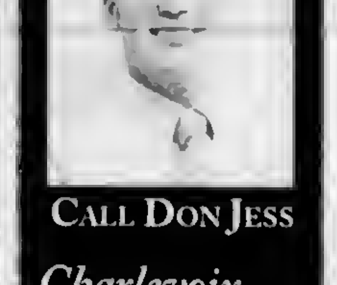

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Winter blues and jazz are not the same

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I am bundled up in my favorite cozy chair sipping a mug of hot chocolate, reading my latest good book under a lamp lit by a warm incandescent bulb.

My thoughts wander for a moment as I picture myself sitting on our deck drinking in the morning sun that only spring and early summer can offer.

I've been awakened to a reality check as I turn up the heat a bit and listen to the current weather report on the local news.

Call me a dreamer if you will but I am trying to beat the winter blues.

I faithfully take our dog, Austin, for a walk and if I dress in enough layers and wrap my beautifully handmade scarf across my face and around my neck I can venture forward and say to Austin, "See it's beautiful outside and those flakes are mother natures wonderful creation for us to enjoy."

Another reality check: I'm getting colder and I want to shorten this walk, but I do have layered dressing down to a fine art.

Ask any woman politely who is over 50 and she'll explain how to do this.

When our kids were younger and we began to look at each other as if we were strangers from another planet we would book a room at a hotel for the weekend and take in the use of a pool and pretend for awhile that we were whisked away to someplace warm and inviting- this is how we'd beat the winter blues.

As time has passed we've turned to other avenues to remind us and give us hope that yes Virginia the days are getting longer.

We work out at the gym, rent movies, have candlelit dinners with music, and on occasion cook a meal on the outdoor grill to spice things up a bit.

I think we're in agreement that winters are long and winter sports can be fun but sometimes being warm and having the sun out is such a blessing.

Remember the san?

It's that round orb that sits in the sky occasionally and can truly make your day turn around even if you're not having a good one.

Nothing beats it, nothing compares, but since we don't live in Colorado or Florida we make the best of it.

Things that help are: taking in your vitamin D and St. John's Wort. Dr. Weil, my favorite health specialist, claims that certain herbs are effective for seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a form of depression made worse by the lack of sunlight. Also, there is a theory that not enough fatty acids (Omega 3) in your, diet can trigger depression.

Let me break this down: your mom was right; eat your broccoli and take cod liver'oil.

Now if you thought it was only humans who were hit with this winter blues thing, it may surprise you that our pets are afflicted too.

Veterinarians report that our pets need fresh water daily and exercise to go with it to improve their lives as well.

Besides a good diet and exercise, it's also important to socialize.

Sometimes we get so comfortable at home we just don't want to venture out.

Well force yourself, because once you're out visiting friends or family, you'll forget the lack of sun and enjoy life and be glad that you are spending time with others.

Music in your life is always a good thing too.

Playing your favorite music while at work or cleaning the house, making dinner, or repairing that project you put off can lift your spirits.

They always say, "Music soothes the savage beast". You're not a savage but these long winter days may bring about a personality in yourself that you'd rather not discuss.

As I peruse what I've written so far, I would gander that from all the ideas listed, time with friends would be at the top of my list. If I asked you to list three people who won the Academy Awards for the last three years you might be hard pressed, but if I asked you to list three friends you enjoy spending time with, the names would roll off your lips. People can make a difference in our lives, particularly when the sun is rarely seen in this neck of the woods.

Why not take a few minutes to invite them out for a walk, dinner, or a just to visit and chat awhile. I assure you it will lift your spirits and who knows; the sun may come out tomorrow.

Gayle Gennett's column appears twice a month in Charlevoix Courier. Send comments or questions to news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

Will early snowfall and lower gas price be enough to increase tourism to the northern region this winter?

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Yes (29 Votes, 57%)

No (22 Votes, 43%)

This week's poll question:
Will Michigan's new medical marijuana law increase the incidence of drug related crime?

From rabbit starvation comes bailout fever

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

An explorer of old witnessed some American Indians who ate nothing but rabbit were dying of malnutrition. Their bellies could be full of the lean meat and yet they would starve to death because they had no fat or carbohydrate.

The moral of the story: Steak is great, unless it's all you've got.

Enter the Big Three steak eaters GM, Ford and Chrysler who, like too many American companies, have long enjoyed mega profit by sending production overseas.

Now with a few decades of capitalistic cannibalization under our ever tightening belt, the people who are supposed to be buying the high-end products cannot do so because there are not enough decent jobs.

So trotted down the well dressed panhandlers to Washington, D.C., with bellies full, to tell the United States Congress they are starving.

They've asked for $34 billion in loans and credit and it looks like Congress is willing to go with $15 billion for now.

What makes this (filthy expletives deleted by the legal department) circus of the billionaire hobos even more disturbing is that those (more expletives removed) at GM plan to cut as many as 31,000 jobs even if it gets help from the government.

GM, while it sold more cars than its top five competitors last year, seems the biggest dog with $66 billion in debt.

Some in Congress are calling for GM chief Rick Wagoner to resign, but that seems to make little sense. After all, if you are going to spit in the face of capitalism and help a failing company instead of letting it die of natural causes, you are condoning its actions.

Besides, Wagoner's misfortune came from a mix of high gas prices and big industry's long record of shipping production out of the country.

Let us not forget that he's been strong-armed into near bankruptcy by the unions. I'd say Wagoner is only partially responsible for one of those things.

Some say this crisis will be solved by giving the auto makers the loans they need to start building more fuel efficient cars. The idea being this new green sector of industry will bring America out of its slump while simultaneously fixing global warming.

Like a phoenix made of 85 percent recycled material, we shall rise again.

I can almost hear Al Gore singing old time-y gospels from Willie Nelson's hemp-mobile.

Do we really believe the Big Three are flailing simply because they're not making more cars that run on good feelings and the dreams of children?

The problems with the banks and car makers and other manufacturing all seem to have the same general cause and yet no one in the government is doing anything about NAFTA or the inequity of export tariffs on American goods or how we have managed to outsource ourselves into near oblivion.

Hey, I get it: the government has a long history of tax funded handouts for big business. And, instead of riding out this current economic downturn and letting the strong survive, the feds have decided to intervene.

So go ahead, Congress, give them their billions. But, unless your loans come with stipulations that not one more job be slashed; not one more bit of labor be outsourced to foreign countries, that not one more high-ranking suit get a sweetheart severance package, you sirs and madams have not served your country and have not served your constituents.

While it is time we rip out those golden chutes and re-pack them with flatware and an anvil, the American citizenry also play a part in the recovery.

As long as we buy products from Taiwan, Pakistan, China, Indonesia and Mexico, we are securing the jobs of foreign workers.

We're picnicking on lead chip sandwiches in the power line forest if we think we're going to buy these new cars without decent jobs.

Even the slow kid in the back of the class stopped chewing on his shoe long enough to nod in understanding that we cannot have both ultra cheap goods and gainful employment.

We can either dine with responsible capitalism and choose to pick up the check or continue ordering hossenfeffer—it's worked out swell so far.

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LETTERS to the editor

CROP WALK A SUCCESS

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix County CROP Walk, I would like to extend a thank you to the many individuals and organizations without whom the 2008 walk would not have been so successful. First, thank you to the 87 walkers who turned out in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan on the morning of Sept. 27 to support the global hunger fighting program CROP Walk, which stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Together, they raised $15,5930.50, 25 percent of which comes back to local Charlevoix county food pantries. Thank you also to the Charlevoix Sheriff Department for providing road support, At Your Service for donating a portable restroom, and the Light House and Missionary Churches of East Jordan for providing relief at the half-way point, as well as the Castle, Elm Point and Whiting Park. Many thanks to the East Jordan Rotarians who provided a wonderful lunch in Ironton at the conclusion of the six mile walk. Finally, a thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated time and funds to CROP Walk.

Boyne City - 27 walkers $3,118; Charlevoix - 27 walkers $8,282.50; East Jordan - 33 walkers $4,193.

Brandy Malpass
Charlevoix

TURKEY DUNK THANK-YOU

Editor:

My son and I are the founders of a silly but fun event that we have dubbed the "Turkey Day Dunk": A brief swim in Lake Michigan on Thanksgiving Day.

Now in its seventh year and fourth year as a charity fundraiser, it has become a joyous yet humbling experience.

Humbling because last Thursday (Nov. 27) morning when I looked up the hill going down to Lake Michigan Beach, the road was packed with cars as hundreds came to support our swimmers; humbling because even as the economy is in a slump, we had a record year and raised well over $3,000 for the area food pantries; humbling because once again, this community helped us help our own.

The event may be silly, but the cause is great and the people are generous and the feeling is joyous.

Charlevoix is an amazing community with many amazing and special individuals and I hope you will allow me to mention just a few from this year and years past who have helped prove how great the community is: Mark Knapp and Lynn Robinson, our greatest overall supporters; Rick Lobenberz, the first large contributor four years ago; Mark Greyerbiehl, what can I say but I think he likes it—he out-swam and out-talked me this year; Boogie Carlson, finally a politician who goes in the full measure; the entire Mailloux clan and friends. Too many other businesses and individuals to list here, but my heart has a place for you all.

Last but not least, my son Douglas, named after a brother I lost in Vietnam, he has the heart of a lion and soul of saint and is my swimming partner and best friend.

Thank you all and, remember, if you are not doing anything next Thanksgiving at 11 a.m., come on down to Lake Michigan Beach and watch or even take the plunge.

It is always for a good cause.

John McNabb
Charlevoix

Fundraising success

COURTESY PHOTO

Nearly 250 people attended the annual Holly Daze fundraiser by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. This year's theme was "Visions of sugar plums" and the Dec. 4 event occured at Castle Farms. Live and silent auction items includad anothar "Amazing Race" and parties at various Charlevoix homes including a garden party, a hoe-down, an original painting by Russ Bolt and custom made manhole covars by East Jordan Iron Works. This year's event grossed nearly $91,000.

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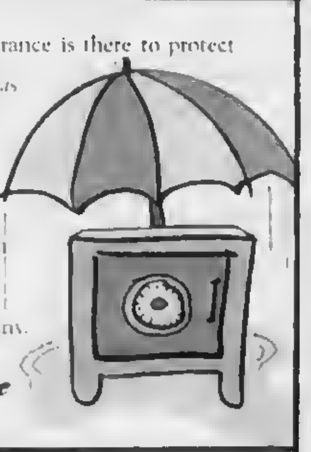

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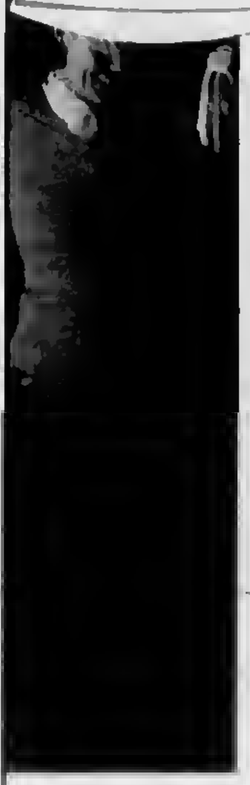

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VFW Auxiliary Patriot essay winners

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Pictured are winners of the Women's VFW Post 1153 Auxillary Patriot's Pin Essay Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Winners were chosen and honored on award night, Nov. 25 at the VFW post in Charlevoix. Tha contest, open to all area children in sixth, seventh and eighth grades including home-schooled students, had a theme of "Why America's Veterans should be Honored." Themes are chosen annually by the VFW commander-in-chief and the essays were judged on how well the theme was understood, developed and presented by the entrants. Picturad ara (from left) third-place winner Nicholas Plude, second-placa winner Gloria Greene, first-place winner Jeffery Wachler, auxiliary president Patricia Dillon and contest chairperson Jane Schmidt.

Night of live music, comedy and more

Charlevoix High performing arts program presents 'Charlevoix's Got Talent'

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

While the roster remains a secret, planners of the 'Charlevoix's Got Talent' talent competition expect the event to be a hit.

A slew of acts ranging from live music to comedy will perform in five minute blocks for cash prizes.

"We've got a couple of people that are in local bands, dancing, comedy, really all various (entertainers)," said performing arts student Mac Ernst who also helped with the talent selection process. "The performing arts students decided it would be a good idea, and with the help of our teacher Danielle Wager, we planned it."

This program takes place of the performing arts class's fall show.

The $3 per ticket will be divided between the cash prizes and the performing arts program's coffers.

The show starts at 7 p.m., Dec. 13 at the high school's auditorium.

There is no limit on the age of those participating in the acts, so, Ernst said, there should be a wide variety of Charlevoix represented.

"We just wanted to get the whole community involved in the acting and everything and make it so it's a large community wide event so everyone can have fun," he added.

The audience will decide who gets the as of yet undetermined cash prizes for first, second and third places by choosing their favorite three acts.

oh BOIX!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kayler L. Wells, daughter of Patricia L. and Donald E. Wells of Charlevoix, Mich., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Wells completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations."

This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly 'Navy flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Wells is a 2008 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

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The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code. The proposed amendments, if adopted, will amend Chapter 51 of Title V of the zoning ordinance, Article VII: Sign Regulations in its entirety.

Summary of the Proposed Ordinance Amending
Title V, Chapter 51, Article VII: Sign Regulations

The provisions of this proposed ordinance, which amends the city code, can be summarized as follows: The ordinance repeals the sign related definitions currently in Chapter 51, Article I, Section 5 11, the ordinance amends Chapter 51 Article VII Sign Regulations to include the following sections the purpose of the regulations, sign related definitions (revised and new), prohibited signs (including billboards and off premises signs), signs allowed without a sign permit, temporary signs allowed without a sign permit, sign standards applicable to all signs (including sign area height, setback lighting and construction material requirements), sign standards applicable to portable signs, sign standards applicable to specific signs, regulations of nonconforming signs, sign permit requirements, unsafe sign regulations, and provisions eliminating dangerous signs; the ordinance provides a section that permits potentially invalid provisions to be severed from the valid provisions; and the ordinance provides an effective date thirty days after enactment

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance can be obtained from the City Clerk during normal business hours. A copy of the proposed ordinance can also be viewed on the Planning Department link of the City's website at cityofcharlevoix.org

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Fiscal literacy course set to be included in math requirement

Bill passes both houses, awaiting governor's signature

NOAH FOWLE
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

A new bill that has passed both houses would allow high school students to take a financial literacy course to fulfill one of four math credits required to graduate. The new bill also provides for the algebra II component to be taken over two years instead of one, if necessary.

Sen. Mickey Switalski, D-Roseville, sponsored the bill, which now awaits a signature by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Switalski said the bill was a result of his desire to improve students interest in math as well as try and help correct some of the problems young people face when making personal finance decisions.

"There are consequences for people who are not knowledgeable about debt," said Switalski. "Kids can put themselves behind the eight ball by getting a lot of credit cards and not understanding interest rates."

The head of Petoskey High School's math department, Jamie Buchanan said he supported the idea of offering a financial literacy class to students.

"It's a great idea to teach kids how to plan for retirement or how much a mortgage really costs, so they don't get the shaft," he said.

Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, voted for the bill and said that a balance is needed to not only encourage students to stick with math, but to also allow different paths to complete the required curriculum. Allen said the math crisis is showing itself not only in the low number of students pursuing degrees in mathematics, but also in the high rate of young people who find themselves in credit card debt.

"This is a good compromise, it keeps the pressure on but also allows for more flexibility," he said.

Buchanan added that the current math requirements, which call for four years, three of which must include algebra, algebra II and geometry, are too stringent.

"I'd like to know how many legislators could pass algebra II," he said.

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Dec. 14 – Dec. 20: Festoons
Stop by the Youth Activity Center any time we're open and make a take home craft. Open for kids of all ages.

JATL: Jazz @ the Library
Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm
Join the JATL Trio for a delightful holiday concert featuring vocalist Claudia Schmidt and saxophonist Bill Sears. JATL CDs will be on sale.

Story Time
Thursday, December 11, 10:30 am
Birth – age 5
Join others for stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and fun!

Personal Investment Discussion Group
Thursday, December 11, 1:00 pm
Discussion is focused on learning and making informed investment decisions. This month's topic will be about Bonds.

Computer Basics II: Internet Tricks
Friday, December 12, 10:30 – noon
For people with a bit of computer knowledge that would like to sharpen their Internet searching skills and quickly find what you want.

Gamernoons
Friday, December 12, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
Try out one of the new games: Need for Speed Underground II or Crash Bandicoot Twinsanity or go back to the tried and true of Guitar Hero or DDR – the choice is yours!

Saturdays at the Movies: Elf
Saturday, December 13, 2:00 pm
Elf, starring Will Farrell, rated PG
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OBITUARIES

Anamae Corfield: Aug. 8, 1918 - Dec. 3, 2008

Anamae Corfield, 90, of Charlevoix, formerly of Royal Oak, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at Heavenly Helpers in Charlevoix.

Funeral will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Hopcroft Funeral Home in Madison Heights.

Burial will follow in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Anamae was born Aug. 8, 1918, in Ransom, Ill., the daughter of Ralph and Sadie (Held) Smith.

She completed nurse's training at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Ill. and became a Registered Nurse.

On Aug. 3, 1941, she married William Corfield in Ransom, Ill.

They made their home in Royal Oak.

Anamae was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, where she taught Sunday School, and was active in the Martha-Mary Group.

Bill preceded her in death on May 2, 2000, and she moved to her daughter's home in Charlevoix in 2001.

Anamae is survived by her daughters, Joanne (Joseph) Hawkins of Charlevoix, Joyce Wiley of Minden; grandchildren, Ingrid (Mark) Baranski of Casco, Kristin (Pat) Clancy of Fair Haven, Richard Wiley of Minden; great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Mackenzie Baranski; sister, Emma Marie Burkhart of Morton, Ill.

Anamae's brother George and sister Iva Dell also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions to Charlevoix Area Hospital, or to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Donate an organ, save a life

If you're searching for the perfect gift this holiday season you may not realize that you have the ability to give something for free that will touch the lives of countless others.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan says 50 people can be helped when just one person signs up to become a potential organ or tissue donor. There will come a time when you'll have organs and tissues to spare, and now's the time to commit that you're willing to save someone else's life by donating them. It is also possible to donate a kidney or partial liver or lung while still alive, according to the foundation.

As part of its Holiday Gift of Life Campaign, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is reminding Americans that for Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa perhaps the greatest present anyone can give is the promise to save or enhance the life of another person.

Right now, more than 3,000 Michigan men, women and children are on the waiting list for an organ or tissue transplant while 100,000 wait nationally. And while they wait, 18 people die each day.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it.

For more information on organ donation or to become an organ donor, please contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at

Call (800) 482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org.

Donations in memory

COURTESY PHOTO

Friends and family of Randy Grunch gathered at Charlevoix Area Hospital Nov. 13, to dedicate a sleep center room in his memory. Upon Randy's death a fund was established in his name for the sleep center. A plaque bearing Randy's picture is on display in Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center next to the room dedicated in his memory. New diagnostic equipment will be purchased with the money from the fund to help in identifying at-risk sleep apnea patients in the home setting. Picured are Randy's parents Ron and Elaine.

OBITUARY PLACEMENT for Wednesday publication contact us by Friday before noon
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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8031 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

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104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K - 8 and Adult	9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
203 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12021 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
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Sunday Services	8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9482**

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

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Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	**547-4121**

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold F. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Hill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6281**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
101 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
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A day in the life of a snowmobile trail groomer

Contrary to popular U.P. myth, there are no "snow fairies" waving wands over the Upper Peninsula landscape to create the smooth, groomed snowmobile trails all snowmobilers enjoy.

In truth, these trails are the result of weeks and even months of hard work by area snowmobile clubs and other interested organizations. The "labor of love" by these hard-working folks only gets the trails ready for the grooming season; it's then up to Mother Nature to deliver her side of the snowmobile trail partnership - an abundance of snow.

Dec. 1 marked the unofficial start of Michigan's snowmobile season. The 16-day deer hunting "holiday" has just ended, and it's time for the snowmobile trail groomers to get to work.

4:30 a.m. a groomer's day starts early. An important part of the job is to perform all the necessary maintenance on the equipment before actually going out to groom (smooth) the trail. When you are operating a piece of equipment that costs in excess of $150,000, preventive maintenance is not an option; it is critical to the longevity of the equipment and, by extension, the trails entrusted to the groomer's care.

Another reason for the early start to the groomer's day is to get the trails groomed and allow them as much time as possible to set up before the snowmobilers arrive. A groomed trail that has a good setup will hold up a lot longer than a trail that doesn't set up properly.

At 6 a.m. grooming the trail is underway. On this particular day, it's cold enough so the snow doesn't ball up in front of the drag, but not so cold that it has little or no moisture. There is a delicate balance to trail grooming. This trail was graded before the season, so minimal amounts of snow can provide a smooth, enjoyable trail. But if the season starts with moguls (holes and humps) in the ground base, these moguls will develop in the snow base right away. It also takes a lot more snow to smooth out a rough base.

At 6:30 a.m. the groomer stops at an intersection to replace a stop sign that has been stolen. Because such road signs frequently are taken, most groomers carry a supply of caution signs on their groomer. To help protect both snowmobilers and the public, the groomer will make a note to replace this stop sign and make sure the other operators keep an eye on this area in case the vandalism continues.

At 7:15 a.m. This morning's run is looking outstanding as the groomer frequently checks the trail behind his machine. The temperature is still around 25 degrees and, with just a little humidity, the snow is packing very well. If these conditions hold, the trail could set up in two to three hours if it doesn't get pounded right away. That's why the grooming schedule on the DNR Web site is always posted one day behind.

If a snowmobiler rides the trails that were groomed yesterday, today's grooming will get that critical setup time.

At 8:30 a.m. on a good day, groomers can do about eight miles of trail per hour. Today, the groomer had to make a few unplanned stops to remove trees that had been blown over in a storm. For such emergencies, most groomers carry a chain saw, gas, oil and even some pruning poles. Blow downs typically are a problem only when someone rides faster than they should on the trails and comes upon a downed tree with little or no time to stop. Excessive speed is one of three contributing factors present in nearly all fatal snowmobile accidents.

At 10:30 a.m. the temperature is holding steady at 26 degrees, so the groomer should be able to get back to the groomer barn with the trails holding up fairly well. The new drag is doing an outstanding job. While it's the drag that's actually doing all the work, a drag is about one-tenth the cost of a grooming tractor. Most groomers agree: If you don't have a good tractor to pull that drag around, day after day, in all conditions, your trails aren't going to amount to much.

At 12:30 p.m. arrived back at the groomer barn. The driver for the next shift is getting ready to take the groomer back out on the other trail segment. The two groomers discuss trail conditions and what was found during the morning run, especially to make the afternoon driver aware that more blow down might be found on his run. Finally, the groomer calls the nearest DNR field office to report the trail segment that has been groomed, the location of the downed trees and the road signs that need to be replaced. That's more or less a typical day in the life of a groomer.

So, the next time you're out having some winter fun on Michigan's snowmobile trails, remember the work performed by the more than 67 trail sponsors who, in cooperation with the DNR, keep 6,500 miles of snowmobile trails groomed for you to ride.

For current snow conditions in Michigan throughout the snowmobile season, visit www.msasnow.org/trail_conditions/trailreports.asp

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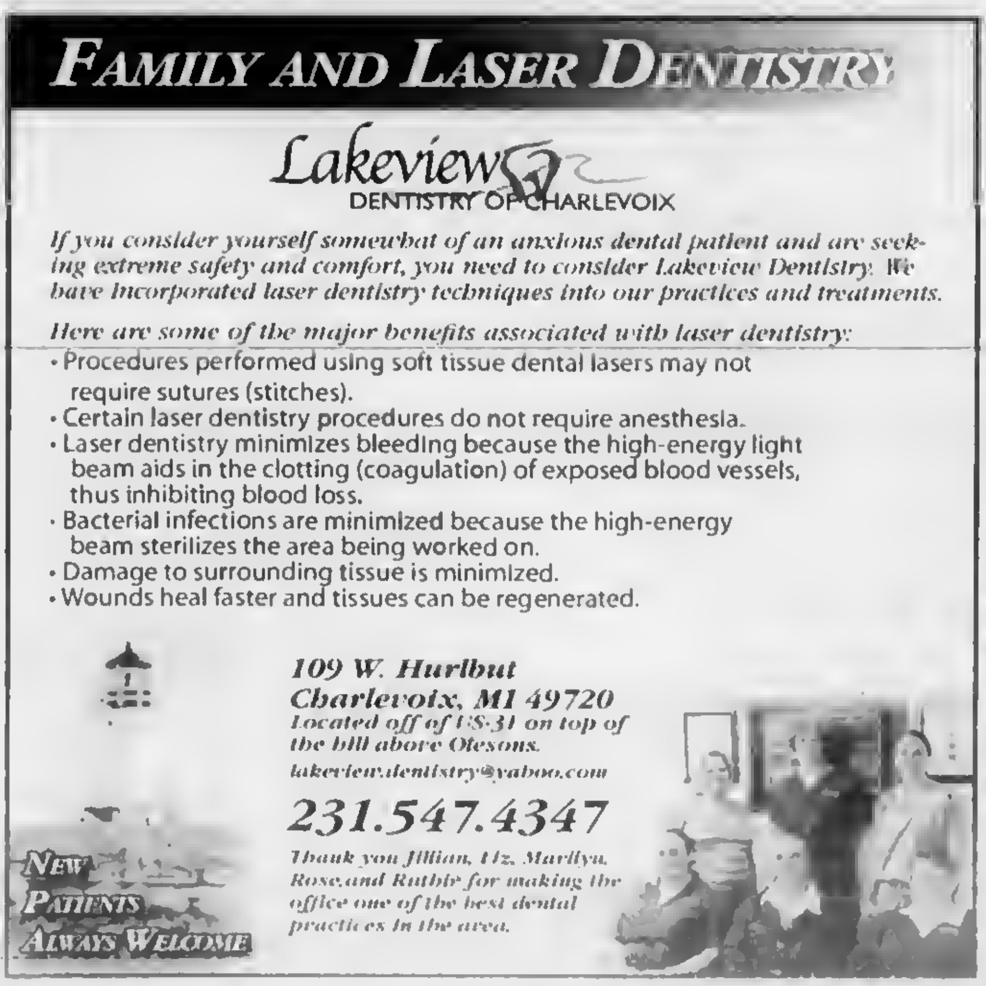
Michigan is a leader in the use of farm tractors for trail-grooming machines. This Ford New Holland tractor with blade in front and drag behind is best for grooming in areas of low to moderate snowfall. When the trail develops "ice-hard" moguls, the front blade cuts the mogul and the drag then cuts more it and fills in the low space between the cuts.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Weatherization tips

How to help keep your home cozy this winter

Besides the obvious discomfort that comes from an energy-inefficient home, wasteful energy systems bring outrageous utility bills for northwest-Michigan home owners. Homes 20 years and older are highly susceptible to increased energy costs.

Members of the Michigan Propane Gas Association (MPGA) are educating home owners on effective and efficient home weatherization tactics. The goal is to ensure that homeowners save money and energy through simple, graduated steps.

Weatherproofing homes and even using more energy efficient appliances are the main ways residents can be more efficient and lower energy costs. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting record cold for December and therefore the time is now to maximize on your heating dollars.

"Sealing a home is the most energy efficient and low-cost way for a homeowner to ensure a warm house and low energy bills," says Brian Lincoln, MPGA president.

Propane gas continues to be one of the safest, most efficient and inexpensive heating methods, and is particularly practical in rural areas. "Propane is a commodity, like fruits and vegetables, and the price is going to fluctuate with supply and demand," says Kevin Kobbins, MPGA district director, "MPGA wants to help users lower their cost during a high demand season."

Propane is clean, reliable, and emits half the amount of carbon dioxide as coal and reduces harmful environmental emissions that are caused by the production of electricity.

To learn more about immediate savings on your energy bills while keeping you and your family safe, go to: www.UseMichiganPropane.com

MPGA's Low Cost Weatherization Tips:

- Fill your propane tank before it is empty—this saves on out-of-gas pressure test costs.
- Seal up the largest air leaks in your home the ones that whistle or feel drafty on windy days. The worst culprits are usually not windows and doors, but utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys, recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets. All of the little, invisible cracks and holes may add up to as much as an open window or door.
- Use a programmable set-back thermostat to automatically control indoor comfort levels and save energy when you don't need it.
- Buy a furnace thermostat timer to lower your home's temperature at night or when you're not home. This can save up to 10 percent on heating costs per year.
- Change your furnace filters monthly. Cleaner filters are more energy efficient.
- Install flow-restricting showerheads. This can reduce hot water pressure by up to 50 percent without affecting shower pressure.
- Insulate hot water pipes and ducts wherever they run through unheated areas.
- Replace your water heater with a propane tankless water heater, which only operates when there is demand for hot water. Rebates are available to all Michigan residents.
- Have your propane heating system inspected annually to maintain efficiency.

Dangerous Weatherization Methods:

- Surrounding the foundation of a home with hay bales—this is a major fire hazard.
- Using thicker versions of visqueen to cover windows—this prevents windows from being used as an emergency exit (thinner plastic window kits are available).
- Wadding and stuffing paper into the sliding tracks of windows and doors—this is another major fire hazard.
- Using kerosene heaters indoors and near flammable objects—this could start a fire, cause burns, or cause asphyxiation. Using kerosene heaters indoors may be illegal in your county—contact your local fire chief for more information.
- Taking smaller propane cylinders into the home to heat the home.
- Making self repairs to your propane system, overriding all built-in safety features.

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Early Elementary (K-2)	1	Middle School (7-8)	1
Middle Elementary (3-4)	4	9th Grade	0
Upper Elementary (5-6)	1	10th Grade	6
		11th Grade	6
		12th Grade	0
		Seat Time Waiver	9

Our new semester starts January 5th. Students need to apply by December 17, 2008. If needed, there will be a drawing on December 18th to select students who will start on January 5th, 2009.

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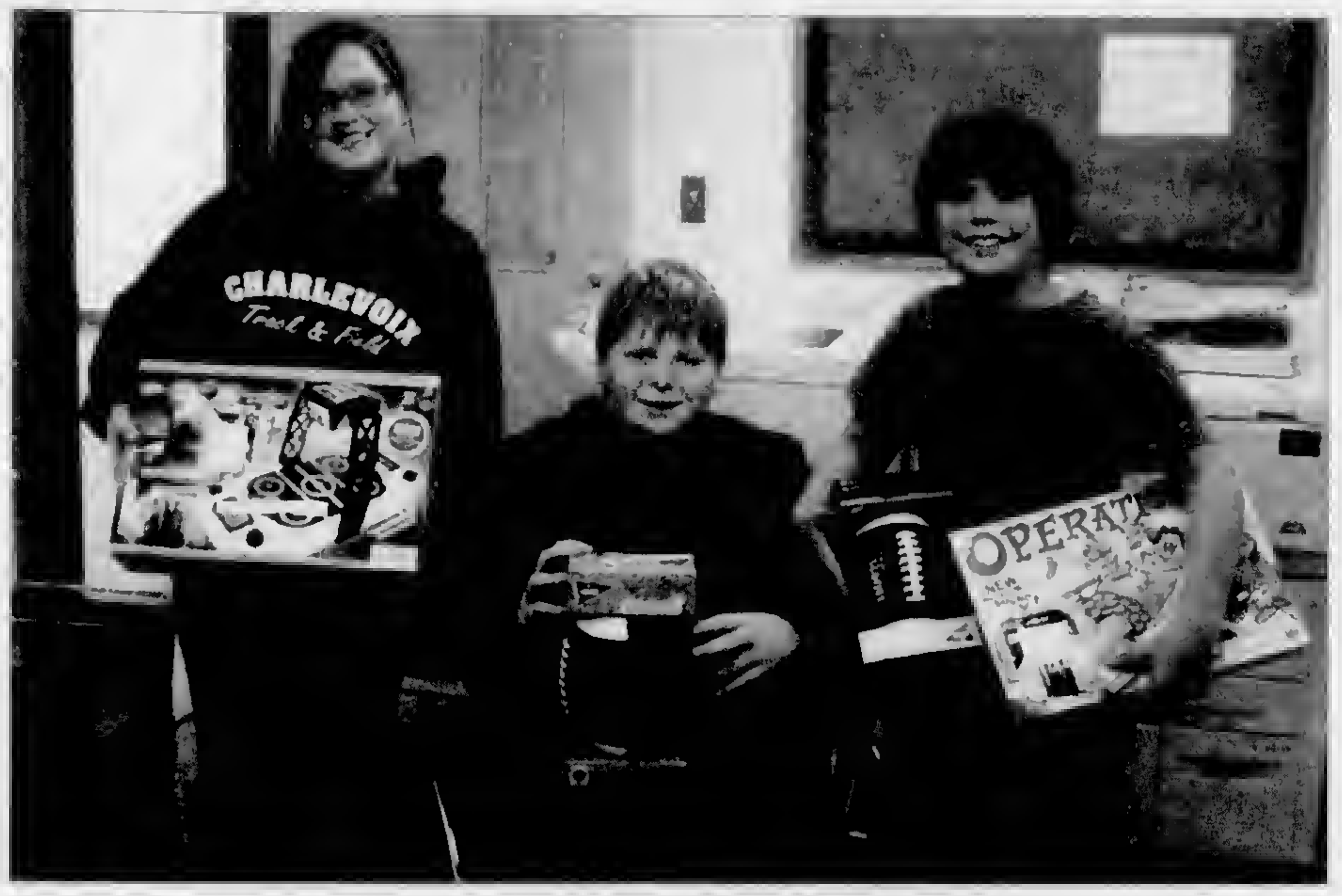

Adopt a family

Charlevoix Middle School students took up the challenge recently to adopt local foster care children and purchase Christmas gifts for them. Pictured (from left) are Danielle Schmidt, Drew Seymour and Sam Eakes.

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Merriment in full swing

(LEFT) Darren and Kelly Romano of the Grey Gables Restaurant serve up Belgian hot chocolate to the public inside the big tent during the Open House and Flurry Fest in downtown Charlevoix. The tent was a hub of activity with several restaurants serving up goodies and several bands providing entertainment.

G. RANDALL GOSS/NEWS-REVIEW

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The Sundelius sisters (from left) Lani, Robyn, and Alleah pose on Santa's lap for a photo during Saturday's Open House and Flurry Fest in downtown Charlevoix. Santa arrived via the Charlevoix Fire Department and listened to wishes and posed for pictures on the back of the fire truck.

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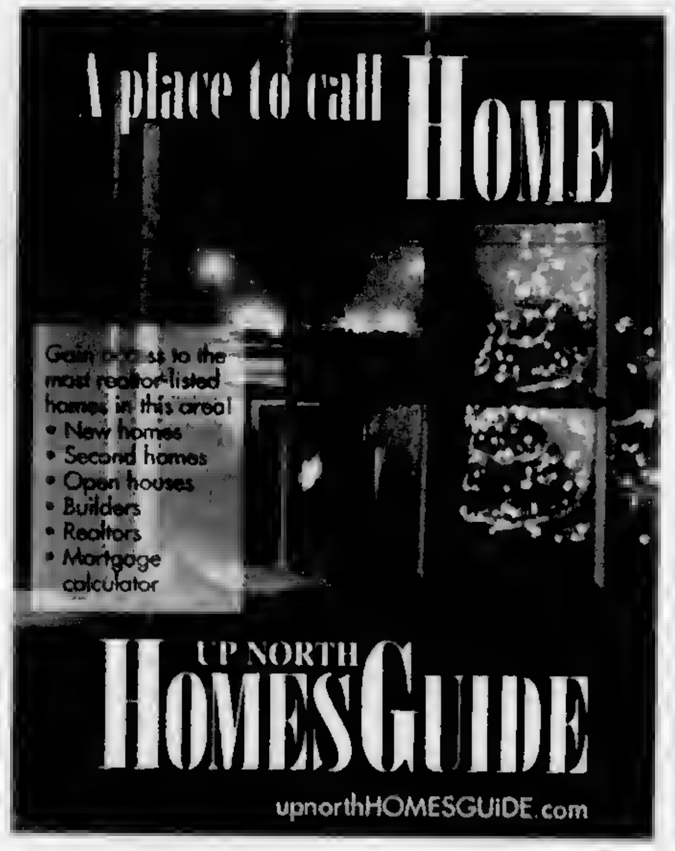
The Courier welcomes submissions for the Community Calendar for non-profit groups or events. Items are run at no charge on a space-available basis. Deadline is noon Friday for the following Wednesday's paper.



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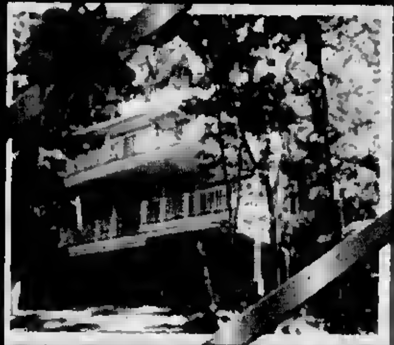

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DNR Wildlife Disease Lab increases testing for chronic wasting disease

For more than a decade, Department of Natural Resources wildlife personnel have been checking deer and elk heads at the agency's Wildlife Disease Lab, looking for evidence of bovine tuberculosis (TB) in the animals' lymph nodes.

The DNR began analyzing the heads in 1995, the year after TB was confirmed in a free-ranging whitetail in the northeastern Lower Peninsula. Since the program started, the DNR has examined more than 115,000 deer heads, mostly collected from hunters who took the animals from within the TB zone, as well as elsewhere, as the agency investigated the extent of the disease.

In 1998, the DNR also started looking for evidence of chronic wasting disease (CWD), an always fatal neurological disorder that had begun showing up in cervids, mostly in western states and Canadian provinces.

"At that time we weren't overly concerned that the disease was here in the state, but we started looking," said Dr. Steve Schmitt, DNR veterinarian. "In 2002, we became more concerned when Wisconsin announced they had it. Michigan is not that much different than Wisconsin: high deer densities, lots of captive cervid facilities and plenty of feeding and baiting."

Today, everything has changed. After a case of CWD was confirmed in a privately owned deer enclosure in Kent County last August, looking for the disease has become Job No. 1 at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health at Michigan State University, where the Wildlife Division's Animal Health Team is located. The team moved into the facility in 2003 from their Rose Lake headquarters, where they had been located since 1957. The $58 million, 152,500-square-foot facility at MSU is a state-of-the-art animal laboratory.

In recent years, the DNR has checked about 1,500 heads annually for CWD. So far this year, the agency has already surpassed that number and plans to check a minimum of 8,000 heads, hoping they will not find what they are looking for.

Heads from deer, killed by hunters, taken under disease-control permits, or even collected from fresh roadkills, have been arriving at the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab almost daily, coming in by truck from collection points at DNR field offices across the state. Crews of Wildlife Disease Lab staff, with assistance from other wildlife-health professionals, spend time almost every day in the bio-secure laboratory, looking for evidence of the disease.

It's a different process than the TB testing. When looking for TB, the staff looks for abscesses in the lymph nodes.

"With CWD, you can't see anything," Schmitt said. "We're using the same lymph nodes, but you can't tell a positive from a negative just by looking."

Instead, technicians remove 200 milligrams from the cortex of the medial retropharyngeal lymph node, put it in a container, and then send it elsewhere in the lab where a scientist runs an automated test. The material changes color if the prions, the mutated proteins that cause CWD, are present.

When the three-hour test turns up a suspect, as it did in August with the infected deer from the private facility in Kent County, the test is repeated. If a second test comes back positive, the sample is sent to the USDA's National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa, where the diagnosis can be confirmed.

"At peak times, we get about 15 people on the floor working on heads -- our staff and some people from the USDA," Schmitt said. "They bring in wildlife disease biologists from around the country and have them here for a two-week period. They've got 44 of them in 44 states; they use this as a training exercise."

It works out well for both the USDA and the DNR. Scientists from the USDA have an opportunity to spend some time working in a state-of-the-art facility, while getting a taste of what might happen if they are ever called upon to react to an outbreak of a dangerous animal disease. The DNR gets manpower from the USDA for its CWD-testing program at no cost to the agency.

The sampling takes place in what Schmitt refers to as the BL3 (Biological Level 3) necropsy room.

"It's an air-tight room with negative air pressure," he said. "Even if all the doors were opened, the infectious agent could not get out. It would be sucked out of the room through the filtration system.

It protects the individual working in the lab and makes sure the 'bug' won't get out of the room and into the environment.

"Technicians wear Tyvek® suits, gloves, eye protection and respirators. They shower out. Nothing that is on the floor comes back out, other than the staff. Anthrax could be worked on in this lab. Everything that comes into this building for necropsy or testing is incinerated at 1800 degrees. That will kill anything."

Schmitt said the DNR is working in the largest animal necropsy facility in North America and possibly the world.

"When this place was built we were working on TB, but looking to the future," Schmitt said. "There are probably other diseases we'll be seeing that we're not even aware of yet. We were looking at what we needed 10 years or more down the road."

And although taking tissue samples from deer heads has been a big part of the Schmitt's job since August, the crew is really just getting started.

"During the firearms deer season we'll be working seven days a week -- for 15 or 16 days straight."

Change in gift card legislation

Time you have to use them has increased

Just in time for the holidays, new laws in Michigan protect consumers by amending the Michigan Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. They prohibit retailers from refusing to accept a gift certificate during a sale, closeout or liquidation, or refusing to accept one as a portion of the payment where the purchase is greater than the balance remaining on the certificate.

As of Nov. 1 Michigan merchants must honor the gift cards and gift certificates they sell for at least five years from the date of purchase.

The legislation also blocks retailers from imposing inactivity, transaction, or other service fees that would decrease the face value of the cards. Retailers are further required to disclose all gift-card terms and conditions to prospective buyers, and companies cannot change the rules after the card has been issued.

Gift cards, sometimes referred to as "smart cards," represent a stored value of money.

The card has information stored in a magnetic strip or a microprocessor chip.

It is similar to a debit card, except gift cards are not tied to a consumer's bank account.

A consumer who purchases a merchant-issued gift card indicates how much they want to spend, and in return, the merchant should disclose any applicable fees, charges, expiration dates, and other restrictions.

The two broad categories of gift cards are merchant-issued gift cards or bank-issued gift cards.

Not covered under the new provisions are gift cards purchased before Nov. 1, or those issued by banks and other financial institutions, such as American Express, Visa or MasterCard. These cards, which are the most likely to come with expiration dates and fees, are exempt from the new rules.

The bottom line: Before you purchase a card, ask if it is issued by a financial institution, so you know what type of card you will be dealing with. Merchants compete for your business, especially during the holiday shopping season.

Use this competition to your advantage - always be a smart shopper, and do your homework before you buy.

As with any purchase, be sure to read the fine print before buying gift cards. Ask about purchase or use restrictions, expiration date, fees, and replacement policy for lost or stolen cards. Give the gift recipient the original receipt in case an error occurs and a merchant indicates that there is less value on the card than you purchased.

Buy from sources you know and trust. Avoid buying gift cards from online auction sites, because the cards may be counterfeit or may have been obtained fraudulently.

Encourage recipients to use the gift within three months of receipt, if possible. After a few months, it is increasingly likely the certificate or card will be lost or forgotten.

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DTE Energy, community leaders help families cope with rising energy costs

With heating costs rising and Michigan's economy struggling, DTE Energy and a number of community organizations are working to help families keep their heat and lights on this winter.

"Michigan is going through some very tough economic times, and we recognize that energy bills are going to be difficult for many people to pay," said Jerry Norcia, president and COO of DTE Energy's MichCon natural gas utility. "We want our customers to know that there are options available that can help them manage their utility bills and get through the winter safe and warm."

DTE Energy was joined today by representatives from local community service agencies and others who share concerns about the economic realities of the upcoming heating season. Organizations joining the company included THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund), the Salvation Army, United Way - 211, the Michigan Department of Human Services and a number of Detroit-area churches.

"To heat or to eat is a tough choice – and a decision that no one should have to face this winter," Norcia said. "DTE Energy has a number of programs that help customers manage their utility bills and we are casting a wide safety net for our customers with support from many of the organizations represented here today."

Heating costs across the country are expected to be about 10 to 30 percent higher this winter than last season, according to David Parker, president of the American Gas Association which represents more than 200 energy companies nationwide. While Michigan will see costs at the lower end of the anticipated increase – about 10 percent – local households will experience a tougher challenge than other regions because of the state's difficult economy.

"Collaborative efforts between utilities, community and governmental organizations are exactly what we need to lessen the blow on those struggling to stay warm this winter," Parker said. "I can assure you that the common goal of all those present today is to avoid having to shut off service to those who are unable to pay, and to find options for all customers to maintain service this winter."

With a growing number of families trying to meet basic financial obligations, cooperative efforts between DTE Energy and the community will play a critical role in helping households maintain utility service, according to Dr. Bertram Marks of the Council of Baptist Ministers of Detroit and Vicinity.

"Whenever we are challenged in this region, we come together as a community to work things out," he said. "This is an excellent example of how we can help family, friends and neighbors manage their energy bills and safely maintain utility service by working together."

While DTE Energy understands that many households will have to make tough choices about what bills to pay this winter, the company warned that stealing electric or gas service is not only illegal, but extremely dangerous.

"Some customers are going to extreme measures to heat their homes and keep their lights on by reconnecting their gas or electric service in some of the most dangerous methods imaginable," Norcia said. "Let me be clear – energy theft is dangerous . . . not only for those choosing to do so, but for others who may live nearby. If you steal electricity or gas, you are risking your life and the lives of others who are nearest and dearest to you."

While the heating season will present a particular challenge to those suffering economic hardships this winter, Steve Kurmas, president and COO-elect of DTE Energy's Detroit Edison electric utility, said that virtually everyone is looking for ways to manage their energy bills and reduce their energy use.

All households can benefit from energy conservation and efficiency.

"For instance, by lowering their thermostat just a few degrees consumers can save about 10 percent on their monthly heating bills," Kurmas said. "A number of simple, cost-effective energy saving tips are available on DTE Energy's Web site, and through an interactive online tool called MyEnergy Analyzer."

Kurmas said DTE Energy has conducted 50 free Energy Efficiency Forums around the state this year to teach customers how to seal air leaks, insulate their homes and obtain the most energy efficient appliances. The company also has launched a pilot program offering rebates to customers who purchase a high-efficiency furnace or have a professional energy audit performed on their home.

While DTE Energy offers a wide array of energy assistance programs, it is going to take a community effort to solve the significant challenges facing the state this winter, according to Kurmas.

"DTE Energy, the organizations represented here today and others working toward solutions need to be joined by individuals around the state to ensure that those people who need help this winter get it," Kurmas said. "No company, no individual, no church or social service agency will be able to tackle this alone. It must be a community effort."

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, December 1, 2008 — 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, Council Chambers, Charlevoix, M

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion by Council member Gennett, seconded by Council member Stevens, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the revised Sewer Maintenance Agreement between the City and Charlevoix Public Schools

Motion by Council member Campbell, seconded by Council member Cole, to approve the Fiber Optic Project Agreement subject to the City Attorney's and the City Manager's final approval of language addressing easement agreement language and leasing of excess capacity to third parties.

Motion by Council member Stevens, seconded by Council member Gennett, to approve the Education Tuition Assistance Policy with a correction to Section 6.7.3 to read "within 30 days".

Motion by Council member Picha, seconded by Council member Campbell, to set a Public Hearing for amendments to Title V Chapter 51, Article VII: Sign Regulation on January 5, 2009 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 7 p.m

Council adjourned 8:31 p.m

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders beat Frankfort in season opener

CHARLEVOIX — Not bad for starters.

With a tough week ahead of them — three games in five days — all the Charlevoix Rayders wanted to do was open the season on a positive note Tuesday.

Mission accomplished.

Senior center Tammy Potter scored 14 points and hauled down 13 rebounds as the Rayders topped Frankfort, 70-54, in the season-opening girls' basketball game at the Charlevoix High School gym.

Charlevoix will have little time to enjoy the win. The Rayders face Cheboygan on Thursday, Dec. 4, and then go to Kingsley on Saturday, Dec. 6.

"If we can get through this week, we'll be OK," second-year Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "There was a lot of nerves out there tonight from the players and the coach. We didn't know what to expect coming in, but they got after it."

Frankfort took a 17-16 first quarter lead before the Rayders made it 34-29 at halftime. The Rayders then outscored the Panthers, 19-12, in the third to lead 53-41 heading into the fourth.

"We just hit some key shots and got some big runs at key times," Erskine said. "We had a good third quarter, but it was back-and-forth the whole way, a game of runs and we made a big run at the end."

Also for the Rayders, KC McCary added 12 points and 12 rebounds, while Olivia Catt had nine points. And Meridith Rich added six rebounds and six assists.

For Frankfort, Sara Loney had a game-high 19 points. The Panthers made 19-of-34 from the free throw line, while Charlevoix was just 8-of-20.

"They (Frankfort) were really aggressive and we played sloppy defense the first half," Erskine said. "It was a typical first game, but lucky for me, I have eight seniors and they didn't have a senior.

"Frankfort played well though."

Charlevoix also won the JV game, 64-38, as Jenna Way scored 20 points.

Flurry Fest draws local snowboarders

G. RANDALL GOSS/NEWS-REVIEW

Charlevoix snowboarder John Curtis rides down a pile of snow atop East park in downtown Charlevoix. A local group of snowboarders built a terrain park and demonstratad tha sport for the public during Saturday's Open House and Flurry Fest.

Girls' basketball: Second-half surge lifts Charlevoix

A strong second half effort and a second straight win for Charlevoix.

The Rayders held Cheboygan to just seven points in the second half as they topped the Chiefs, 69-27, to improve to 2-0.

"In the first half, our defensive effort was bad," Charlevoix coach Bret Erskine said. "We were getting into foul trouble, putting them on the line and I kind of challenged them at halftime."

Leading 35-20 at halftime, the Rayders took a commanding 55-23 lead after three quarters.

"It was a really good defensive effort down the stretch," Erskine said. "The girls were supporting each other and I was really impressed with how we're coming together. We're still a work in progress though."

Meridith Rich and Sarah Potter scored 14 points each to lead the Rayders, while Tammy Potter added 11 points and Alyssa Smith had nine.

Rich also grabbed 10 rebounds, while Sarah Potter added eight rebounds and Tammy Potter, six. Madison Way and Smith each finished with five steals.

Courtney Hancock scored 19 points to lead Cheboygan, 1-1.

Charlevoix goes to Kingsley for another non-league contest on Saturday. Kingsley defeated the Reyders in a Class C regional final last year.

"It'll be a big test for us Saturday," Erskine said. "If we can come out of this week with three wins, that'll be huge."

Charlevoix won the JV game, 73-39. Dani Barron had 18 points and Lyndzie Gotshall added 15 for the Rayders.

Lady Rayders come up short to Kingsley

A poor second quarter cost Charlevoix dearly on Saturday.

Kingsley outscored the Rayders, 15-3, in the quarter and Charlevoix never recovered as the Stags posted a 52-44 non-league victory.

"[illegible] a rematch of last year's Class C regional championship game. [illegible] they're really well coached," said Charlevoix coach Brett Erskine, whose team is 2-1. "The second quarter gave us fits. They just did a good job pressuring the ball and we just didn't handle it well. And we couldn't buy a bucket. And we couldn't get an offensive rebound. They just outplayed [illegible]

Ashley Slade scored 14 points on 14-of-17 free throw shooting to lead the Stags, who finished 19 for 24 from the line. Hannah Bach added 12 points for Kingsley.

For Charlevoix, Meridith Rich scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while KC McCaty had nine points and 10 rebounds.

"We're still finding our way a little bit," Erskine said. "It's a long season. You never learn anything by winning every game. (A loss) knocks you back down to reality. I think this'll really help put some fire back into them and get them back into it."

Charlevoix won the JV game, [illegible].

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis - November 21, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved amended apportionment report.

Motion approved giving Civil Counsel a vote of confidence.

Motion approved the closing the building on the 26th instead of closing it on the 24th. The building will be open until noon on the 24th and closed the rest of the day.

Motion approved Resolution #08-106, Whiting Park Renovation Grant Agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #08-107, Whiting Park Universal Access Improvement.

Motion approved Resolution #08-108, Amend 2008 Township & City Clerk's Report.

Motion approved Resolution #08-109, District Court Sobriety Fund Budget

Personnel meeting has been changed from December 3rd to December 4th

The December night meeting will be moved to Monday December 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

SPORTS reviewing the action

ather and son hunting success

COURTESY PHOTO

Wayne Boss shot an 11-point buck this season with an 18 1/2 inch spread on his hunting property in Charlevoix.

COURTESY PHOTO

Wayne Boss' son Jonathon shot his deer three days after his father bagged his buck. Jonathon bagged his nine-point, with an 18 inch spread, on the familly's hunting property in Charlevoix County.

Food for the hungry

COURTESY PHOTO

The Knights of Columbus, Council 7172, presented a check for $2,500 to the Charlevoix Area Community food Pantry. This represents the net profit of the Hunters Banquet of $2014.19. The Knights of Columbus and VFW Post 1153 added contributions to bring the total to $2500. Presenting the check is Larry Campbell, chairman of the Hunters Banquet to two volunteers at the Food Pantry, Maxine Bergmann and Linda Boss.

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Dermatology Associates of Northern Michigan P.C. welcomes Tina M. Crook, PAC to their practice. Tina will start working with Doctors C. Robert Charles, MD; Roger A. Potter, MD and Lisa K. Bowersox, PAC starting in January of 2009.

Tina attended Central Michigan PA program, and began her career in Family Medicine. She has been practicing Dermatology in Jackson, Michigan for about the past 4 years. Tina is married to another PA, Bill, originally from Charlevoix and they are happy to be moving closer to his home. She has one daughter, Adele who is 20 months old. Tina enjoys spending time with her family, kayaking, and gardening.

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401K in the toilet? Market got you down?

One local financial advisor says now is the best time to buy

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Instead of stocking shotguns and bottled water for what some fear is the death of capitalism, Edward Jones financial advisor Ben Muladore said you should be stocking up on stock

And, the investment expert will be giving a talk on personal investing—for pros as well as novices—at 1 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library

"Panic is not an investment strategy," Muladore said. "If you have a financial plan in place you'll have an idea of how much income you need to retire, where your investments are."

Investors should not base decisions, for example whether to increase or decrease funding your 401K, on the market's highs or lows.

"You should not deviate from your plan for what's normal. It's normal for the market to go up and down. Obviously the best way to make money is to buy when the stocks are low and sell when the stocks are high," Muladore said. "Right now the market is down roughly 40 percent over last year and stocks are low. If you buy now, then when the economy goes back up you will be positioned to ... have more assets. They will have appreciated."

Factors investors should consider include how many years they are from retiring and their comfort level with various higher and lower risk investments.

Beware, Muladore said, the talking heads on cable TV who bark the day's hot and cold stocks.

"Ultimately they're trying to make money ... by selling advertisements," he said. "They do that by getting people to watch. If Jim Cramer (host of CNBC's "Mad Money") is running around and yelling, their veiwership increases and they sell more advertisements. (Investors) should listen to good quality investments and good portfolio diversification—the rest is just noise from people running around and yelling."

If opening your 401K statement gives you heartburn, Muladore said, don't open it.

"Ignore it. Take a walk. Turn off the TV," he said, adding that, "If you are losing sleep at night, then it may not be smart to be investing in the market. Someone's health is more important."

If you have not spoken with an investment specialist, Muladore suggested you do yourself a favor and make an appointment.

"The first thing you want to ask is how (they) get paid," he said. "If they're not upfront on how they're compensated, that would be a red flag that would go up for me."

Telling your advisor your future plans will help them help you make the wisest investments possible.

Following Muladore's talk on Dec. 11, there will be an open discussion and question and answer time for those in attendance.

Public is welcome to this free event.

For more information about Edward Jones visit edwardjones.com

For more information on the newly formed Personal Investment Discussion Group at the library, call adult services librarian Linda Adams at 547-2651.

Library is located at 220 Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

No layoffs at St. Marys Cement

CHRISTINA ROHN
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — St. Marys Cement Plant in Charlevoix made the holidays a little brighter for its employees recently when it reversed a decision to temporarily lay off 80 percent of its workforce from Dec. 1-29.

Dirk Cox, operations manager for St. Marys Cement, said news of the reversal came from their corporate office, St. Marys Cement Group in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

"The decision was made by (corporate) six days before the lay-off was to take place," Cox said. "It's a little bit of good news in the bleak economic conditions we're in."

Cox said corporate informed their plant that "market conditions had changed."

"So there will be no lay-offs in the Charlevoix plant in 2008 — hopefully we'll be able to say this at the end of 2009," he said.

According to Cox, the Charlevoix plant is the only St Marys Cement Group plant that has not yet suffered lay-offs.

Both the company's plants in St. Marys and Bowmanville, Ontario, have experienced lay-offs, and their Dixon, Ill., plant is ceasing operations.

"Without exception, every other St. Marys (plant) is shut down or has lay-offs — we're the only one running," Cox said. "At this point, our market for our distribution warrants us running."

Cox said, for now, he is enjoying the recent turn of events.

"It makes me feel fantastic. These are great people here and they work hard," he said. "I look at this as a reward for their good performance."

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spends a lot of his time sleeping.

"He is quite ill. But, he has his good days and his bad days," she added.

Joddy was diagnosed in 1996 with Hepatitis C. He was just recently put on the transplant list this fall.

"It has been a struggle. He just tries to take it one day at a time. We try not to let the disease control our lives," Beth said in regards to her husband.

Joddy is a man of many talents, and has spent most of his life doing work that helped others.

He spent many hours teaching teens and adults how to write songs, and play the guitar.

In his time on the island, Joddy has played with Shifting Souls, Claudia Schmidt, and Prisoners of Paradise.

Joddy is also a builder and finish carpenter. He built The Mamba Room recording studio on Beaver Island, and Joe's recording studio for Victor DeLorenzo of The Violent Femmes.

Dunn, who plays Ron Witwicky in Transformers, owns a home on Beaver Island, and is a long time friend of Joddy and Beth's.

They met in a pub on the island in 1997.

Dunn auctioned off a one of a kind autographed hat on eBay to help Joddy.

"When he was filming Transformers, Joddy was in and out of the hospital. It got real expensive to keep flying to and from the island. Kevin (Dunn) wanted to do something to help, and he came up with this idea all on his own. We just learned about it ourselves as well," Beth said. "I cannot say how big of a thank you we owe Kevin. His gift is so sweet, and so amazing. It is a very generous thing he is doing for our family."

Joddy and Beth have two sons, Stryder who is 24 and Saygan who is 19.

They are all touched by what Dunn is doing.

The hat that was auctioned said Transformers across the side, and was signed by many of the actors in the movie. Costars Shia LeBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, Mathew Marsden, Kevin Dunn, and Julie White all signed the hat.

Everyone thought it was cool. They were all happy to sign the hat and help," Dunn said in regards to the Transformers cast. "I hope it can raise a lot of money. I hope the hat goes to some real big Transformers fan. It's really a good cause; the disease he (Joddy) is fighting is tough. My hope in doing this was to help them out," Dunn added.

The Croswhites plan on putting the money from the auction into a separate bank account for the time when Joddy goes for his transplant.

"We know we will have to be going to the hospitals often, and we may even have to live in Ann Arbor for a while. It is going to be costly. The money from Kevin's auction will help," Beth said.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the Croswhites can do so by sending a check to: The Croswhite Family at P.O. Box 143, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

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NETWORK

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wastewater treatment plant, water treatment plant, the electrical and water building and the streets building," he said. "We're hoping to be connected sometime in 2009, but those connections will be contingent on whether we have money in the budget."

While the speed of fiber optic cable cannot be compared to dial-up or DSL, Charlevoix Public Schools technology coordinator Scott Mays said it will be several times faster than the fastest commercially available Internet in the area.

"Theoretically, the only limitation to fiber is the electronic component itself," he said. "A hundred gigabyte is perfectly reasonable and they believe it could go faster than that, but currently the equipment that is available is 10 GB."

While the exact finish date remains in question, Mays said the system could be up and running by February—and it cannot come fast enough.

"The connectivity between buildings is very limited right now and this will ... enable us to eliminate some (phone) leases so that cost will be reduced. It'll speed up our Internet bandwidth between buildings, centralize some technology resources so we do not have to duplicate from building to building," he said.

Approximately 90 percent of the cable, Mays said, will be strung above ground, while the remainder will be laid underground in places such as under the Pine River Channel.

The life on the cable can be many decades, which makes the investment all the more beneficial, Mays said.

"They have cable that has been around for 50 years," he said. "I think we're probably looking at a 20 to 30 year life."

In addition to saving the city an undetermined amount of money by building its own phone system off the fiber optic lines, Straebel said the future could hold meter reading without sending individuals into the field and the transfer and monitoring of large amounts of data throughout the various municipal locations.

Kiwanis essay

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The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

BLOOD DRIVES

- 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Dec. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday
- Open Mic Night, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 4, Charlevoix Public Library

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- Twilight Saga Lock-In, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Dec. 5, Charlevoix Public Library

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- JATL: Jazz @ the Library, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 10, Charlevoix Public Library
- Saturdays at the Movies - Watch holiday movie "Elf" for free at 2 p.m., Dec. 13

DEC. 13

Christian Singles dinner at 6 p.m., Dec. 13 at Zion Lutheran Church, 500 West Mitchell. Bring a dish to pass and a $10 gift to exchange. Call 347-3438 (days) or 347-5747 (evenings) to R.S.V.P. E-mail frieda@compnor.com for more information.

DEC. 16

NWA Christmas concert

Northwest Academy to celebrate holidays with music at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

The Northwest Academy Bands, Strings and General Music classes will be presenting holiday music. Young aspiring vocalists from grades Kindergarten through sixth will be performing under the direction of Don Neidert. The string classes will also present some selections suitable to the time of year.

DEC. 17

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Charlevoix County Republican Women's Group will host a holiday party at the Weathervane restaurant. Attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items which will be distributed to local food pantries. All are welcome to this event which will feature hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Call 547-4887 or 547-0866 for more information.

JAN. 10

Intuitive watercolor painting workshop

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 10 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Ave. Cost is $75. Registration fee does not include materials and is due by Jan. 4. Address checks to: Charlevoix Circle of Arts, RE: watercolor, P.O. Box 617, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information call 547-2333.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Charlevoix Community Christmas Project mitten trees

COURTESY PHOTO

Mittens, hats, scarfs and sock donations are being accepted at our cities financial institutions now until Dec. 16 for the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project. Citizens Bank, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank, Huntington Bank and Northwestern Bank will once again be joining forces to help the Christmas Project collect winter items by displaying unadorned trees in their lobbies. Men's, women's, teens and children items are in high demand this year as the number of families applying for assistance has increased from years past. The items collected will be taken to the Bethany Lutheran Church for distribution to families on Dec. 18. Socks are in high demand and donors are asked to give whole packages of white tube socks. Call 547-9013 or 547-2078 for more information. Send monetary donations to Carolyn Batdoroff, 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix MI 49720. Pictured is Marilyne Joy.

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Decorating for the family

Sisters Sandy Kilmartin (left) and Judy Baker worked decorating the community room at Pine River Place, where they live, in anticipation of a Christmas family get-together they have been planning for nearly a year. Baker and Kilmartin decorated 16 Christmas trees—one for each member of the family—dozens of treats from homemade bread and candy to handmade quilts and crafts. The yuletide duo treated their family to lunch, an auction for unmarked Christmas presents—which the participants paid for in play money provided by the sisters—and the family even made popcorn balls from scratch.

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained-glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

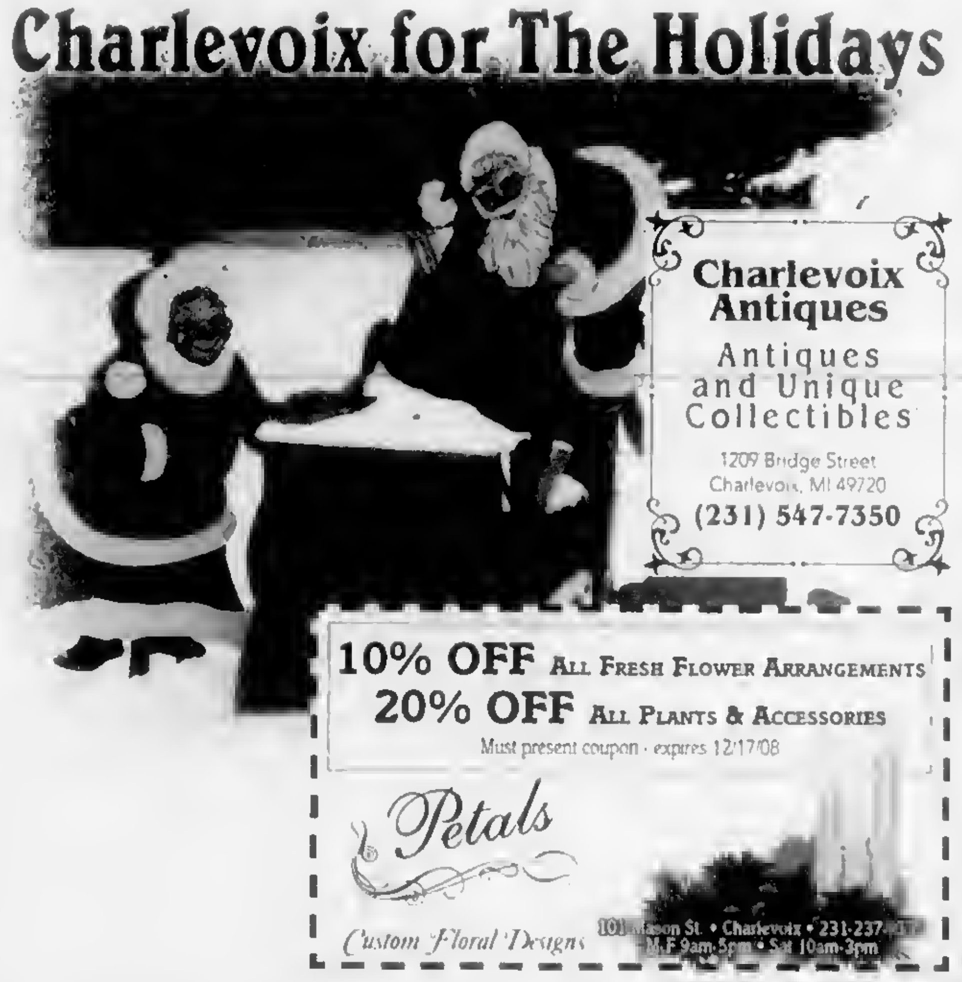
Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.



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Still no contract for teachers

Concerned Charlevoix Public Schools Administration were considering outsourcing, a packed house of support staff attended the board of education meeting on Dec. 8.

And, while the schools have instated a plan to use a third-party employment service for future bus driver's hired, Charlevoix Schools' Superintendent Chet Janik said there has been no discussion and there are no intentions to outsource support staff positions.

"We are trying to be as proactive as we can," Janik said. "We certainly value the work the support staff has done and will continue to do."

But, he added, "Our number one priority has to be maintaining our high academic standards."

The concern apparently arose from the decision not to give a part time kitchen employee full, free medical benefits.

"By employing through PMP (a company which supplies workers for various positions) we saved close to $9,000," Janik said. "And, in an era of deficit spending, our goal is to keep the cuts away from the classroom and maintain high academic standards."

The board held a closed session discussion on the contract negotiations currently in limbo with the teachers and various support staff later than evening.

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Charlevoix's Got Talent

COURTESY PHOTO

First place winner of the Charlevoix High School performing arts class's community-wide talent show Charlevoix's Got Talent was Colton Leese, stage name Colt Taylor, who sang an original score entitled "At All." Leese/Taylor won the $100 cash prize. Second place went to Michael Patrick's band, "Don't Touch the Trim" playing the pop song "Boston." Third place was garnered by Raymond Shenoskey II with a traditional Native American Hoop dance. Pictured are Shenoskey in the American Indian costume, Patrick in the white shirt and Leese/Taylor accepting his prize money. Leese/Taylor practices daily at home on a baby grand piano.

Lesson in gratitude

BY ALICE PERRAULT
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

This season brings its own Christmas miracle for Kenneth and June Kunkle after they go through injury, layoffs and more.

The Kunkles have had a rough time these past couple months. First they had a fire in their home, then June fell and broke both her feet, and Kenneth got laid off.

"We are still recovering from it all," June said.

Last April, an electrical fire broke out in the basement of the Kunkle's home. It destroyed everything in the room, and the smoke damage ruined almost everything else on the floor above it.

"Beds, cloths, children's toys, TV's, computers, you name it, we lost it," June said.

To make matters worse, when the house was being repaired, June fell down the stairs in the basement. She broke both of her feet, and had to have six pins put in.

"I'm still using a wheelchair, walker and my cane," she said.

June has been confined to her basement since her fall.

"I'm stuck down here for a little longer. But I'm sure everything will work out for the better. I have faith in that," she said.

After the fire and June's fall, Kenneth was laid off.

Kenneth worked at Harbor Industries.

He has since gone back to work, but is expecting to be laid off again

See GRATITUDE, page 13

Approved updated natural hazard plan

Addresses mitigation of floods, tornadoes, wildfires

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Working to comply with federal disaster planning provisions instated in 2000, Charlevoix County officials recently re-released their comprehensive hazard mitigation plan.

What began with brainstorming sessions in 2004 culminated with a tomb outlining potential threats from thunderstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, blizzards and more which was approved several years ago, but was required to be changed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) when they suggested planners make some minor formatting changes and readopt the updated document.

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PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Charlevoix County Emergency Management Coordinator Jack Messer (left) and Charlevoix County Planner Larry Sullivan give a brief overview of the Charlevoix County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners on Dec. 10. The plan is used to evaluate potential natural hazards and lays out a structure for dealing with such hazards.

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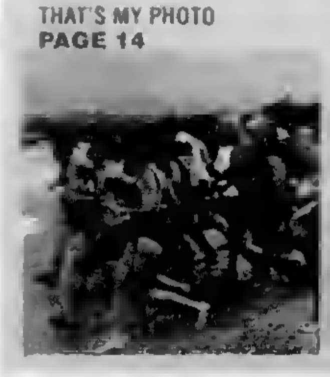

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stefanija Grace Reskevics weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born Dec. 5 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Andrejs and Kate Reskevics of Harbor springs. Her sibling is Niko. Her grandparents are Nancy and Bill Gurney of Harbor Springs, Ivors and Pauline Reskevics of Petoskey and Inge Reskevics of Harbor Springs. Her great-grandparent is Estelle Gurney of Plymouth.

Breudon Lee Evans weighing 4 pounds, 14 ounces was born Dec. 5 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brett Evans and Brandy Irwin of Boyne city. His siblings are Kegan and Garrison. His grandparents are Terry Evans of Boyne City, Carol Upton of Lupton, Billie Irwin of Petoskey and Tracy Irwin of Cheboygan.

Brooklynn Grace Bannister weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces was born Dec. 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chad Bannister and Kate Skrocki of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Douglas and Kimberly Skrocki of Boyne City and Rex and Lynn Bannister of Boyne Falls. Her great-grandparents are Betty Skrocki of East Jordan, Jane Holley of Boyne City and Ernest and Darlene Fitzpatrick of Boyne Falls.

Westin Leland Kiteley weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces was born Dec. 3 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Adam and Beth Kiteley of Grand Rapids. His grandparents are Jerry and Georgia Owens of Grand Rapids and Chuck and Gay Kiteley of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Charles and Carmen Kiteley of Charlevoix and Jerome and Marion Kimble of Bay Shore.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Deber Rosella Schmeltzer, 43, Marquette. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Moises Salazar Jr., 22, Detroit. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $600 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Stacy Lea Hammon, 36, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Credit for one day in jail; serve five days of community service work; to serve six months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; write a letter of apology; $350 in fines and costs

Craig Allan Wagner, 36, Charlevoix. Operator no license/multiple licenses. Pay $125 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Marcus Leroy Bundy Jr., 21, East Jordan. Sell/furnish alcohol to minors. Credit for two days in jail; to serve three days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Ashlyn Marie Forman, 18, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol - third or subsequent offense. To serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; no to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $350 in fines and costs.

Kirk Jeffrey Smith, 21, Boyne City. Insufficient funds for checks written; two counts of operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow, Pay $850 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Hunter Robert Hoagland, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Creative Talents, 402 Jefferson St., Boyne City, by Shelly Breimer

Chandler Hill Artworks, 7699 Chandler Hill, Boyne Falls, by Jeff Doublestein

HMRW Services, 07619 Charlevoix View Drive, by Ray Kokko

Slough Law, 702 West St., Gaylord and 104 East St., East Jordan, by William Paul Slough

Precision Painting, 1667 Deer Lake Road, Boyne City, by Beth Fortune

Miki's Cleaning, PO Box 208, East Jordan, by Miki Lynn Campbell

Landsmen Inspectors Group, 13450 Forest Drive, Charlevoix, by Robert Schoonover

Trace Dog Enterprises, 11426 Lord Road, Charlevoix, by Mary Jane M. Maskobek

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Justin William Whisler, 26 and Shelly Diane Barrow, 25, both of Charlevoix

Charlevoix students to attend prez' swearing-in

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

"Where were you when Kennedy was shot?" she asked.

Charlevoix High School economics/government teacher Annemarie Conway said taking her 38 students to witness the inauguration of America's first black president will rank with the highest points in her life.

"Future generations will ask, 'Where were you when President (Barack) Obama was sworn in?'" she said. "This is one of those historical things where time will stand still for a moment or two and then we'll move on."

In addition to attending the presidential inauguration, the students will attend the Michigan Inaugural Ball.

"This is just an amazing occasion," Conway said. "They are planning on 1.5 million people being there in (Washington) D.C. and they're trying to figure out how they're going to do this."

The inaugural events will occur Jan. 20, but the students will have the opportunity on Jan. 19, to attend a commemoration for Dr. Martin Luther King at the Lincoln Memorial.

"We're really thankful for the ability to do this," Conway said. "I hope they (students) can see this for the rest of their life as 'I was there for this amazing historical event.'"

The trip is the culmination of months of work the students performed helping with their chosen presidential campaigns answering phones and passing out literature.

"We have been very involved with the elections," Conway said. "We followed the primaries and the general election and the students worked to get out the vote and remind people where to vote and what the issues were."

Away for the Holidays?

Follow these tips to protect your home

Everyone looks forward to this time of year: including burglars.

With many people away, visiting friends, or just out of the house shopping, there are many good prospects for break-ins.

Experts agree that it is a very vulnerable time for homeowners.

Follow these precautions to avoid being burgalarized.

- Examine the exterior of your house
- Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed
- Check to see it there is any "wiggle room" that could give a thief enough space to jimmy open
- Walk around your whole property to ensure there is nothing that can be used to climb to upper floors
- Look in your windows to make sure blinds are positioned to screen the interior view, but not closed completely
- You may want to move any computers and TV's away from prying eyes
- Never leave an "emergency key" hidden outside your house
- Always leave your home in a secure state, regardless of the amount of time you expect to be away
- A burglar watching your house is capable of taking what he wants in a few carefully planned moments
- When you are away from the house, particularly for an extended period, be sure to make it look lived in
- Put timers on a few lights at varied times, put a timer on a radio set to a talk radio station
- Install a dusk/dawn outside light or motion detector

In many instances installing a home alarm system will give you protection, a sense of calm and even a discount on your homeowner's insurance.

Inventory your major possessions. An easy way is to place valuables on tables and videotape your house, room-to-room of all furniture, paintings and other possessions.

Place the list, any photos/videos you took, and perhaps the valuables themselves in a safe separate location.

Tell a trusted neighbor on your block that you will be away.

Activity or noise that might otherwise seem normal to them would be alarming if they knew you are away from home.

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10 things you never knew about ... Steve West

Now the Executive Director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, Steve West grew up in Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Dallas, Texas, before enlisting in the United States Marine Corp and in 1968. West served during the Vietnam war until 1970. In 1973, West graduated from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo with a BA in history and political science. West met his wife Elaine while in college and the two have two sons 30-year-old Gavin, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who served as an officer in the Marine Corp. and 23-year-old Grant, a Beaver Island High School graduate who enlisted in the Marine Corp as well. Grant leaves for basic training this March.

Q 1. If you could have dinner with anyone, live or dead, who would it be?

A: *Winston Churchill. I would like to know how he managed to be such a fine leader in the early days of World War II when the news was so bad. I would like to join him in a cigar.*

Q 2. What really makes you mad?

A: *Men who abuse women, children and animals. They are a perfect example of unmanly cowards. Fake combat vets (peeve) me off a bit also.*

Q 3. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world, what would it be?

A: *The world would be a much safer and prosperous place if all humans had the benefits of basic democracy and capitalism*

Q 4. What is something few people know about you?

A: *Within a period of weeks, while serving in Vietnam, I almost died twice: Once by a sniper's bullet that missed me by inches and then I got dysentery and almost died of that. After those experiences, life's little trials and tribulations don't seem very stressful.*

Q 5. Describe the perfect day.

A: *A sunny summer day on a Beaver Island beach.*

Q 6. How did you get into your line of work and what do you like best about it?

A: *Jonied Kalamazoo based medical products giant—it was small then—right out of college as a marketing trainee. Being the chief sales person is a great job that is enjoyable 99 percent of the time.*

Q 7. What is your biggest fear?

A: *Islamic radicals: It's not luck that we have not been attacked at home again since 9/11.*

Q 8. Name something you yet want to accomplish.

A: *Hey I quit smoking ... now if I can just lose the extra 40 pounds I gained.*

Q 9. What are your hobbies/how do you spend your free time?

A: *I enjoy learning. So much of it is wasted on kids. I study military and diplomatic history 1940 to present. Also, clean energy development. Also enjoy fishing and hunting.*

Q 10. What makes you unique? How are you unlike anyone else

A: *I'm not unique. I'm blessed with a wonderful wife and two fine sons and live in a very special place where folks look out for, and care for, one another very unlike the worldwide norm.*

PHOTO BY FRANK SOLLE

Executive Director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Steve West, seen here working from his Beaver Island office, discovered the Island for himself while studying at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo in the early 1970s.

Senate passes Allen legislation

The Senate recently unanimously approved legislation that will ease the participation of charitable foundations in community and economic development projects, said Sen. Jason Allen, who sponsored the measure.

The northern Michigan lawmaker said many development projects involve a mix of public and private participants. The goal is not to earn a profit for the participants, but to create conditions where the whole community may benefit from more affordable housing or improvement in the local economic infrastructure. In these situations, a common management

vehicle is a Limited Liability Company, or LLC.

Allen's Senate Bill 1445 creates a new charitable-purpose LLC called a Low-Profit Limited Liability Company, or L3C.

"Current IRS regulations make it difficult for private nonprofit entities, like charitable foundations, to participate in such ventures when they are structured as LLCs," said Allen, (R-Traverse City). "Our reform plan simplifies the system and is good news for organizations that are working to improve the quality of life for Michigan residents."

The Senate also approved SB 1446, a companion bill that includes technical changes and establishes conditions for dissolving an LLC.

"With Michigan continuing to face economic challenges, these measures will be a big plus for organizations and communities that are striving to make a difference," Allen said.

The legislation now goes to the Michigan House for further consideration.

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Celebrating the Winter Solstice

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

As part of an annual attempt to connect us to rest of the living and the physical world surrounding us, herewith my once a year effort to encourage the celebration of the winter solstice.

Even if we only see the sun once a week this time of year, we continue to be dependent on it in many ways.

We are about to observe one of the world's great holidays. No, not Christmas, not Hanukkah, not Ramadan, not Kwanzaa, not the New Year, not Flurry Fest—although the clustering of so many ethnic, religious and commercial celebrations at about the same time of the year is no accident.

What we will observe is a world holiday, an astronomical one, not an ethnic, religious or geographic one.

We are approaching the winter solstice; an occasion that has been celebrated in some way for almost as long as there have been human beings living some distance from the equator.

For most of us in the modern world, the solstice is just a date on the calendar which in the northern hemisphere of our earth is sometimes called the beginning of winter.

The word, "solstice," literally means a stopping of the sun.

Surrounded as we are with artificial light at all seasons of the year, it may be difficult to understand the significance that early temperate zone humans attached to the one day when the sun, which had been inexorably moving lower and lower in the sky, stopped its descent.

Back when we believed in fickle gods who might do anything to us or for us, people built great fires and performed all sorts of rituals and entreaties in hopes of luring the sun back from its distant journey; just as we now deck our houses and businesses with lights.

The day the sun stopped moving away and began to return was probably the greatest day each year.

Long before we had calendars or months or weeks, people knew intimately the pattern of movement of the sun, source of warmth and life That the hours of light began to lengthen and the conviction that the sun was surely returning, must have helped make the cold of winter more tolerable for those people who had winter. And it should make it more tolerable for us.

Even if we humans do not much note the beginning of longer days, we are surrounded by creatures who do.

There is not likely any native plant or animal here in northern Michigan that is not at some level aware that the solstice is passed and that the days are getting longer.

The built-in clock which almost all creatures share , is accurate to within ten minutes, even in the most unconscious plant. So surely by the first week in January on our calendar, everything but us humans will know the solstice has passed and days are lengthening.

Those little hormonal signals that guide the behavior and activities of every living thing have begun to tell them that spring is on the way and they should be getting ready. Buds on plants are months from swelling and doing anything we can see, but deep down inside, they are beginning to make ready.

Little microscopic hints of cell division and growth are already under way.

Our exalted humanness doesn't totally keep us from awareness that days are short. Some number of us suffer notably from what is called Seasonal Affective Disorder, appropriately abbreviated SAD.

Depression of varying degrees of seriousness is part of winter for many of us. The cure for such depression is, not surprisingly, exposure to bright light for some additional hours each day.

The Solstice might appropriately remind us that we are tied to the world and all its living things by bonds much stronger and longer lasting than any of the more recently inaugurated human holidays on our calendar. Celebrate the Solstice.

WEEKLY POLL

This week's poll question:
Should Congress reconsider and offer the Big Three bridge loans?

Healing a broken heart; take a closer walk with He

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Stephen Guthrie

I have a friend, let's call him Abner, who is going through a heart-breaking divorce.

His wife's sudden decision to walk away from the marriage in which he had invested one third of his life imposed on him overnight new agenda not of his own choosing.

It has been a bewildering and disappointing outcome to the life he had planned, and each day he cycles through a full gamut of emotions: disbelief, denial, the anger of betrayal, confusion, fear, regret.

Sometimes he cries, sometimes he yells, and sometimes he just sits there numbed by it all.

Abner called the other night, looking for another human heart to walk alongside him for a while as he tries to make sense of it all.

He asked this simple question: what can I do to be happy again?

Abner's question resonates with anyone who has experienced any sort of loss, as everyone,has and will again.

Loss of a marriage ranks right up there with loss of a loved one, loss of a livelihood, loss of health, and loss of a pet as an example of a significant emotional event that can send a person reeling in pain.

There are really two questions buried in Abner's plea, and in the counseling office I routinely find myself helping people who are experiencing major loss understand and respond to them separately.

First, when Abner asks what he can do to be happy again the real question is how can he rewind his life back to the place it was before this calamity struck? The answer to Abner's first question is that he will never in his life be at that place again. He will never be that person, nor will his wife, and there is no reset button that will bring to life that which has died.

It is gone but not forgotten, and Abner is now faced with the process of grieving the loss.

As hard as it is to receive that answer as reality, it is essential that the grieving person understand there has been a line drawn in their life they will never step back across. Understanding there is no real option to go back, they are then able to begin the process of going forward.

The point I made with Abner, and the hope I would offer anyone who has lost the seemingly irreplaceable, is that while you will never again have what has been lost, on the other side of grief is a new reality that is just now still out of sight.

It will have new people in it, new pleasures and treasures and traditions.

It will not be the same as the old life, it may not even be similar, but there is a huge likelihood it will be just as good and a great chance it will be better.

Life doesn't end with the loss, it changes and redefines itself and puts on new clothing.

The transition will not occur overnight, and it will not come without a lot of work. But just as life goes on there is a new day coming and it brings with it a new reality.

It is well understood that you cannot bypass grief. If you stuff grief it rots you from within. You can't go around, over, or under. You must go through it.

Some people take ten minutes, others 10 months, and while the grief process can go awry there really isn't any one "right" way to do it.

But what my friend Abner knows is that he need not travel that hard road alone. He walks hand in hand with Jesus, that very personal savior, Himself so familiar with the pain of betrayal.

Abner trusts Jesus will lead him safely down a road where he can't see more than a couple steps ahead.

While they walk Abner tells how much it hurts, and Jesus offers him the care and comfort for which He is renowned.

And when it seems Abner can't take another step, he is carried a while in much the same loving way a loving dad carries an exhausted child off to bed.

Together they go forward into a new reality, a different life from that which was lost, but with tremendous potential to be better.

I mentioned that there is a second dimension to the answer to Abner's question of whether and how he will ever be happy again.

The second answer to that question lies in the distinction between happiness and joy. The two terms are used almost interchangeably, but actually refer to two largely unrelated concepts we will explore in the next installment.

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LETTERS to the editor

FLURRY FEST FANTASTIC

Editor:

The Charlevoix Merchants Open House and Second Annual Flurry Fest are in the books and we're once again reminded of how fortunate we are to live in our close-knit northern Michigan communities.

Faced with plenty of flurries and gusting winds for the second consecutive year, area residents once again flocked to Downtown Charlevoix in search of great deals, engaging entertainment, and most important of all, community cheer.

This event couldn't have enjoyed its success without the numerous businesses willing to invest in Downtown Charlevoix.

Our corporate sponsors deserve a great deal of credit for financially supporting Flurry Fest when budget times are particularly difficult.

At least eight corporate sponsors were integral partners in supporting Saturday's festivities.

Seamless logistical support made certain the event began at the appointed hour and ended when necessary allowing Bridge Street/US 31 to be reopened almost an hour ahead of schedule. This assistance was made possible through the combined efforts of the City of Charlevoix's electric, fire, police and street departments who once again demonstrated unmatched professionalism and commitment to our citizens.

The Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighter's Association again delivered Santa to the throngs of children anxious to bend his ear about their Christmas wishes.

And, coordinating municipal event support fell to Ms. Linda Weller in the office of the city manager, who made certain everything happened as it should.

Events don't plan themselves, and the energy and resources put into the Merchants Open House and Flurry Fest on behalf of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, its staff and several of its individual members cannot be understated.

Sincere thanks are extended to various local downtown stores for allowing their respective business owners to spend the past two months planning this event.

Mr. Gary Stutzman once again helped put together a top notch slate of entertainment featuring Jeff & Maggie, Tuba Christmas, the North Country String Band and the Petoskey Steel Drum Band.

And finally, extra special thanks to the many families who chose to spend all or part of their Saturday in Downtown Charlevoix or in other area retail stores.

We know you work hard to earn your paycheck and our area retailers work hard to earn your holiday business.

Thank you for your patronage and your support of our local economy.

If the Merchants Open House and Flurry Fest help entice you to town on a blustery December day, you've got our word we'll continue to make it happen.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

Keith Carey
Executive Director, Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority

TURKEY TROT

Editor:

Thank you so much for your support of our Second Annual Turkey Trot. We had over 60 participants and all went very well—including weather.

Thank-you.

Candy Smith and Turkey Trot staff

State seeks grant proposals to expand ag' products

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Don Koivisto today announced USDA's Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) will distribute $1.3 million in federal matching funds nationwide to the food and agriculture industry.

The program is administered by MDA and other state departments of agriculture.

"We encourage Michigan food and agriculture organizations to take advantage of this opportunity to expand their programs," said Koivisto. "The program leverages federal and private resources to develop and enhance Michigan's dynamic $63.7 billion agriculture industry."

FSMIP funds a wide-range of applied research projects that address barriers, challenges, and opportunities in marketing, transportation, and distribution of U.S. food and agricultural products domestically and internationally.

Eligible agricultural categories include livestock, livestock products, food and feed crops, fish, horticulture, viticulture, apiary, and forest products and processed or manufactured products derived from such commodities. Reflecting the growing diversity of U.S. agriculture in recent years, FSMIP has funded projects dealing with nutraceuticals, bioenergy, compost, and products made from agricultural residues.

Proposals may deal with barriers, challenges, or opportunities manifesting at any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale, and retail. Proposals may involve small, medium, or large-scale agricultural entities but should potentially benefit multiple producers or agribusinesses. Proprietary proposals that benefit one business or individual will not be considered.

Proposals should include an additional five percent in the salary/fringe line for MDA FSMIP grant oversight. Proposals reflecting a collaborative approach between states, academia, and the farm sector are of particular interest.

The application and guidelines are available at www.ams.usda.gov/FSMIP. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009.

MDA will review and forward approved submissions to USDA.

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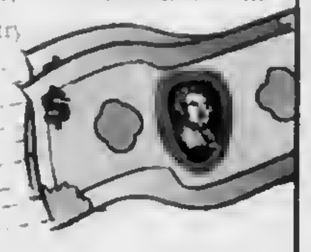
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Charlevoix County Community Foundation

Grants awarded

From the purchase of a snow groomer to a digital imaging art exhibit, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee supports a variety of local programs to benefit young people. Members of the committee, who represent six high schools throughout the County, awarded nine grants totaling $23,939.

Organizations chosen to receive youth committee grants and the amount of the awards include

- Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc. $2,500 to purchase helmets for use in adaptive winter programs
- City of Charlevoix - $3,000to purchase a snow groomer for Mt. McSauba
- Crooked Tree Arts Center - $1,600 to support after school art activities for K-8 students
- Friends of the Jordan River Watershed - $600 to support a summer youth environmental education program
- Harbor Hall - $4,865 to support teenage substance abuse prevention projects
- Jordan River Arts Council - $2,250 for the digital imaging youth art project and exhibit
- Little Traverse Choral Society - $1,000 to present five international children's concerts
- Planned Parenthood of W&N Michigan - $2,724 to provide sexuality education for teenage males
- Raven Hill Discovery Center - $5,400 to support the building connections hands-on learning program

With these recent awards, the youth committee's grantmaking total is over $642,000 since it began distributing grants in 1994.

Money for grantmaking comes from the Youth Fund held by the Community Foundation.

This fund was spearheaded with financial support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and now has assets of more than $1 million.

Members of the youth committee are Maeve Green, Jenna Butler, and Brontae Lemmink from Beaver Island; Parker Ameel, Wes Roberge, and Hailey Cooper from Boyne City; Katie Fraser, Hunter Brisson, and Kristen Matelski from Boyne Falls; Jonathon Way, Thomas Parrish, Rachel Boss, and Wade Werth from Charlevoix; James Brown, Molli Andor, and Emily Crick from East Jordan.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowments.

Every year, a portion of the endowments investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development, and various civic projects. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County's residents and nonprofit organizations.

Since it was founded in 1992, the foundation has distributed grants totaling over $9.7 million for the common good.

The foundation welcomes inquiries and grant requests.

The next deadline for submitting a grant request is March 1, 2009. For more information about grantmaking opportunities, or the Community Foundation, call (231) 536-2440, or visit the foundation's Web site at www.c3f.org.

ohBOIX! *A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.*

FERRIS HONORS LIST

Thaddeus Bakker, Samantha Keie and Sherryl Kirby recently received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in August 2008 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

Thaddeus Bakker recently completed the requirements for a Bachelor degree Cum Laude in Manufacturing Engineering Tech from Ferris Sate University.

Scholarship awarded

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Lake Superior State University student Tara Morrow accepts the Shannon Nursing Scholarship from LSSU Nursing faculty member MaryAnne Shannon, her husband Patrick, and LSSU President Rodney Lowman. Presentation was made during the annual War Memorial Hospital Banquet held at Lake Superior State. The Shannons hava provided scholarships to students at LSSU since 1983, in acknowledgement of the scholarships that helped them afford their undergraduate degrees. MaryAnne is an advanced practice nurse in geriatrics who earned her PhD from MSU. Patrick is a practicing attorney who earned his law degree from U of D, and his EdD from CMU. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior nursing student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference is given to students interested in geriatrics. Morrow is a senior from Charlevoix.

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Arnold-MacFarlan Wedding

Karen Arnold, daughter of David and Linny Arnold of Charlevoix, and John MacFarlan, son of John (deceased) and Mary Ellen MacFarlan of Redford Township, were married at 11 a.m., July 5 at the Franklin Community Methodist Church in Franklin.

The bride wore an a-line ivory satin gown with a halter neckline decorated with multicolor embroidery and beading. Both bride and maid-of-honor carried white rose bouquets with purple-dipped tips. The best man was the groom's brother-in-law Steve Sersen; maid of honor was Amanda Hartley, fiancee of the brother-of-the-bride. Karen Arnold was escorted down the aisle by both parents to "Nessun Dorma" by Puccini. There were 150 guests in attendance. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia.

Ushers were Gary Arnold, brother-of-the-bride and Curt Boyea, brother-in-law of the groom.

A duet of "You're the one" was sung by Kimberly Ringer and Jeremy Blaska.

The couple honeymooned on a month-long driving tour through New England.

They are making their home in southeast Michigan where Karen is a teacher librarian at a public school; John works for DTE Energy

Girl Scouts give

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The third-grade Brownies of Charlevoix Girl Scout Troop #10253 recently mada a donation of non-food items to tha Charlavoix Food Pantry. This is just one of the community sarvice projects the girls do during tha year. They have also made and sent Christmas cards to the Holiday Mail for Heroes project for tha soldiers serving overseas and they will also participate in thair annual Christmas caroling to several local facilities. The Girl Scouts is open to girls from Kindergarten through 12th-grada and is a way to make friends, help the community and have fun. It is not too late to register, as girls can join at any time during the year. Call Karen Giudica at 547-0739 for more information.

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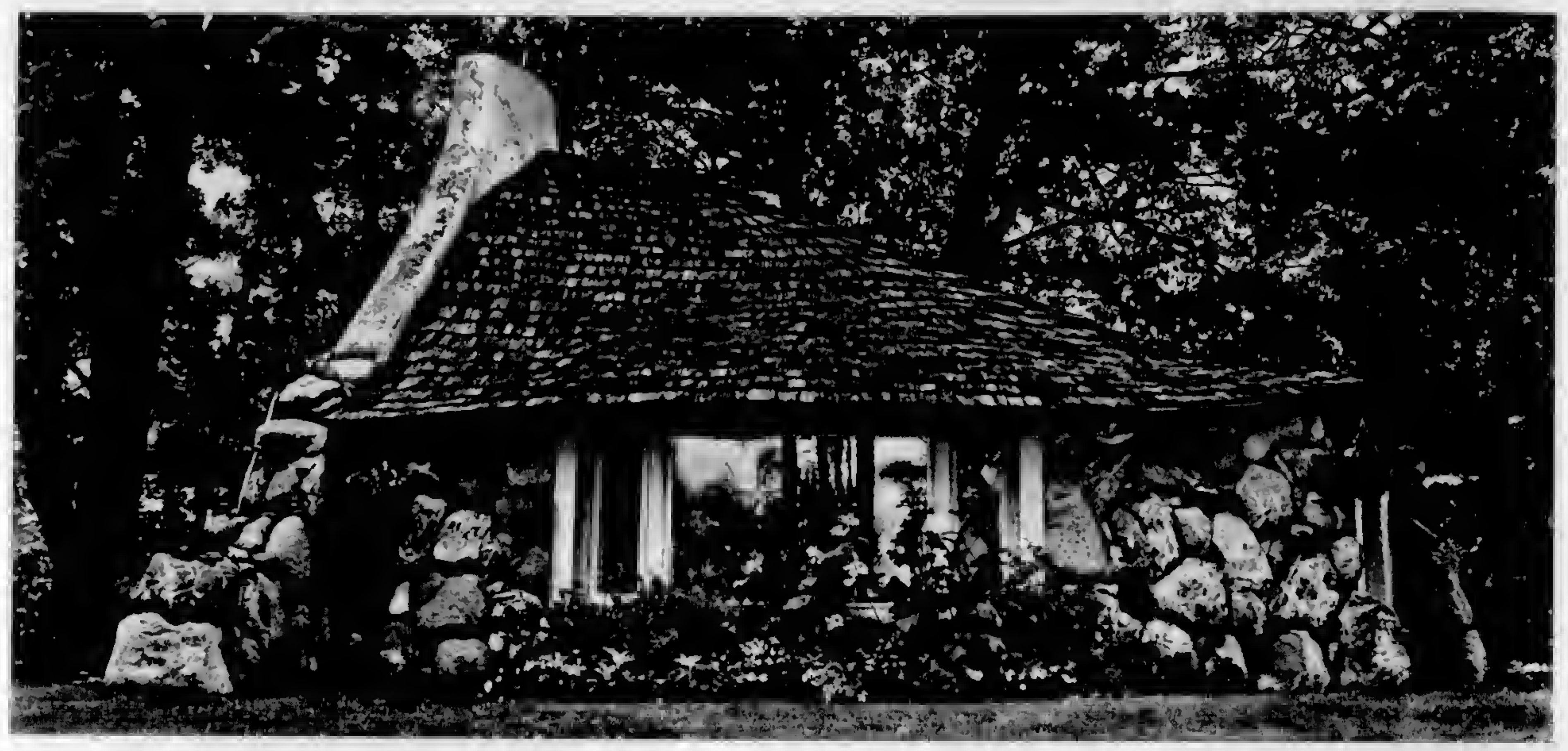

Earl Young DVD soon available

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The Charlevoix Historical Society is producing a DVD on "The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Master Builder in Stone" that will be availabla by the end of the year. This fully narratad, nearly two-hour disc with just over 400 images is basad upon the two programs that Society museum co-diractor David L. Miles presented in 2007 and 2008 at the Society'a Depot and the Charlavoix Public Library. It incorporatea vintage views of Charlevoix in the early 20th century, many taken by Young himself not long aftar he arrived in town aa a 10-year-old in 1900, and a chronological record of the construction of hia thirty unique structures over 55 years, plus video specially shot for this presentation. A major emphasis is on the near loas of the Weathervane Inn in the early 1970a due to channel erosion, and how it was savad. Tha disc retails, with tax, for $21.20. Shipping and handling charge is $3.50 per disc, less for bulk ordera. Gift certificates are available if the disc is not yet ready by Chriatmas. Call 547-0373 to reserve a copy and for more information. Earl Young'a Half House, 1947, at 304 Park Ave.

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Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 11pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Thursday, Dec. 25 — 11am 1928 Christmas Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 8:30am Rite I • 10am Rite II
Sunday, Jan. 4 - 8:30am Rite I • 10am Rite II

Emmanuel Evangelical Church

620 Emmet St. 231-347-2933
Mark Drinkall, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 21 - 11am Morning Worship "Why Did Jesus Come"

Sunday, Dec. 21 - 6pm Christmas Program and Candle Light Service

Genesis Church

P.O. Box 2008 231-487-0081
Norm Byers

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 5pm Christmas Eve Service in Pennsylvania Park, Downtown Petoskey. Regular services are held at the Petoskey Cinema on Anderson Road at 9:30am on Sundays

New Life Anglican Church

619 Waukazoo Ave. 231-347-3448
Rev. David B. Linka

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 5:30pm & 10:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10am Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10am Sunday Morning Worship

Petoskey United Methodist Church

1804 E. Mitchell St. 231-347-3733
Pastor James Mitchum

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services
5:30pm Contemporary
7:30pm Traditional
11pm Communion

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10am Single Service

Sunday, Jan 4 - 8:45am Contemporary & 11am Traditional

St. Francis Xavier Parish

513 Howard St. 231-347-4133
Rev. Dennis Stilwell & Reverend Rubén Muñoz

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 5pm & 10pm Christmas Eve Mass w/music program 1/2 hour before each.

Thursday, Dec. 25 - 8am & 10am Mass

Thursday, Jan 1 - 9am & 11am Mass

Zion Lutheran Church

500 W. Mitchell St. 231-347-3438
Jim Washburn

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 7pm Children's Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 11pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 8pm Worship with Communion & 10:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 8pm Worship with Communion & 10:30pm Worship Service

WALLOON LAKE

Walloon Lake Community Church

04320 M-75 N. 231-535-2288
Pastor Jeff Ellis

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 6pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

HOLIDAY Worship Directory

These local houses of worship welcome you in this holiday season.

ALANSON

Liberty Baptist Church

US-31, Next to the laundromat
231-548-5836
Pastor Pete Kroll

Sunday, Dec. 21 - 11am Series: The Family Album (Genesis) / Message: My Family Tree (Matt 1:1-17)

Sunday, Dec. 21 - 6pm "Heart of Christmas" Concert with Amber Ward

Tuesday, Dec. 23 - 6pm IGNITE Student Ministry Christmas Party

Friday, Jan. 2 through Saturday, Jan. 3 - 30 Hour Famine, Teen Push for World Hunger

BOYNE CITY/ BOYNE FALLS

Boyne Valley Catholic Community / St. Augustine

2647 Grove, Boyne Falls 231-582-7718
Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Thursday, Dec. 25 - 9am Mass

Saturday, Dec. 27 - 4pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 5pm Mass

Saturday, Jan 3 - 4pm Mass

Boyne Valley Catholic Community / St. Matthew

1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City
231-582-7718
Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 6pm Mass & Midnight Mass

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10am Mass

Thursday, Jan. 1 - 10am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10am Mass

Episcopal Church of the Nativity

209 Main St. 231-582-2370
Reverend Peggy Nattermann

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 8pm Candlelight Echarist Service

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10am Lessons and Carols, Eucharist Service

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10am

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix United Methodist Church

104 State St. 231-547-2654
Rev. Todd Thompson, Pastor

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 7pm & 11pm Candlelight Service

Christ Episcopal Church

200 State St. 231-547-6322
Father John David

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 6:30pm Caroling, 7pm Holy Eucharist - reception after service

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10am Holy Eucharist

Community Reformed Church

100 Oak Street
(corner of US-31 N. and Meech)
231-547-9482

Sunday, Dec. 21 - 7pm Advent Communion Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 4pm, 6pm & 8pm Christmas Eve Service. Nursery available at 6pm service.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

101 State St. 231-547-9122
Pastor Neil Wilson

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 7pm Family Christmas Service & 11pm Candlelight Service

St. Mary of the Assumption

1003 Bridge St. 231-547-6652
Fr. Jerry Hunko, Pastor

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 4pm & 9pm Mass

Thursday, Dec. 25 - 9am Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 6pm Mass

Thursday, Jan. 1 - 9am Mass

EAST JORDAN

Boyne Valley Catholic Community / St. John

US-31, Next to the laundromat
M-32, Praga/East Jordan 231-582-7718
Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 9pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 8am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 8am Mass

HARBOR SPRINGS

First Presbyterian Church

7940 Cemetary Rd. 231-526-7332
Rev. Jim Pollard & Rev. Toby Jones

Wednesday, Dec. 24 -
5pm Family Service of Carols
9pm Candlelight Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10am "Two Promises for a New Year" (Rev. Jim Pollard)

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10am Communion Services (Rev. Jim Pollard)

INDIAN RIVER

Cross in the Woods

7078 M-68 231-238-8973

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass & 12am Midnight Christmas Mass

Thursday, Dec. 25 - 10am Christmas Mass

Saturday, Dec. 27 - 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 28 - 8:30am & 10:30am Mass

Thursday, Jan. 1 - 8:30am & 10:30am Mass

Saturday, Jan. 3 - 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Jan. 4 - 8:30am & 10:30am Mass

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OBITUARIES

John Otto Marquardt: Dec. 8, 1932 - Dec. 10, 2008

John Otto Marquardt, 76, of Bacliff, Texas, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, in Webster, Texas.

Mr. Marquardt was born Dec. 8, 1932, in Lansing, to Otto and Hilda Marquardt.

John proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He had lived in the Clear Lake area since 1974, and was formerly of Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

Mr. Marquardt was a member of the American Legion Post No. 554 in League City.

John worked many years serving and advising people as their stockbroker in the Clear Lake area.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Kitty Marquardt; three daughters, Kristi Marquardt, Carrie Marquardt and Kelly Casey and her husband, Rusty; one son, Rand Marquardt; one brother, Den Marquardt; four grandchildren Hadley, Claire, Logan and Dharma.

A memorial service in his honor took place noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at Crowder Funeral Home 2422 Broadway, Pearland, Texas; www.crowderfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be made in his name to Peggy Carey Northway Fund, c/o Charlevoix County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.

Frank Novotny Jr.: July 30, 1918 - Dec. 13, 2008

Novotny

Frank Novotny Jr., 90, of Bellaire, formerly of Eastport and Charlevoix, died on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

Frank was born on July 30, 1918 in Charlevoix, the son of Frank Sr. and Marie (Petrick) Novotny.

Frank served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the Charlevoix VFW Post # 1153 as well as the American Legion Boyne City Post # 228.

He owned and operated Novotny Plumbing and Heating in Charlevoix for 53 years before retiring in 1999.

In 1995 he moved from Charlevoix to Eastport then in 2001 he moved to Bellaire.

On April 2, 1995 in Las Vegas, Nevada he married Esther M. Dewey who survives. Also surviving are a daughter Betty (Al) Sprague of Harbor Springs, a sister Edna Gallagher of Charlevoix, 5 stepchildren, Susan Sumampow of Johannesburg, Chuck (Diana) Dewey of Mancelona, Butch (Coke) Dewey of Bellaire, Linda Dewey of Acme, Nancy (Gary) Slabosz of Bellaire, 7 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and several step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Louise (Gallagher) Novotny, a brother James Novotny, a sister Lillian Novotny and his parents.

Funeral services will take place on Wed., Dec. 17, 2008 at Eleven a.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Pastor David Wood will officiate.

Visitation will take place on Tues. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. also at the funeral home.

Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility or to the Central Lake First Congregational Church Parish Nurse Fund.

Please sign our online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

He was preceded in death by his Mary Louise Gallagher, a brother James Novotny and his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

DEATH NOTICE

Barbara MacArthur died at her home in Ashburn, Va. on Sunday, Dec. 14.

A complete obituary to follow.

OBITUARY PLACEMENT

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8011 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K-8 and Adult	9:10 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12823 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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[illegible]	[illegible]
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5211

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
282 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	[illegible]
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
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Church Office	547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9123 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Childrens Worship	[illegible]

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	11:00
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:[illegible]
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	217-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
87444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2173

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	[illegible]
Pastor Duane O'Fill	231-347-6631

SAFE HARBOR
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	[illegible]
Worship	[illegible]
Sunday Evening Bible Study	[illegible]
Wednesday Service	[illegible]
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6291

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
3 Bridge Street

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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunday Masses	[illegible]
Father Jerry Hunko	547-4632

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
Corner Michigan & Waukazoo
Petoskey

Friday Torah studies	7:00 [illegible]
Friday Service through August 11	8:00 p.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
President Tom Johnson	187-1661

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Great Lakes and mighty Mississippi:

breaking up not so hard to do

Leading Great Lakes advocates are calling today for federal leadership and funding for "ecological separation" of the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River basin to protect both great watersheds from the perils of invasive species.

The announcement comes with the release of a new report, "Preliminary Feasibility of Ecological Separation of the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes," which outlines six options for separating the watersheds and halting the transfer of species between them.

"The Great Lakes and the Mississippi River are at risk because of a connection that's nothing natural," said Great Lakes Alliance Vice President for Policy Joel Brammeier, lead author of the report. "Fifteen miles of water and an experimental electric barrier are all that's standing between the Great Lakes and Asian carp. We've got to get serious about a real solution."

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley noted that Asian carp in the Mississippi River were a known threat to the Great Lakes back in 2003, when the city hosted a pre-emptive strike: the Chicago Aquatic Invasive Species Summit. "We have been asking for years to complete these electrical barriers," Daley said. "It's time for our federal, state and local partners to follow through on keeping these two great natural resources safe."

A 2003 analysis suggested that separation of the systems could reasonably be achieved within 10 years. With five years now passed and many millions spent, progress on even interim steps such as a permanent electrical barrier has been difficult.

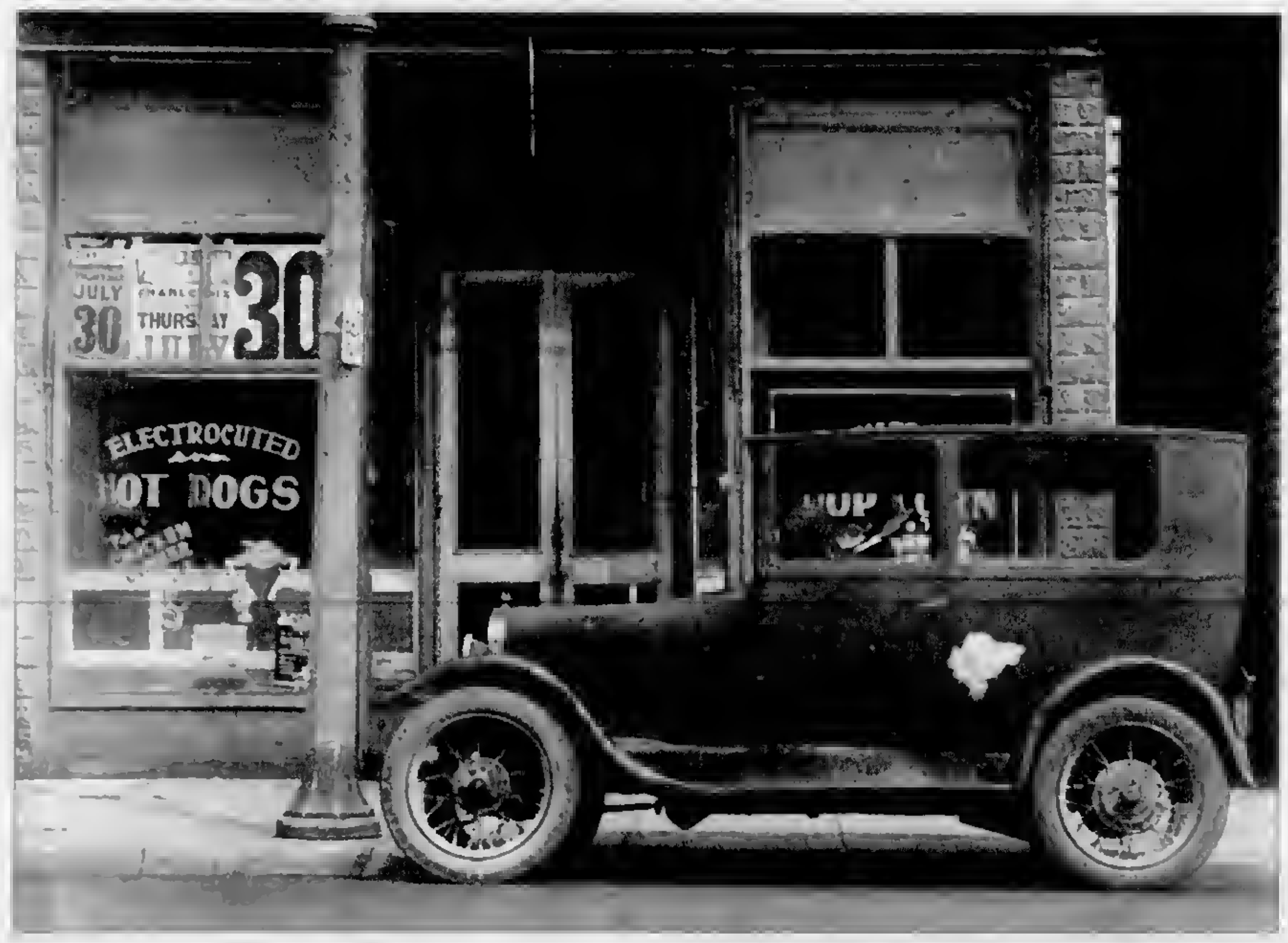
Although Asian carp, known to eat up to 20 percent of their body weight in plankton daily, are the most pressing threat to the Great Lakes, the connection poses threats to both watersheds. The round goby and zebra mussel have both invaded the Mississippi River basin in the past decade via the Chicago Waterway System.

This complex waterway system, engineered in 1900 to reverse the flow of the Chicago River, carries Chicago's wastewater away from Lake Michigan and supports thousands of recreational boaters and the flow of approximately 25 million tons of bulk commodities annually. The study advises that smart investment in new infrastructure can benefit users while eliminating the risk of invasion.

"Invaders like Asian carp are unpredictable, but their effects are catastrophic and irreversible," said Brammeier. "Every day we allow them closer to the Great Lakes, the threat grows larger and the solutions more expensive."

The report identifies several sites upstream from the electrical barrier as likely contenders for ecological separation. Although some changes to navigation would be unavoidable, these locations would allow continued use of the system for wastewater disposal and minimize the impacts on the flow of goods and recreational boaters. The study suggests these traffic flows could even be enhanced if ecological separation was addressed as part of a revitalization of the Chicago-area navigational infrastructure.

2009 historic photos calendar available



COURTESY PHOTO

The Charlevoix Historical Society's 2009 "Charlevoix In Historic Photos" calendar is available at the Harsha House Museum for $12.95 plus tax. This calendar, with thirteen never before published images of Charlevoix's unique history, would make a perfect holiday gift. On the cover is a photo taken by famed builder Earl Young in the 1920s showing a downtown restaurant with the words "Electrocuted Hot Dogs" on the window. The Harsha House Museum, at 103 State St., is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Call 547-0373 for more information. Pictured is a restaurant in Martha Ayers' building on Bridge Street featuring a delicacy of local cuisine "Electrocuted Hot Dogs."

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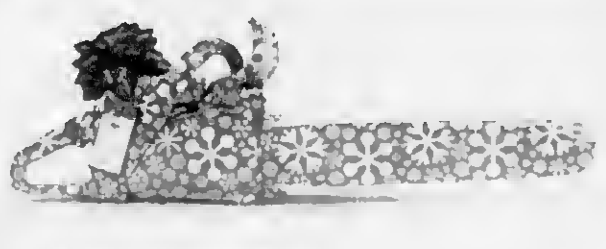

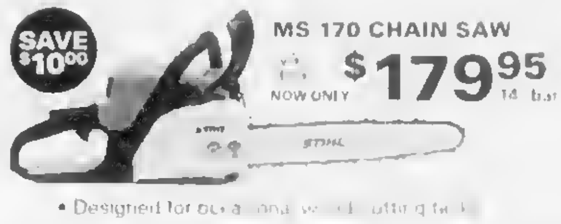

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Holiday performance

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Charlevoix Public Schools band director Jayne Bennett (far left) guides her student musicians through their rendition of "Carol of the Bells" to a packed auditorium during the schools' annual holiday concert on Dec. 11.

Stealing the show

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Little Vanessa Lopez, age 10-and-a-half months, was all dressed up and ready to go watch her sister perform in the Charlevoix High and Middle School Bands' annual holiday concert on Dec. 11 at Charlevoix High School.

Don't get burned when buying firewood

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources warns those who use wood heat to beware of "ric" or "face" cords of wood.

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Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231)347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

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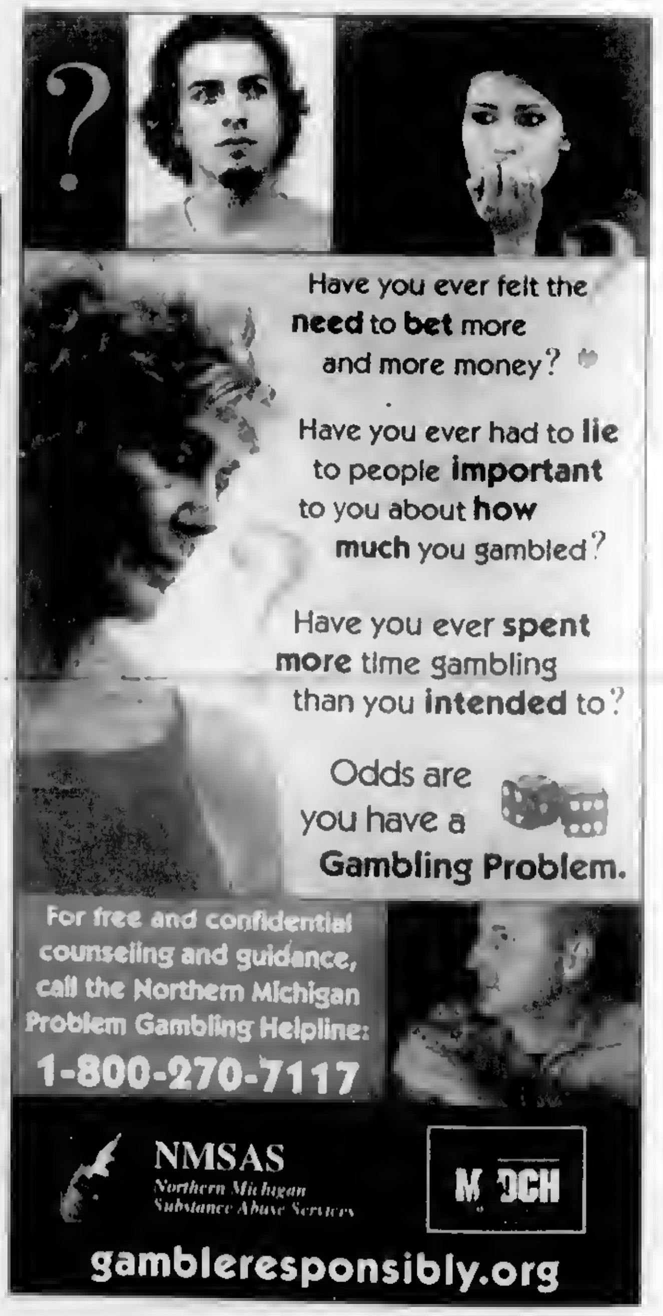

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Serving his country

Air force Chief Master Sgt. Gerald K. Thompson is currently deployed to Afghanistan.

The airman serves with the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing at Bagram Air Field to help ensure terrorist insurgents do not regain a foothold in the region.

The air field is the largest military installation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The primary mission of the air expeditionary wing is to support the Global War on Terrorism by providing aerial support for the U.S. and coalition forces on the ground during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Service members combat terrorism and help the Afghan people build for a better future.

Thompson serves as the ammunition program manager for the Afghanistan National Security Forces.

The Chief Master Sergeant manages munitions requirements for the Afghanistan Ministry of Defense, including the Afghanistan National Police and Afghanistan National Army.

He also mentors senior Afghanistan military officers.

Thompson has served in the military for 25 years.

He is the son of Curtis W. and Louise K. Thompson of Charlevoix; and his wife Erin is the daughter of Gabe M. and Karen I. Campbell of Charlevoix.

Thompson graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1981.

COURTESY PHOTO

Garald Thomspon

Rough times

GRATITUDE

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within a few weeks.

Living with June and Kenneth is their son, CJ, age 16, and their two grandsons, Cody Galy age 13, and Shane Galy age 12.

Even though it seemed as if they couldn't fall any further, the Kunkles never lost sight of what was important.

"We are so glad no one was killed. We all made it out of that fire OK, and that's what matters. We are still all together," June said.

"I know there are families out there who need help more than us. We are still recovering, but there are so many people who aren't as lucky as us," she said. "I hope no one has to go through what we did. It's so terrible."

Although the Kunkles hit a few rough times, they are doing pretty good according to June.

They are back in their home, and have presents under the tree.

June said everyone is going to be just fine.

"We're together. That's all that matters," she added.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis - December 10, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the November 21, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved the appointments of Ward Cook, Joan Blanchard and Nels Northup to the Commission on Aging Board.

Motion approved the appointment of Keith Ogden to the Road Commission Board. Commissioner Diebenstedt voting No.

Motion approved the appointment of Peter Gaskin to the Parks Committee. Commissioners Reinhardt and Roloff voting no.

Motions approved the appointment of Fritz Healey, Marc Seelye and Marc Harmon to the Parks Committee.

Motions approved the appointment of Larry Levengood, Joseph Seidel and Michael Buttigieg to the Planning Commission.

Motion approved the appointment of John Mathers, Jr. to the Veteran's Affairs Board.

Motions approved the appointment of Henry Erber and Frank Hamilton to the Transportation Authority.

Motions approved Don Voisin and Mike Hansen to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board.

Motion approved the appointment of Bill Thompson to the Fair Board.

Motions approved the appointment of Bob Diebenstedt and Edward Evans to the Brownfield Development Authority.

Motion approved Resolution #08-110, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #08-111, Marine Grant and authorized the Fiscal Officer to sign it.

Motion approved Resolution #08-112, Remonumentation Grant and authorized the County Clerk as Grant Administrator to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #08-113 Surveyor Contracts and authorized the Chairman to sign said contracts as soon as notification from the State is received.

Motion approved Resolution #08-114, Award Flooring Proposal to Whitley's Floor Covering.

Motion approved Resolution #08-115, Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #08-116, Create New Fund.

Motion approved Resolution #08-117, 2009 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #08-118, Sale of Dog Licenses.

The Organizational meeting will be held January 5, 2009.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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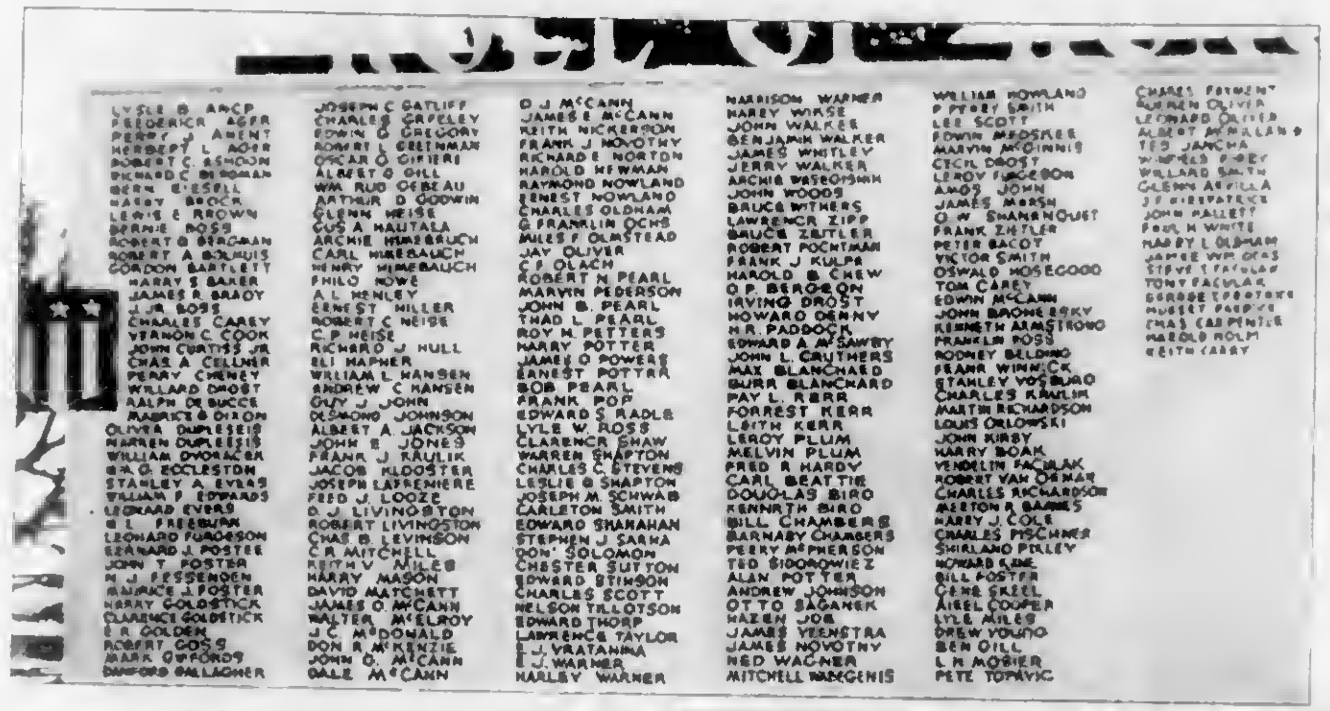

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Dave Miles, co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society, submitted this photo he recently received. It bears the names of many of the men from the Charlevoix area who served in World War II during the mid-1940s.

PHOTO BY RON ABFALTER

That's My Photo participant Ron Abfalter of Charlevoix snapped this picture of the Turkey Day Dunk, Nov. 27 as dozens of brave souls entered the icy depths of Lake Michigan to raise money for this year's cause, local food pantries.

PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

Charlevoix photographer M. Chris Leese caught the crowd during the Second Annual Flurry Fest waiving and smiling as Santa arrived on the Charlevoix Fire Department's fire truck.

That's my photograph!

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What is the cost of saving?

CONTRACT

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As it stands, the board is offering teachers and support staff the same raise and change in benefits as it gave administration and bus drivers who were employed with the schools previous to July 1: a two percent raise in pay and a change from the Michigan Education Association's more costly MESSA health plan to the less expensive Blue Cross/Blue Shield health coverage insurance.

"Do we spend that money we saved on a part-time employee or do we spend it on text books and classrooms?" Janik said. "We had 33 people apply for that part-time opening in the kitchen, so there was obviously interest in that position."

The schools have saved nearly $40,000 by omitting benefits when hiring the five new employees.

The board also approved a revision to the budget which has the schools in a deficit of more than $300,000. The deficit was previously expetected to be much higher, but the schools retained more students than they had planned and the board was able to make various cuts in expenditures in addition to selling the former administration building on Clinton Street for nearly $100,000.

Other cost-cutting measures include a resignation incentive plan.

"Teachers who are on step 20 of the pay scale, which basically means they've been here 20 years, if they announce their retirement for next year by Jan. 31, 2009 they will get a one-time payment of $15,000 into their 403(b) (retirement) plan," Janik said. "As we face declining enrollment, a teacher at that pay scale costs us over $100,000 with Social Security, retirement, FICA."

There are currently 16 teachers eligible for the resignation incentive plan.

"This is strictly a voluntary plan. No one is being forced into it," Janik said. "One of our goals is to avoid laying off teachers, so when a teacher retires and we do not replace them, it's a financial savings."

One more savings initiative includes retrofitting and upgrading utilities; a move which could save the district as much as $76,000 each year.

Support staff chief negotiator Cindy Whitley did not return calls by press time.

Teachers and support staff continue to receive their previous contract wages and benefits until a new contract

Natural hazard plan

PLAN

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"We have been asked to submit this plan in its current form," said Charlevoix County Emergency Management Coordinator Jack Messer. "That will allow us then to be eligible for mitigation grants should the dollars come available or should we suffer an actual natural hazard."

He added that, while this is merely a formality, it is an important one.

"Hazard mitigation is any action taken before, during or after a disaster to permanently eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and technological hazards," stated authors of the plan produced by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments."

Goals of the plan include increasing local participation in planing for natural hazards like fire and extreme weather, a move to integrate planning for natural hazards into general county planning, utilize existing and seek additional resources to aid in natural hazards planning.

The top natural hazards which occur or could potentially occur in Charlevoix County include heavy, deep snow; extreme cold, disabled water and electrical systems, high winds, hail, flooding and fire: Especially in areas where there are no water sources accessible to firefighters.

Top areas of concern include potential flooding of the Boyne River/East Jordan area, a 90,000 gallon propane storage tank on M-75 South and the spent fuel rods at the site of the former Big Rock Nuclear plant in Charlevoix Township.

Plans to deal with potential natural hazards include rethinking tree planting/forestry management near utility lines, working with utility companies to possibly relocate utility lines underground; improve if existing or build public shelters, equip emergency response vehicles with water source location maps, consider recommending that all festival planners provide natural hazard mitigation plans in the event an emergency befell their respective event and educate the citizenry on the importance and details of constructing a 72-hour self-reliance plan.

According to the hazards mitigation plan, Michigan governors have declared 46 major disasters—from severe storms, floods, winter storms and tornadoes to fires and technical disasters—between the years 1977 to 2001.

Manage the "Four C's" of Winter Fire Risks:
Chimneys, Candles, Christmas Trees & Children

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve – These holidays mean celebrations, many of them in decorated homes filled with merry-making family members and friends.

The National Fire Protection Association reports that, over the course of a calendar year, the 10 worst days for fires in homes fall between December 24 and January 6.

Fortunately, these risks can be reduced with safe practices that address the "four Cs" of winter fires: chimneys, candles, Christmas trees and children.

Chimneys
Buildup or blockage within a chimney can catch fire. Chimney fires are unpredictable: they can be noisy and fierce, or can smolder undetected.
Common-sense tips:
- If you haven't checked or cleaned the chimney in the past two years, don't use it.
- Have a pro inspect the chimney for creosote (which is what builds up in a chimney and fuels a chimney fire).
- Use dry wood. This minimizes creosote buildup.
- Don't burn wrapping paper, boxes, trash or Christmas trees.
- Don't use liquid to start a fire. Use kindling.

Remember fireplace basics, too: use a screen to contain sparks, and let ashes cool before disposing of them in a metal container.

Candles
Home candle fires happen on Christmas Day more often than any other day, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Next worst: New Year's Day and Christmas Eve. How do they start? Half of home candle fires begin because an item is left near a lit candle. Four out of 10 home candle fires start in bedrooms, with bedding, furniture and curtains igniting.
Common-sense tips:
- Make sure all candles are out before you leave a room or go to bed.
- Keep clothing, curtains, furniture and other flammable items away from candles and flame.
- Use candleholders that don't tip over.

Christmas Trees
The National Fire Protection Association notes that 300 home fires start each year with Christmas trees. It's not just live trees, artificial trees also burn. Three major reasons Christmas tree fires start: electric malfunctions, heat too close to the tree, and children playing with matches, candles, or fireplaces.
Common-sense tips:
- Buy a cut tree that has green, fresh needles.
- Buy a fake tree that is fire resistant.
- Use a secure stand.
- Locate trees a minimum of three feet from heat sources such as fireplaces and radiators.
- Water live-cut trees every day.
- Use lights listed by an industrial laboratory. Link together, at most, only three strands of bulbs.
- Throw out lights that have frayed or broken cords.
- Pull the plug on lights before going to bed or leaving home.
- When a tree starts dropping needles, it's time to dispose of it (outside, not in the house, garage or basement).

Children
Perhaps the most unpredictable risks for winter fires are those young people who are, naturally, exploring and experiencing the wonders of the winter world for the first time. Remember that light and flames are fascinating to children.
Common-sense tips:
- Watch the wires. Keep kids away from light strands and power cords.
- Matches, candles, stoves and ovens often get extra use during the holidays, at a time when adults are occupied with cooking, cleaning and entertaining. Stop and ask "What might draw a child's curiosity in this house?" Then shield children from those items, physically and through discipline and direction.
- Put matches/lighters out of children's reach. Use lighters that have a child-resistant safety feature.
- Train children to tell and adult if they see matches or lighters.

Use these common-sense practices to prevent home fires.

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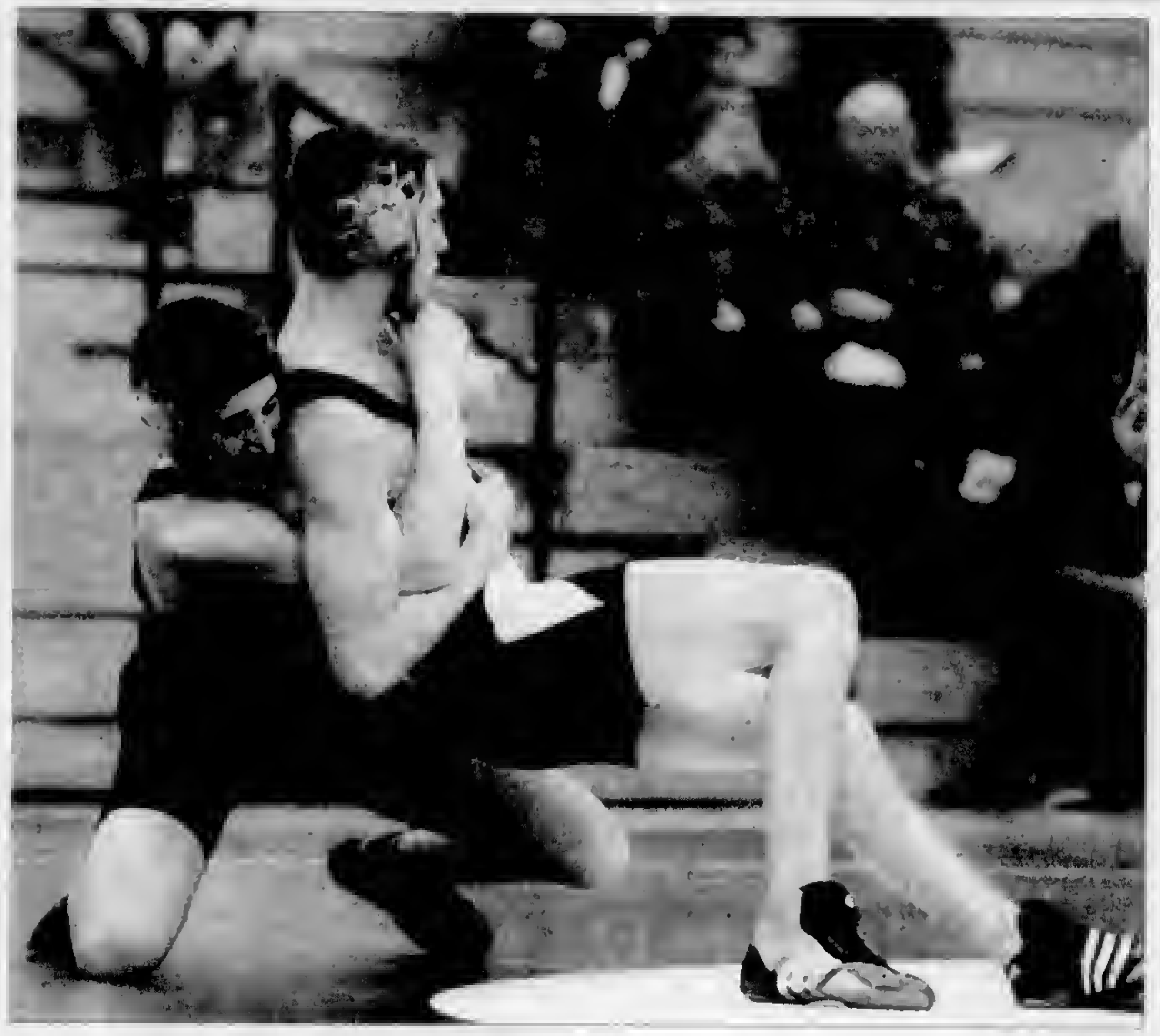

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Charlevoix's Mat Golovich (right) attempts to get out of the grasp of Boyne City's John Calo during their 140-pound match Thursday. Golovich won the match with a pin in 3 minutes, 8 seconds. It was Golovich's second pin of the night in the Lake Michigan Conference double dual.

Prep wrestling:

Happy feat for Boyne mat men

A first for the resurrected Boyne City High School wrestling program.

Adam Brown recorded two pins as the Ramblers defeated Charlevoix, 36-30, and Elk Rapids, 53-0, Thursday in a Lake Michigan Conference double-dual.

"These were our first conference team wins since we reinstated wrestling (three years ago), and we picked up two tonight," Boyne coach Don Nobel said. "Adam Brown did a nice job pinning both his opponents, leading our seniors who have put a lot of time and effort into the program over the years. It was nice to see their hard work finally pay off."

Charlevoix, wrestling without several athletes due to ineligibility, defeated Elk Rapids, 36-6, in Thursday's other match.

Brown, wrestling at 130 pounds, pinned Charlevoix's Ryan Penfold in 58 seconds, and pinned Elk Rapids' Dave Baldorf in 1 minute, 35 seconds.

Drew Nobel and Marc Calo also had pins in Boyne's victory over Charlevoix. Nobel, 171, pinned Christopher Kere in 26 seconds, and Calo, 189, pinned Clay Heise in 1:15.

Charlevoix's Mat Golovich pinned Jon Calo in 3:08 at 140 pounds, and the Rayders' Jacob Roach pinned Jack Diener in 3:50 in the heavyweight match. Charlevoix's Alex Waha defeated Chris Bersona by disqualification at 135.

Boyne's Cody Wilmot, 152, Josh McGeorge, 160, and Steve Robinson, 215, won by void. Charlevoix's Curtis Russell, 103, and Zeke Daman, 125, won by void.

In Boyne City's win over Elk Rapids, Jon Calo, 145, scored an 18-1 technical fall over Zach Perrault, and Chris Kirkby, 171, pinned Josh Holden in 3:18.

Charlevoix won two of the three of the matches held against Elk Rapids. Golovich pinned Perrault in 1:18 at 145, and Penfold pinned Dave Batdorf in 5:01 at 130.

Chess club up and running

Thanks to generosity of the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus, these Charlevoix Middle School sixth-graders are able to play chess in their newly formed chess club. The Knights donated the chess sets to the school following a plea for donations which appeared in Charlevoix Courier.

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Kuk Sool Hapkido classes

The fifth-degree master of Kuk Sool Hapkido Rich Wojan (with sword in hand) spars with assistant instructor Dan Soullier, seen here wielding a staff. Wojan is currently accepting both youth and adult students for classes which will begin in early January.

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Kuk Sool Hapkido, like many martial arts, is of Korean origin and differs in from Tae Kwon Do in that there are hundreds more techniques in addition to employing weapons and everyday objects like ropes and canes.

"It's pretty tough training," Wojan said. "I was quite overweight at the time I began, and it was good for my health."

He added, "It's good for the physical and the mental."

Cost to attend the classes is $20 per month for adults and $15 per month for children.

No special uniforms are required for beginners; basic workout gear is adequate.

Classes will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the beginning and will expand to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at the same time once the new year is underway.

Classes will be held at the Charlevoix Baptist Church across from the post office on M66. Call 547-5776 or 547-4776 or e-mail richwojan@charter.net for more information.

Wojan's assistant is long-time training partner and fourth degree master Dan Soullier.

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0690 SERVICES

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0740 HAPPY ADS

Don't Kill Yourself
It's just another birthday!

Join **John Taylor** and family at
Whitneys of Charlevoix
307 Bridge Street
Wednesday, December 17th
6 till 9 pm

For a birthday celebration
Appetizers Provided
Cash Bar

SHHHHH! It's a surprise.

0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform James Steen, last known address: 209 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #133. Contents include dressers & mattresses. You have until January 16, 2009, to re-claim the goods at 06795 US 31 Highway South Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. (231)547-5838.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Wesley Long, last known address: 12600 US 31 N, Lot 13, Charlevoix, MI 49720, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #017. Contents include organ, weight lifting equipment & tools. You have until January 16, 2009, to re-claim the goods at 06795 US 31 Highway South Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. (231)547-5838.

0860 HELP WANTED

Sales

ACCOUNT REPS

For Credit Counseling Company. Salary plus commission. Will train. Call Will, (231)237-0600, ext. 104.

0990 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

HUGE HOLIDAY TOY TRAIN and accessories sale. Lionel, M.T.H., K-Line, and more. Personal collection. Boyne City. Please call ahead. (231)582-4248

1350 SUPER SAVERS ITEMS UNDER $1000

6' HIGH Broyhill corner shelf. Dark walnut color. $100. (989)614-1011.(10)

ANTIQUE 3-PIECE parlor set, $300. Marquee engagement ring. $250. (231)625-9358.

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CHRISTMASTIME NIKKO 4 place setting plus extra plates. $25. (989)732-0098 after 5pm.(10)

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CRAFTSMAN 48" snow blade for tractor. $100. Toyoset portable kerosene heater. 23,000 Btus. $80. (989)619-5276.

ELECTRIC dryer and refrigerator. Works great. $100/each. (989)614-6132.(13)

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MAN'S DOWNHILL ski package. Boots size 10. $75. (989)732-4436.(06)

MITSUBISHI 42" big screen projection television. $49. (231)549-2190.(10)

PRINCESS HOUSE collector's porcelain Caitlyn doll. Brand new. $50. (989)939-8269.(17)

RANCH MINK coat, size 8, high luster, excellent condition. Must see to appreciate. Appraised $1,750. Asking $1,000 or best. (231)549-3446.

REMOTE CONTROL Ski-Doo snowmobile with second battery backup. $50. (989)732-0638.(10)

SNOW TIRES. 205R75/15. Pair. Excellent condition. $50 or best offer. (231)585-7441.(17)

SNOWMOBILE HELMET HJC. XXL. Black. Used twice. $75. (989)786-5276.(28)

TV 50" Hitachi rear projection television. Excellent condition. $250. Call (231)330-2965.

VERY NICE 8 piece drum set with leather cymbal and top hat carrying cases. $250. (989)619-5209.(10)

WOOD TWIN bunk beds. Very nice, almost new. Also has attached dressers, mattress and box spring. $250. (989)619-5209.(10)

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CHARLEVOIX
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STORAGE UNITS. Charlevoix Mini Storage, (231)547-5838, Closed Thursdays.

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1991 FORD Bronco, 4x4, automatic, with Western Power angle plow, 7-1/2'. $1,800 or best offer. (231)547-3055.

1995 GMC Suburban, 4x4, runs great, 8 passenger seating, good tires. $2,250. (231)539-8678, or (231)670-1229, cell.

2000 FORD Explorer XLS, V6, 4x4, dark blue, like new tires. CD player, power windows, locks, A/C, and cruise. 102,000 miles $4,700 or best. (231)539-7246.

2007 EXPLORER Sport Trac, 4 door, 4x4, AC, full power, CD/satellite/radio, trailer tow, cruise, sport console, white. $21,500. (231)547-6429.

2020 SNOWMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

2005 SKI-DOO MXZ 550. C & A Pro skis, paddle track, studs, suspension upgrade, and cover 1,500 miles, $3,200. ~~2004 Arctic cat F6 with cover, 1,000 miles, $3,000 or best.~~ (231)536-9000

2006 ARCTIC Cat Z370 ES, reverse, 147 miles, excellent condition, stored inside. $3,200 (231)929-9433.

POLARIS snowmobiles. Excellent condition. 2003 700 Edge XC. 2002 500 XC. Priced reasonable. Gaylord/Mancelona area (231)585-7057.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILER 2002 Northern Lite two place aluminum tilt. $800. (231)487-0863.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.
MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karl C. Gray, a married man, as his sole and separate property, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2005 and recorded May 12, 2005 in Liber 681, Page 275, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by IndyMac Federal Bank, FSB by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One and 52/100 Dollars ($210,541.52) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 33 of Birchwood Ranch Shores Number 2 according to the Plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence North 67 degrees 05 minutes East 134.56 feet to a concrete monument on the Southeasterly line of Pa-be Shan Lane; thence North 59 degrees 21 minutes East 189.96 feet to a concrete monument on said lane; thence North 61 degrees 57 minutes East 20.18 feet to an iron stake on said lane, being the point of beginning of this description; thence South 28 degrees 58 minutes 43 seconds East 203.77 feet to an iron stake; thence North 61 degrees 01 minute 17 seconds East 100.34 feet to an iron stake; thence North 55 degrees 37 minutes 33 seconds East 71.12 feet to an iron stake; thence North 32 degrees 15 minutes 33 seconds West 194.82 feet to an iron stake on the Southeasterly line of said Pa-be-Shan Lane; thence South 61 degrees 57 minutes West 160 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
Dated: December 10, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 225.2332
ASAP# 2942773
(L-12/17,12/24, 12/31,01/07)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John McNabb, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 7, 2005 and recorded June 14, 2005 in Liber 686, Page 588, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan.

Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six and 55/100 Dollars ($180,436.55) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m on JANUARY 16, 2009

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 80 and 81, Crouter's Addition to the City of Charlevoix, as recorded in Liber 2 on Page 3 of Plats; and also the North 1/2 of vacated alley lying adjacent to said lots as vacated in Liber 198, Page 444, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 17, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 280.6949
ASAP# 2946406
(L-12/17,12/24,12/31,01/07)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Shatteiroe and Elizabeth Shatteiroe, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2005 and recorded June 8, 2005 in Liber 685, Page 562, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 06/100 Dollars ($451,480.06) including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m on JANUARY 16, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 152, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Act. of 1978, as amended

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest

Dated: December 17, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 200.3857
ASAP# 2947562
(L-12/17,12/24,12/31,01/07)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011298-DE

Estate of Hugh J. Patenge, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 12/14/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Hugh J. Patenge, who lived at 01387 Phelps Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died on November 12, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William T. Patence, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: December 11, 2008.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

William T. Patenge
013876 Phelps Rd
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9300
(L-12/17)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 08-011297-DE

Estate of Leon Earl Dunson, Deceased.
Date of Birth: 08/15/1947

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Leon Earl Dunson, who lived at 03145 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, East Jordan, Michigan died on October 12, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gertrude L. Dunson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, Second Floor, 301 State Street, Suite 9, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: December 11, 2008.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

Gertrude L. Dunson
03145 Boyne City-East Jordan Rd.
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-2324
(L-12/17)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE
BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of certain Future Advance Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by WALTER C. MOBLO AND JUDY C. MOBLO, husband and wife, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, dated June 20, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on July 8, 2005, in Liber 691, Page 55 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late fees the sum of $203,905.04 and no proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 5.75% percent per annum, fees, costs and attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Charlevoix State Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Norwood, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:
Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 7, Township 33 North, Range 8 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said section, North 00°00'16" East 1314.79 feet to the South 1/8 line of said section, as monumented by W. E. Boss, P.S.; thence along said 1/8 line North 89°06'08" West 1049.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description, thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 89°06'08" West 898.34 feet to the southeasterly line of Highway US 31; thence Northeasterly along said highway line on a curve to the right 370.00 feet (radius of said curve is 3744.82 feet and the chord bears North 39°37'07" East 369.85 feet) to the South line of the former Mark H. Jackson property described in Liber 245, Page 427, Charlevoix County Records; thence along the South line of said Jackson property South 86°58'32" East 663.33 feet; thence South 00°00'18" West 263.09 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 33 North, Range 8 West.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one (1) year from the date of such sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption period shall be the later of 30 days from the date of sale or fifteen days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.
BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.
Dated: December 17, 2008
By: Daniel B. Barron (P35659)
Attorneys for
Charlevoix State Bank
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950
(L12/17,12/24,12/31,1/7)

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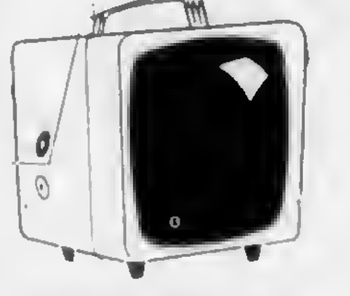

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Santa Letters

from Charlevoix Elementary 1st Graders

Dear Santa,
I have
12/25
Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa,
I whont a natof amarcin girl doll hr name is Kiaya, brown mocsins, natof amarcin owtfit, wepcinz, majic woned, Arthr chapr book, Anne music, cD, A locit.
Your friend,
Ella Gaffney

Dear Santa,
Can I plez have a I pod and a fown and a computer and a mowcinchloe chruk.
Your friend,
Lily Prevo

Dear Santa,
I will like John Deer truck and a basball with bat. I will even like a T.V. and tons of ornmens. I will want my own cupatre. I want my own selphon and los of candy!
Thank you.
Your friend,
Luke Stuck

Dear Santa,
I would like a barby doll, a American girl dool, a socer ball, a omament, a telaphon, and even a camra, a carbar, some pensls, and markers, and crolr pensls, a otomatick girl jeep, a sparcly pensl. How are you doing. I love you santa
Thank you
Your friend,
Elise Stuck

Dear Santa,
I want a rell computer. And I wont a wii for chrissmiss. and I wont a amaerucengel doole.
Your friend,
Micayle Vrondran

Dear Santa,
I want some I want some. presents. I want presents. I want a Barbie house. a Barbie house. I want a I want a doll. I want doll. I want a big book a big book about aliens. about aliens. I will leave you I will leave you cookies and we will cook them. Will cook them.
Your friend,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I been really good this year and I love cris mis because it is cool and wut I wot four cris mis is a pesp gam and a woth for cris mis.
Your friend,
Justin Faltig

Dear Santa,
I would like a i pod, a sell phone, a amarican girl doll, (name is Kit). White board, a computer, a Webkin, a pool, With a diving board. a new shirt, a bkeny, a magic Wand, Christmas tree that is silver.
Your friend,
Helen Hanchin

Dear Santa,
I rele rele wont a ecx bocx with gams and a pupey. I love santa.
Your freind,
Chasen Vrondran

Dear Santa,
Can you pes give me a divinpool ples and a rel sefon And a riel cumpootr ples. And a I luve you shoo shoo baby ples.
Your friend,
Abby Cunningham

Dear Santa
I have bene very good this yere. I relley wont a lago batman PSP game. And Indeana jons lago for PSP.
Your friend,
Gavriel Lacroix

Dear Santa,
Do you now wont for crimismis? a roll over puppy for crismis. My five yr od bruther name is Chasman he gote wes sum thing.
Your friend,
Eve Morrison

Dear Santa,
I wont a helo cite. I wot a computer. I wot a magic set. I wot a bras gris rorkass. I wot a rel sel fone.
Your friend,
Lilymarie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I wont a majic red ds. and I wont a mine drt bike.
Your friend,
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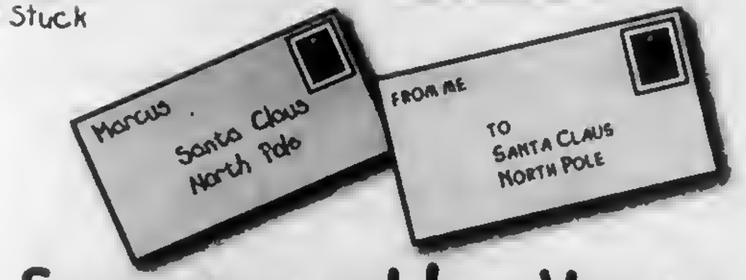

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Santa Letters

from Charlevoix Elementary 1st Graders

Dear Santa,
I have
12/25
Santa's Workshop
North Pole
Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa,
I love you santa, you are the best prsin ever. I wont a nintendow DS. Im I on the nude list or nice list. I love you santa vare much.
Your friend,
Kian Bondie

Dear Santa,
I wat a sonik ullesh for my 2. Santa my mom tol me you rul wif my hul.
Your friend,
Austin Stead

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas and a happy now year. Am I on the naughty or nice list.
Your friend,
Jillian Edwards

Dear Santa,
Sata, I wot for crismis a ds. How did you bcum Sata. I like yor rettder rodoff. I like you I like yor hat.
Your friend,
Drew Barger

Dear Santa,
I want Star Wars Stuff. Can you giv me a DS. haw did you be cum Santal Can you giv me a wach.
Your friend,
Hayden Prevo

Dear Santa,
Am I on the naughty list? How did you become Santa. How do you get to all of the hoses. Thank you for giving me presents. Thanks for all you do.
Your friend,
Abigail Hilligan

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa you aer nice. How do you make prestns and are thay easy to make or are thay herd to make. This is wut I want for christmas a i pod high school musical and a DS.
Your friend,
Abby Sterly

Dear Santa,
Can I have reale Barbie and the diminde casle. How did you become Santa? fashin disiner, 100 webcins, laptop, globe Cale rolercoster.
Your friend,
Caity Martin

Dear Santa,
I love you santa. Merry Christmas. Thanks for all you dol How did you become santa? Thanks for the presents. I like your reindeersl
Your friend,
Emma McCree

Dear Santa,
I want a babey rander and I want a sl fon. am i on the naughty list? and a babye and a nothr frend I ope I ctmrstal.
Your friend,
Olivia Mclenon

Dear Santa,
how do you delivur all the gifts in just one night? Thanks for all you do. How did you become Santa? Did you just pick reindeer or did you pick srtin ones?
Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Elisabeth Petroskey

Dear Santa,
I wont a dall houe with a cowch and a dall and I wont a pet shop and I wont a step prde gam and a pom poms and a big cande cane.
Your firend,
Ariell McClellan

Dear Santa,
I wont a snowblaster for Chritmis. I wont a princess. Am I on the bad or nice list? you are a mice prsin. I like you so much. Thanks for ther presents. I wont barbi house.
Your friend,
Ashley Rose Desrochers

Sarah
Santa Claus
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Santa Letters

from Charlevoix Elementary 1st Graders

Dear Santa,
I have been a
Santa Claus
North Pole
Marcus
Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa,
I want ta get a ipod from you. and I want ta knaw if I am an the nice list? were did you finde yaur elfs. a falder that has my name an it.
Yaur friend,
Maggie Drast

Dear Santa,
I want a new sled for Christmas dus yaur rander fly. I will make caakse far yau and I will make sum cande.
Lave, Riley

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. Can I have a x bax. Can I have a Legaw repubri gun ship. I will leve cukeis far yau. and carls far yaar randere
Lave, Jacab

Dear Santa,
I want traning weels for Christmas. das raedaf rile have a red nase. I thenk I was gaad this yer becus eve time my sister wans to play with me I play with her.
Love, Nic

Dear Santa,
I want a camputer and a spider man toy for Christmas and I want a line King mauve and I thank I did gaad buze I ben nice ta my friend.
Love, Jason

Dear Santa,
I think I haved Ben good this year I think I want the Nerfs long shat Blaster and I want a Penpan tabal and some penpon pattals and I want The Scaby-doo hantdid Hause game
Lave, Kyle

Dear Santa,
I hav ben good. I hape yau give sab babys presents. I wood like a new sled and a clawn trewpr sewt and I waod lik a new bike and a new pare af clathse and a new ilarm clak.
Lave, Seth

Dear Santa,
I hape yau aur good ta and I hape yau get a present far Christmas ta. I want a vido game far christmas. I am shr yau get a present.
Lave, Hannah

Dear Santa,
I want a satgun bebegun. want a brt bic. I want a nif. I want a sord. I want a gun.
Lave, Daminic

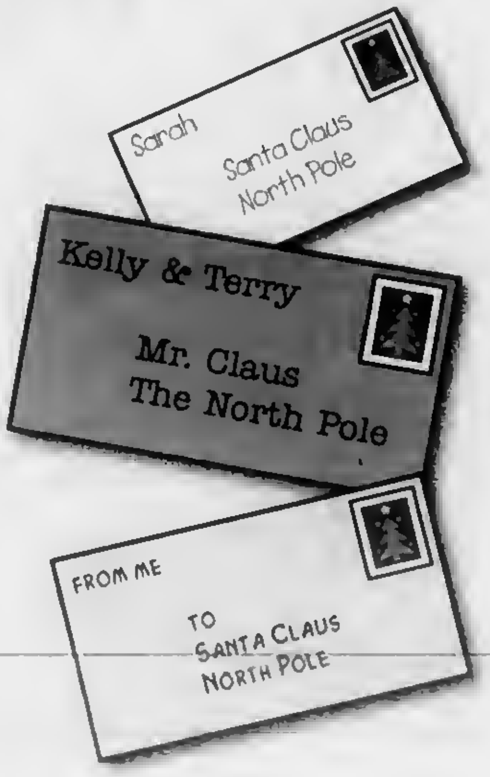
Dear Santa,
I want a lega reepubic gunship. Haw old are yau? Are yau reel? You are caal. You are funny.
Lave, Aidan

Dear Santa,
If yau cum ta my Has this yeyr I wood like a gtrr and gtrr chips that waad be gaod like ta take gtrr lesins. I waad like that bcus thats is gaad.
Loe, Grayce

Dear Santa,
I wander If yaur raindeer like Roodaff with Dancer, prancer, vixin, comite, cupid, Dasher. do yau like yaur raindeer? At Christmas, I want a bb gun a sward, a nife. I lave yau santa!!!!!!
Lave, Charles

Dear Santa,
haw da yaure rander fly. haw did yaur berde gra that big. haw da yaur randere fly. haw da yau git ta evry haws in ane nit. I have ben gaad. I help my grampu and gramu. I rakte lefs at are haws. I will paat awt yoet coceye milk and mare.
Lave, Jake

Dear Santa,
I ben gaad this sumer. I helped my dad in the gardin. I hape yau give sad peaply presints. I wauld like a starm trauper I think yau get wele tierd. I think yaur randear get tierd. I like Christmas.
Lave, Cale



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North Pole
Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa,
I want ta have a x bax plez. haw can yau get ta my home and wan nite? haw doaeth rander fli? I will leave caakies and melck. daae yau evre mest up an hause.
Lave, Lagan

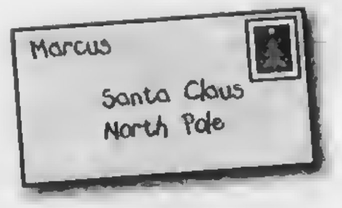
Dear Santa,
I'v been amazing this year. For cismis I went a Star Wars athin figr and a pricit jet. and a Star Wars atst and all af the Star War things.
Yaur friend,
Sean Bradley

Dear Santa,
I think I'v bin gaad this year I help my friends and I play with pepple. If yau came ta my howes I whlad like a truplen. da yaur raendeer like water? if they like water I whlad give thim same water and carits and yau egg nag and caakeies.
Love, Dani

Dear Santa,
da you na wat I wat far Crismis? I wat a rip stik and a skabawd. Thats wat I wat for Crismis?
Yaur friend,
Tyler Ostrum

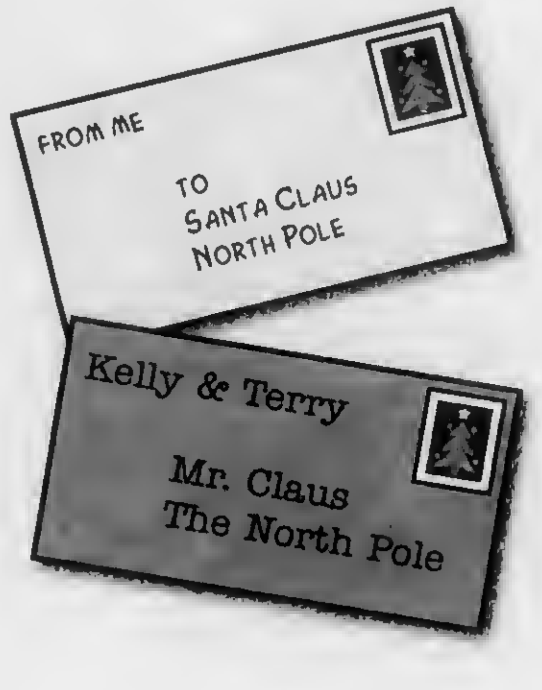
Dear Santa,
What da yaur raindeer eat? Is it cald in the narth pale? Is yaur bag heve? Are the elvs small? This is what I rile want an aletrik giter. Da yau like the paler ixpres. I da. What da the elvs laak like. I will put caakes and milk and caerits for the raindeer. I will trie ta stay up all nite. I lave when yau came ta tawn.
Lave, (na name)

Dear Santa,
I want a ipad for Chistmas haw was yaer rinder? Can I see raadaff? Haw was raadaff? Can I have a picher of your raider? I love Chistmas. and I want a candcan far my brather and my sister and my mam and my dad and my dag and my cats. I miss yau santa and I miss your rander. I miss christmas and I want a I pad. Waad yau let me and my sister and my brather da this or that? I waad like ta see yaur rander and I waad like ta have five picha af yor rander.
Lave, Makayla



Dear Santa,
I rily waint a eta ds. Allso I want some nal pallish. That yau can stic it in glitr. Haw can yaur radeen can fly? I wadr haw yau can ga ta evy anes hawes. haw das the reingderes da. And mast af all thank yau.
Lave, Chlae

Dear Santa,
I thek I bin gaad this yir. This yir I bin cheding my friends and my dad and my mam and my sister. This yir can I ples haf a chichla. I wandr haw da wandr fliy. I want ta na haw yau can diivr the present in I nite. can yau tall me what are alfs. Santa if yau came ta my haws I will prt crces awt far yau. Can yau ples come ta my haws. I wiley want ta met yau an christams. Santa yau are nice afey yir.
Lave, Alexis



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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

Dhaseleer Events Barn (DEB) concerts ticket information as follows: All shows are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, kids younger than 12 are free, students $10. For more ticket information go to www.blackcatconcerts.com

ONGOING EVENTS:

52nd season at Mt. McSauba

Mt. McSauba will kick off its 52nd winter season with a new groomer, snowboarding terrain park, web cams to catch the snowboarders' action and more.

The official start of the season is Dec. 20. Registration sheets for the ski and snowboarding schools are available at the ski hill.

Efforts to raise funds for the new ski hill groomer have yielded nearly $80,000 with $48,000 left to pay off. To donate to this community-wide cause, call recreation director Ike Boss at 547-3253.

Visit www.mtmcsauba.com for more information.

"Smart Style" safety guidelines will apply to the new snowboarding terrain park "The Training Grounds." Visit www.nsaa.org for more information on the safety guidelines.

-Four Fires Native Talking Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at the Freedom House Church in Charlevoix. It is a biblically based native group that focuses on culture, music and native religion. All are welcome: do not have to be native American to attend. The Freedom House Church is located at 12705 US 31 N in Charlevoix. Call 547-2568 for more information

Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Saturday Night Alive, fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information. Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

BLOOD DRIVES

- 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Dec 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

DEC. 17

Grand Old women's group

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Charlevoix County Republican Women's Group will host a holiday party at the Weathervane restaurant. Attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items which will be distributed to local food pantries. All are welcome to this event which will feature hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Call 547-4887 or 547-0866 for more information.

DEC. 20

Knock hunger on its can

Bring nonperishable food items and/or cash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to Oleson's plaza in downtown Charlevoix to help the Charlevoix Rayder football program raise mone and collect food for local food pantries.

DEC. 30

Talk health care reform

A community discussion on health care reform is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 30 at the Alcove Cafe, 103 Park Ave. Public is welcome. RSVP by e-mail at raecheltigner@gmail.com.

JAN. 6

Tai Chi classes

Beginning Jan. 6 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Tai Chi classes will be held for six weeks.

The beginners class will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room B; The intermediate class meets at 11 am. Classes each last one hour and are open to all. Cost for seniors is $12; $40 for those 60 and younger Call 237-0103 or (231) 582-7689 for more information. E-mail should be directed to megpots@global.net.

JAN. 10

Intuitive watercolor painting workshop

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 10 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Ave. Cost is $75. Registration fee does not include materials and is due by Jan. 4. Address checks to: Charlevoix Circle of Arts, RE: watercolor, P.O. Box 617, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information call 547-2333.

JAN. 21

Pre-diabetes education

The class costs $25, but scholarships may be available. Pre-registration is required. If you have been told by your physician that you have pre-diabetes or have any of the listed risk factors, take the first step and attend a pre-diabetes class. For more information, or to sign up for one of the classes contact the Charlevoix Area Hospital Diabetes Education Department at (231)547-8571.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Medusa retirees

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

FEB. 5

Your help is needed for Project Connect

Human service agencies in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties are once again joining forces for the second annual Project Connect. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Petoskey.

Project Connect aims to connect people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives.

"Project Connect cuts through the red tape that so often makes it difficult for people in need to access the services they need," said Jamie Winters, Chair of the Homeless Continuum of Care work group of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB) and Safe Home Coordinator for the Women's Resource Center. "By bringing together all of the services in one place, in one day, we can make an immediate difference in the lives of many."

The planning group anticipates an event both bigger and better than last year.

Over 40 non-profit agencies, businesses, and service providers will participate, providing services, goods, benefits sign-up, direct referrals, etc. on-site at Project Connect.

Over 600 people are expected to attend. All will be provided with a hot meal and bags of food, personal care items, and household goods to take home.

A clothing area will allow guests to select clothing for themselves and their families.

"Obviously a project of this size brings together a huge number of partners," said Lorraine Manary, coordinator of the HSCB. "We are in need of volunteer assistance – both in advance and at the event; more agencies and businesses to participate; donations of goods; and funds to support the event. Individuals and groups wishing to be involved can contact the HSCB at 347-6701 or United Way at 487-1006."

"United Way is excited about being a part of Project Connect," said Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "The event links United Way's traditional safety net of basic services with our new focus on improving the financial stability of families."

The local Project Connect is modeled on similar events that have been conducted in more than 130 communities around the country.

It has five key principles:

- Not business as usual
- No waiting in line
- Hospitality from the whole community - The project engages government and business leaders with non-profit agencies and faith communities
- Immediate access to direct services; Not simply referrals
- Quality of life resources including haircuts, massage and foot care, phone calls, eyeglasses, dental and medical care, meals, entertainment, and more.

Project Connect is in need of a wide range of donated goods and funds to purchase them. All donations are tax-deductible, and donors will receive a tax acknowledgment.

Items needed include toiletries, non-perishable foods, hats, gloves, sewing kits, basic medicine cabinet accouterments such as aspirin, cough drops and tooth paste.

To help, call 347-8852, 547-3280 or 487-1006.

You may also e-mail codyallen1998@hotmail.com.

Northwest Academy music celebration

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The Northwest Academy strings and general music classes are presenting their annual holiday music concert at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. Young aspiring vocalists from grades kindergarten through sixth will perform under the direction of Don Neidert. The string classes, beginning band, intermediate band and advanced band will feature holiday favorites and a number that includes an audience sing-along.

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Santa Paws

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The Santa Paws fundraiser held at Charlevoix Camera recently had 64 dogs who got their picture taken with Santa Claus. The event raised $575 for the Charlevoix County Humane Society. Pictured are (from left) Douglas, Lola on Santa's lap and Wilber.

East Park trout stream soon underway

City officials expect groundbreaking as early as next month

ENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

City officials recently gave the go-ahead on the long-awaited final piece of Charlevoix's East Park.

The living feature, which will boast a stream, live trout and appropriate natural habitat, will be constructed by local landscape design experts Site Planning Development.

"The two lowest bidders were a mere $700 different," said Charlevoix City Manager Rob Straebel. "It allows the city to hire the most qualified, not necessarily the lowest, bidder."

With a tentative deadline for construction of May 15, 2009, the project is expected to cost $200,209.50.

"We did interviews with both Drost and Site Planning. We looked at some of the examples of both companies' work and toured some of the sites they have created in the past," Straebel said. "We checked references on both companies and we were confident that Site Planning could do the work and do it well while saving the city some (money) on the project."

Straebel added that Drost was also a competent firm, but that only one could be chosen.

"We do think that both companies were qualified to do the project," he said. "Drost has some amazing work in

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Charlevoix infant healthy after heart transplant

ALICE PERRAULT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

COURTESY PHOTO

Amber Smith is pictured here with her son Marshall, who recently under went a heart transplant.

One year old Marshall Smith received a heart transplant in October.

"The doctors said he got a bad viral infection that attacked his heart when he was four months old. His heart was twice the size it should have been, and was only working at eight percent," Amber Smith, Marshalls mother said.

Marshall was put on the heart transplant list on June 23 after going to the emergency room in Charlevoix.

When Smith took her son into the ER, he was immediately airlifted to Detroit.

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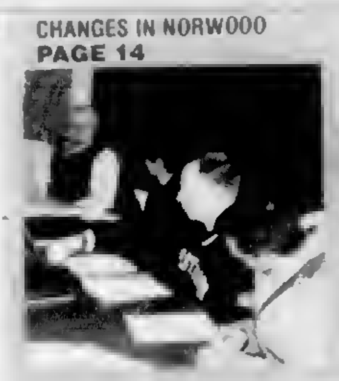

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Michael James Dugger, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Pay $200 in fines and costs and serve 30 hours of community service work.

Joseph Thomas Schmidt Jr., 49, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs.

Thomas Nathan-William Toporek, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Pay $200 in fines and costs; serve 30 hours of community service work.

Nelson Alexander Mount, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession. Pay $200 in fines and costs; serve 30 hours of community service work.

Frederick Alexander Wiser, 21, Brimley. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

James Franklin Cook, 47, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/denied/revoked/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs.

Justin William Vrondran, 25, Charlevoix. Larceny more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for one day in jail; 354 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,140 in fines and costs.

Michael Edward Left, 51, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Pay $250 in fines and costs.

Bennie Anthony Cornish, 19, Charlevoix. No operator license on person; unlawful use of license plate. Pay $600 in fines and costs or serve 16 days in jail.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Jason Anthony Staph, 33, Charlevoix. Police officer fleeing and eluding, third degree. Sentenced to 240 days in jail with credit for two days; to serve 240 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $820 in fines and costs.

Rodney Charles Robinson, 61, Traverse City. Contractor - false sworn statement, $1,000 or more but less than $20,000, two counts. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 60 days; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Michael Wiesenauer, 18, Boyne City. Two counts of motor vehicle, unlawful driving away; assault and battery. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for 37 days in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $5,902.41 in fines and costs.

Aaron Nathaniel Matheny, 43, East Jordan. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams; controlled substance - maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 78 days; to serve 150 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $180 in fines and costs; additional counts include attempted controlled substance-obtain by fraud; and false report of a felony; fines and costs totaling $995.

Robert James Cronk, 20, East Jordan. Two counts of attempted criminal enterprises-conducting. Sentenced to 365 days in jail; credit for 22 days in jail; to serve 270 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $6,062.41 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michaels Auto Rentals Inc., 806 Main St., East Jordan, by Michael Burr

Chello's Salon, 126 Main St., East Jordan, by Charla LaVake

Landsmen Inspectors Group, 13450 Forest Drive, Charlevoix, by Robert Schoonover

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Allen Ronnebaum, 46 and Tonya Marissa Hilliard, 35, both of East Jordan

Francis Stephen Butler, 63, Boyne City and Dawn Marie Gerard, 52, Macomb

Mark Stephen Schaffer, 34 and Sherri Dawn Stead, 42, both of Charlevoix

Ryan Christopher Jernigan, 26 and Megan Alissa Middaugh, both of Huntertown, Ind.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Virginia Connaghan vs. Rory Connaghan

David James Skeel vs. Lea Ann Skeel

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cash William Elwood Weisel weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born Dec. 12 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kristina Weisel of Gaylord. His grandparents are Jackie and Ernie Weisel of Gaylord. His great grandparents are Edwin Weisel of Gaylord and Mitchell Coon of Alba.

Alexander Joshua Willson weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces was born Dec. 12 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brenda Kieffer and Eryn Willson of East Jordan. His siblings are Kylee, Kaiydin and Micheal. His grandparents are Tracy Smith of East Jordan, Wayne and Angie Willson of Cadillac and robin McLeese of Boyne Falls. His great grandparents are Murray and Joanne Follett of Boyne city and Burton and Maxine Willson of East Jordan..

Jonathon Dennis Hartwell weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces was born Dec. 13 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jo Anne Testa and Jon Edward Hartwell of East Jordan. His siblings are sisters Sara Anne Testa and Taylor Hartwell and brother, Matthew Jon; Testa Hartwell died June 19, 2003. His grandmothers are Kris Weisler of East Jordan and Mary Alice Hartwell of Ohio and the late Jon Charles Hartwell, grandfather, formerly of Horton's Bay.

Adrian David Smith (Walton), son of Mike Smith and Jessica Faith Walton, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces, was born Dec. 15. Grandfather is Samuel Dean Walton.

Check it out

Sarah Allan of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation presents a check for $3,000 on behalf of their youth advisory committee to Mayor Norman Carlson Jr.; Laura Stebe, representing Mt. McSauba and her children, Brannan, Cassidy and Erin Stebe. The check was a grant for the purchase of the Pisten Bully snow groomer now being used on Mt. McSauba. Laura Stebe is a member of the committee fundraising for the groomer and wrote the grant on behalf of the city.To date the committee has raised approximately $80,000 with their fundraising efforts, the City of Charlevoix is funding $100,000. A total of $48,000.00 is still needed to complete the fundraising goal.

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CORRECTION

Due to reporter error in the Dec. 18 edition of Charlevoix Courier, it should be noted that Vanessa Lopez attended the Charlevoix Public Schools Christmas concert to watch her niece, [illegible] perform.

Weather

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Dec. 11	31	18	tr.
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Dec. 13	28	17	5
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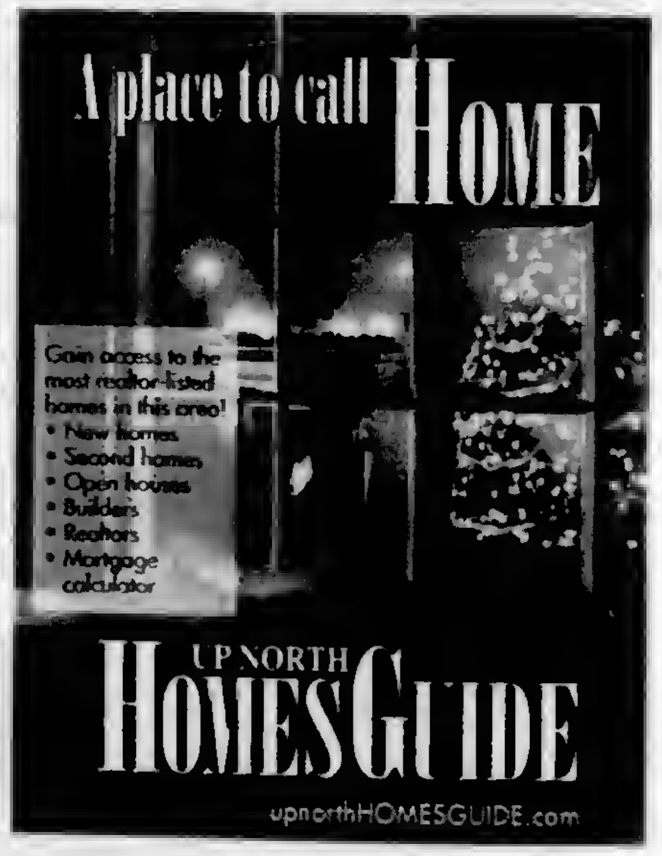

Veteran politico passes local GOP torch

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Ronald Reagan, John Engler, John McCain and Barry Goldwater: but a few of the names on a long list of politicians John Haggard has worked to try to get elected to office over the years.

And, after nearly two decades as the chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican Party, Haggard has put the party in the proverbial hands of Tim Boyko.

"Tim, I believe, is an organized young man that is more computer moxie than me," Haggard said. "I really believe Tim's leadership is going to guide the Charlevoix County party in a direction that will be very helpful for the county and the state."

While Haggard has opted to no longer serve as chairman, he said he has served too long to quit politics altogether.

"My parents were politically active, my dad in particular before he died in '53," he said. "After I got in college down in Ferris in '59, I was active with a group of fraternity brothers and since then I've been active all along."

Haggard handed out brochures in the 1964 presidential race while in Phoenix, Ariz. for Barry Goldwater.

"I was living with two good friends who were Democrats and I had this banner and his slogan was 'In your heart, you know he's right,'" Haggard said. "I came home one night and they had changed it to say 'In your gut, you know he's nuts.'"

Haggard said he has enjoyed the many people he's met over the years and that he misses some of the elders of Charlevoix County politics who've since died.

"You miss some of the past activists like Oscar Stroud (and others)," Haggard said. "The memories and the ability to meet the people that run our government over the years is an experience I'll never forget."

And, he added, "Hopefully if I'm successful to get re-elected at the state committee in February I'll still be able to remain active at the state and national level."

One of the things he was most proud of is keeping then candidate John Engler to his promise of coming to Charlevoix for their Lincoln Day Dinner after he won the election—which he did.

Haggard has also attended five of national conventions over the past 20 years.

"It's a great experience for anybody who wants to help their communities out, to have the connections of the people that make decisions at the local, state or national level," he said.

And, while at his first state convention, Stroud helped Haggard come close to being elected to the national convention.

"I came up one vote short at my first state convention," he said.

Haggard and his wife have also coordinated the Lincoln Day Dinners over the years and Haggard has been pleased to meet former president George Bush senior, Fred Thompson, Bob Dole and even John McCain, whom Haggard supported over George W. Bush in 2000.

"I'm 68, which is still young, but I made it known at our picnic in July that I wanted to get some younger blood in here to get more energized and more organized and pass on to new leadership," said Haggard, who has every confidence Boyko will fill the position in kind.

Boyko is a former Norwood Township Supervisor who previously served as Hayes Township Supervisor for 10 years with four years on their planning commission and two years as a Charlevoix County Road Commissioner.

Boyko, who has a wife and two children, will assume his two-year term as of Jan. 1, 2009.

"(This) has been an interest of mine since running for the 105th (district seat)," he said. "At that time I really started to appreciate the support of what the county and state parties would do for candidates. As a lifelong politician I had given little effort to supporting the party, and when this opportunity came, I jumped."

Boyko added, "I respected the amount of support I got as a candidate and I wanted to repay that effort."

Boyko will be aided by two co-vice-chairs Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema and Barbara Sheets.

According to Boyko, his mission as chairman will include working with some of the younger up and coming Republicans in the party.

"I'd like to see if we can reach out to the college age and high school age (Republicans) who would like to get involved with politics, both at the state and local level."

Boyko said one of the most important jobs for him will be to listen to people's concerns and to avoid making assumptions about the direction of the country.

"I think we need to spend some time thinking about what it means to be conservative and Republican over the next two years," he said. "Especially in getting ready for state races."

Boyko added, "I also think we have to search out for efficiencies in running our government and eliminate wasteful spending."

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2009 Meeting Schedule

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January 5	[illegible]	September 8 (Tuesday
January 19	May 18	September 21
February 2	June 1	October 5
February 16	June 15	October 19
March 2	July 6	November 2
March 16	July 20	November 16
April 6	Aug 3	December 7
April 20	Aug 17	December 21

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McSauba Snowboarding hours

Connar Klooster catches air in the Training Grounds terrain park at Mt. McSauba. Holiday hours for the newly created winter sport park are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. The park is closed on Christmas and New Year's days, and the ice rink is now open for skaters and hockey players. Helmets and signed waivers are required before utilizing the park. Smart Style rules, which are posted in the lodge, are in full effect.

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NOTICE:

Snowmobiles prohibited on non-motorized paths

Snowmobilers are reminded that snowmobiles are prohibited on paths designated for non-motorized traffic only.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has received complaints of snowmobilers utilizing the designated bike path along U.S. 31.

Utilizing motorized motor vehicles on the bike path is a citable offense and deputy sheriffs have been advised to issue citations to violators.

In the winter months these paths are frequently used by skiers.

According to the Michigan Penal code (excerpt): 750.419 Operating or riding motorcycle; moped, or other motor vehicle on bicycle path or sidewalk, misdemeanor; exception.

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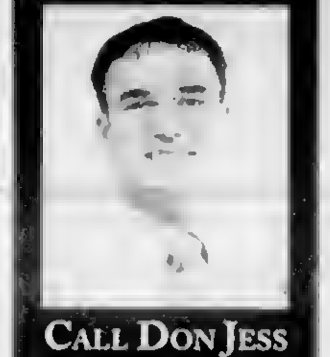

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Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, well maybe a mouse.

This story begins many years ago when two families blended into one and celebrated their first Christmas together.

The banter surrounding the purchase of a live Christmas tree brought upon movement heard from the rooftops.

After agreeing on the size and type of tree, the family wrestled with placing it into its stand.

The joy continued with numerous discussions regarding the type of lighting that should encase this fauna and where the holiday décor should find its resting place.

The following year, an artificial tree entered this home and remained there for the next 25 years.

It brought with it fewer discussions and the absence of pine needles that usually found their way into someone's bare foot months after the holiday had passed.

The years moved quickly and the pretend tree began to bend as if it needed its own walker to remain steady.

Time had erased the memory of that first Christmas- similar to how we forget about the pain of childbirth.

Out with the old and in with the new.

The adventure of bringing home the aroma of real pine versus that which comes from an aerosol can, would soon be taking place.

There she stood, a stately beautiful site, boughs beckoning to come home with us.

Carefully bound with twine she looked sleek and performed well as a spoiler while trussed to the roof of the car.

She found her new home in the living room where we would soon begin the delicate dance of placing it into the 20 year plus tree stand.

The weight of the tree began to bend the metal.

Maybe it was the age of the stand but I think it had more to do with the size of the tree going into it.

Houston, we have a problem.

Still forging ahead with the optimism of school kids we delicately balanced the tree between line furnishings and collected art work.

Next came the cutting of the twine. The scene was reminiscent of an "I Love Lucy" re- run.

Branches flew grasping their new found freedom. Vases plummeted from their place of safety, lamps overturned, and somewhere in the confusion I heard Lyle yell, "my eye, my eye."

Yes the tree that looked so tall and slender actually rounded out to an additional five feet with the wing span of a condor.

The living room took on the appearance of something that would be granted disaster funds.

I ventured that soon afterwards a small gray creature resembling a mouse joined the mayhem from his entrance hidden deep in balsam fir.

Things grew tense as I eagerly chimed in, "Martha Stewart trims the bottom of her tree with a sharp knife so it can get a fresh drink daily."

I turned in time to see my husband happily grasp a knife.

Fast forward a couple of hours and our beautiful tree is significantly trimmed.

The extra boughs created a smaller tree which carefully graces the entry way.

As for the original tree—it's bungee corded to the front porch.

She's all decked out in LED lights and a few bows.

When asked why our tree is not in the house we respond "allergies."

From our home to yours: Merry Christmas to all and to all a happy tree trimming night.

Contact Gayle Gennett by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

WEEKLY POLL

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Yes (17 Votes, 59%)

No (12 Votes, 41%)

This week's poll question:

Has northern Michigan and the rest of the country seen the worst of the economic downturn?

The search for happiness: Part two

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Stephen Guthrie

In an earlier column I wrote of a call from a friend—I dubbed him Abner—dealing with a painful and protracted divorce.

He had just one question on his mind: What do I have to do to be happy again?

In my earlier column I said his question really requires a two-part answer.

The first point I made with Abner, and the hope I would offer anyone who has lost the seemingly irreplaceable, is that while you will never again have what has been lost, on the other side of grief is a new reality that is just now still out of sight.

As unimaginable as it seems right now for Abner, the new life that's coming will eventually be satisfying, meaningful and pleasurable; only different from the life just left behind.

That vision is particularly difficult for persons grieving a lost marriage to see.

Unlike the person grieving a physical death, the divorced person has to process grief in a reality where the former spouse is still very much alive and probably involved, especially if there are children.

The marriage died, but the marriage partner did not, and neither did the friction and pain that usually accompanies divorce.

Grief is prolonged for the divorced person because too often the marriage is the death that just keeps on dying.

It is hard to bury it and hard to bid it farewell because, when people marry, they give a big piece of themselves as an equity stake in a new union, where the whole is expected to become greater than the sum of the parts.

When that new union dies, that investment is lost, and the person enters grief having to relearn on the fly how to be whole in their own person once more.

The second question buried in Abner's plea is when will his circumstances improve so he can be happy again?

I told him he should not settle for just being happy. Instead he should look to be joyful. While happiness is a superficial and transient state of mind, joy is a state of being.

While happiness looks only at the circumstances at the moment, joy considers a number of factors that make life meaningful.

Happiness is a fickle, fleeting feeling. It is an outward barometer of the amount of pleasure in the moment, and that readout changes quickly up or down.

Happiness is an emotion, and since many of us believe incorrectly that our emotions are outside our control we wrongly conclude happiness is imposed on us by our circumstances.

Joy, which has nothing at all to do with our circumstances at the moment, looks at the deeper question of contentment. The person who has learned to be content in their spirit regardless of their situation walks above their circumstances.

They do not require something or someone to make life worthwhile.

Joyful people are those who have made a decision to be satisfied.

Joy has nothing to do with how well we are being entertained, or who won the World Series.

Joy conveys an attitude of gratitude and has the ability to separate what we need from what we want. It is not lusting over the unattainable, but instead reflects the developed ability to admire without the need to acquire.

Joy takes a long-term view of life's triumphs and tragedies, always looking for perspective and how things fit together.

Happiness takes place in the mind, while joy takes place in the human spirit.

Indeed, joy can't happen at all apart from a belief that there is someone larger in charge of the universe.

And that's why joy is possible for Abner. He has grown in the knowledge that Jesus Christ as the one who is able to bring joy to an unhappy situation.

You see, Jesus rarely changes our circumstances. Rather, He walks with us above those circumstances.

His strength and contagious peace are sufficient to bring about something scripture refers to as "the peace that passes all understanding." That's a peace that defies logic, that makes no sense whatsoever to anyone on the outside looking in.

It's the sort of spiritual calm that leads people to wonder if Abner is clueless in Charlevoix or if he really understands how his world is coming off its hinges.

And it is the sort of peace that is yours for the taking, a benefit of living with Christ.

Are you ready for that sort of peace?

Then don't settle for the elusive and fickle feeling of happiness, and go for the joy.

Go for Jesus.

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LETTERS to the editor

CALL FOR MEANINGFUL PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS

Editor:

As we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, we are called to remember that there is agony and suffering in the places Jesus lived and walked.

While the history of the war in Israel and Palestine is long and complex, the horrible injustice and desperate conditions inflicted on the people of Palestine, in Gaza, and the West Bank is cruel and inhumane.

The great separation wall touted as a security barrier by the Israeli government and costing billions of dollars, encroaches deep into recognized Palestinian land, surrounding towns and cutting deep into Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The wall separates the people of Palestine from their loved ones, their water and fields, from hospitals and access to food.

The Palestinian people are being pushed into densely populated centers, separated from each other by checkpoints and walls.

For two years, Gaza, the most populated region in the world, and its people have been under siege, blockaded by water, by land and air, cut off from food and water supplies, hospitals and work.

In occupied Palestine, homes are bulldozed, rockets explode and armed Israeli troops threaten families.

Electricity and fuel are shut off, and sewage overflows.

The children are hungry and afraid.

The Palestinian people are being collectively punished for the actions of Hamas and Fahta, actions over which they have no control. The children of Palestine know fear and hate and sink deeper into despair and hopelessness.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem.

He called the little children to come unto him.

As the Prince of Peace, He calls us to feed the hungry and heal the sick.

All terrorism and violence must be condemned.

But it is a great wrong for the world to turn away from the desperate suffering in Palestine.

The United States has long supported Israel.

It is time for the USA to call for and facilitate a meaningful peace for all people who now live in the ancient lands of Palestine and Israel.

The violence must stop.

It is time to end funding the terrifying and inhumane human rights violations against the Palestinian people in Gaza, East Jerusalem, in the West Bank and in Israel.

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Jo Anne Beemon
Charlevoix

ZONTA DATE NIGHT RAFFLE

Editor:

Rene Demanaeus, Wendy Smith, Corrine Russell and Robert Straebel, all of Charlevoix, are winners of a night's stay and dinner for two at a Charlevoix hotel and restaurant.

Zonta thanks all participants and businesses that made this event a success. The proceeds from this fundraiser go to procuring top facilitators for Sights on Success (SOS) a Zonta sponsored workshop for sixth- to ninth-grade girls. For the past few years we have had Laurie Stewart provide this service and she has made great connections with those attending. Zonta has a goal to help women make the best of their lives. What better way to start than with our youth giving them information on choices that they will face, how to work as a team, how to avoid negative peer pressure, how to give back to their communities? Zonta hosted it's fourth SOS session this past November and had a great day. This event is the second Saturday in November and held at Charlevoix Public Library. The workshop is interactive and open free to all girls in driving distance to Charlevoix. If you are interested in working on these types of activities please check out Zonta on line charlevoixzonta.org; zontadistrict15.org; zonta.org or call Linda at 547-4109.

Linda DeGrow
Charlevoix

PLEASE HELP SENIOR PARTY

Editor:

The All Night Senior Party committee is in the process of planning the annual after-graduation party for the class of 2009 to celebrate their accomplishments.

This tradition was started many years ago to give the kids a drug, alcohol and now cell phone free senior class party.

For the past few years with our fundraising and the community's help, we have been able to do this at a cost of only $25 per student. This enables all students to participate and enjoy. We are hoping that we can once again meet that goal.

We know things are tough right now but are hoping that a donation of $25 is still affordable. Your donation will be noted on one of the gift bags that each graduating senior will receive. So, if you know a senior that has worked for you or you have enjoyed in a play or athletics, feel free to note their name on your check and we will designate that gift bag on your behalf. If you are unable to donate we know you join us in congratulating the kids for a job well done.

Donations can be made payable to "Charlevoix High School – Senior Party 2009" and mailed to Charlevoix High School, 05200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Patti Spencley, at 547-5240.

They say it takes a community to raise a child and Charlevoix has certainly come through with these graduates.

Thank-you in advance for all your support and generosity. We guarantee the Class of 2009 will make us all very proud.

Patti Spencley
2009 All Night Senior Party Committee Member

Snowmobile crash on Beaver Island under investigation

The Charlevoix county Sheriff's Office and Station 57 EMS responded to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center to a report of a one-vehicle snowmobile personal injury crash. The driver was a 27-year-old man from Beaver Island.

The accident occurred early Dec. 11 on private property off of Donegal Bay road.

The man was snowmobiling down a private road when he struck a chain that was across the road.

The chain was properly marked with orange ribbon.

The man was airlifted by the United States Coast Guard to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment.

Poor lighting conditions was thought to be the reason for the crash.

It is unknown if alcohol was a factor.

The incident remains under investigation.

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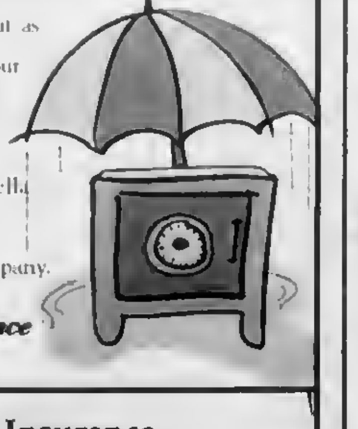

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NCCMH recognizes employees

North Country Community Mental Health recently held its annual "Employee Recognition" at Boyne Mountain. Angela Balyo and Terri Cleis were presented the highest form of recognition – the "Achievement Award."

The "Achievement Award" recognizes exemplary service or extraordinary performance. Their peers nominate staff and a committee reviews the nominations and makes a selection based on established criteria. Angie Balyo is the Charlevoix Office Manager and Terri Cleis is a Rehabilitation Specialist at the New Horizons Clubhouse in Rapid City.

The Team Award went to the Community Support Services Team that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities at the Bay Springs Adult Foster Care home. They were recognized for great team work, excellent services and meeting goals. The members of this team are from the Gaylord office and are: Janelle Kassien, Deb Erber, Bob Latka, Pat DeGrow, and Laura Lenkey.

Two staff were recognized for 30 years of service: From the Petoskey office, Joe Hebel, Program Director for Community Support Services for Persons with Mental Illness and from the Bellaire office, Jan Smith, Assistant Director of Administrative Services.

Other employees recognized 25 years of service Margaret Bachman-Moran and Alison Reed from the Gaylord Developmental Disabilities Services Office; 20 years of service - Cathleen Behan Harvey, Petoskey Office, Matt Manker, Charlevoix Office, Jack Londick and Julie Moran from the Bellaire office; 10 years of service – Kathryn Bamberg, Charlevoix Office; Amy Carey, Petoskey Office; Pam Krasinski-Wespiser, North Country Residential; Kathleen Lantzer and Carole Merritt-Doherty, Kalkaska Office; Jennifer Bunker and Amy Trudeau, Bellaire Office; and Diana Batterbee and Debbie Hiltz, Rapid City Office.

Those staff receiving Certificates of Merit Awards were: Christopher Cornell, North Country Enrichment Center – Boyne City; Katy Hughey, Patricia Crist, Sue Petee, Alison Reed and Marybeth Walkulat from the Gaylord Offices; Maryann Hinzmann and Dale Murton from the Bellaire office, and Dan Taylor, Susan Thurston and Sue Tramontini from the Petoskey Office.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing a severe emotional problem, serious mental illness or developmental disability. Persons wishing to know more about the agency are encouraged to visit www.norcocmh.org, or call (800) 834-3393 to access services.

Rayder football food drive

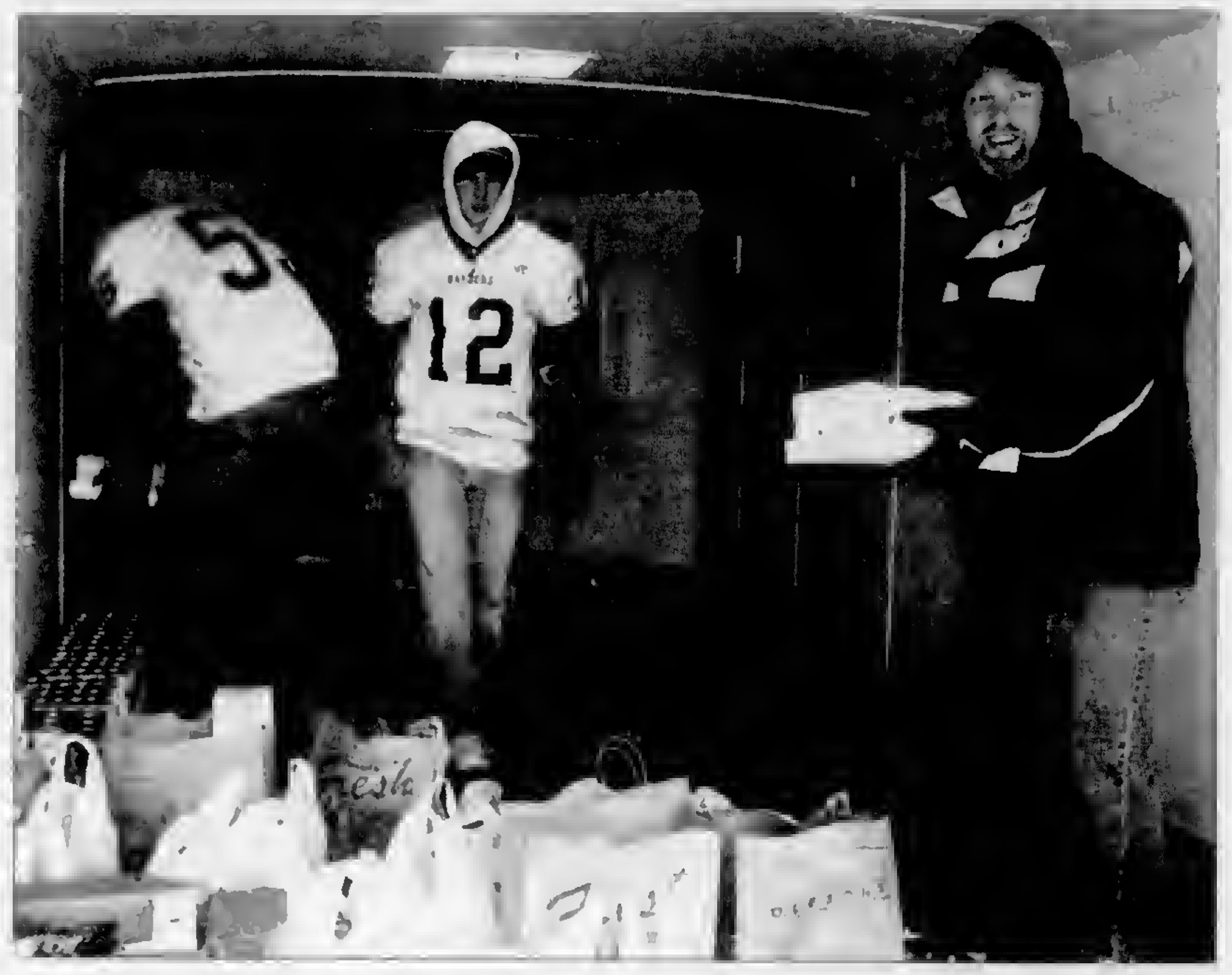

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Number 55 Bill Ivan (left) and number 12 Clayton Mitchell of the Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team work with assistant coach Brandon Webb stacking contributions to this year's Knock Hunger on its Can food driva. Each year the football team and coaches brave the freezing temperatures in tha days leading up to Christmas to help raise funds and collect food items for local food pantries to distribute to needy area families. They raised over 1,500 items and just over $100 cash in approximately four hours on Saturday, Dec. 20.

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Achievement Award

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Alexis Kaczynski, North Country Community Mental Health Director (left) and Andrew Sahara (Right) present Angie Balyo of Charlevoix tha Achievement Award which recognizes exemplary service or extraordinary performance in the line of duty.

Holiday sing along

COURTESY PHOTO

Charlevoix Elementary students dance and sing the afternoon away during their holiday sing-along on Dec. 16. at the school.

ENGAGEMENTS

Katie Lynn Yager of Cary, North Carolina, daughter of Mrs. Deborah Yager and the late Mark Yager of Charlevoix, and Troy Michael Cronk of Cary and the son of Mr. And Mrs. Timothy Cronk of Lewiston, Mich. are announcing their engagement.

The wedding will take place June 27, 2009 in Petoskey, Mich.

The Bride elect graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2001. She received a BA in English from Michigan State in 2005. She was an active member of Chi Omega Sorority, Xi Gamma Chapter. She graduated with honors from the Teacher Certification Program at Eastern Michigan University in April of 2008. She is pursuing a career in Secondary Education in North Carolina.

The Groom-to-be graduated from Johannesburg-Lewiston High School in 2001. He received a BA in Business Management from Michigan State in 2005. He graduated cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in September 2008. He is preparing to take the North Carolina Bar Exam in February 2009 and plans to pursue a career in criminal law.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Happy Holidays

The library will be closed
Wednesday & Thursday
December 24 & 25 for the Christmas holiday and
on December 31 and January 1
for the New Year holiday

Drop-in December Holiday Crafts
Dec. 21 – Dec 27: Button Art
Stop by the Youth Activity Center any time we're open and make a take home craft. Open for kids of all ages.

Gamernoons
Fridays: 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
Try out one of the new games: Need for Speed Underground II or Crash Bandicoot: Twinsanity or go back to the tried and true of Guitar Hero or DDR ñ the choice is yours!

Books with a Bite: An American Girl Tea
Tween Book Club, grades 5-7
Tuesday, January 6, 3:45 – 4:45
Please read any American Girl book before attending. Bring yourself & a friend - your doll too.
Get ready for tea, snacks and games - in celebration of American Girl.
Please pre-register at 547-7300. Limited to first 20 Tweens.

How to get organized
Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm
The fun is over and it's time to clean up the mess! Let Crystal Rankin from Crystal Clear Organizing teach you basic organizing principles and learn how to put them to work in your home.

Parlez-vous Francais
Beginning Wednesday, January 7, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Four consecutive Wednesdays, $25
Join teacher Sue Kessler for a series of beginner level French lessons, with a focus on useful phrases, travel and current events.

Managing your computer
Thursday, January 8, 10:30 – noon
For people with a bit of computer experience – this class will sharpen your skills and help you organize your desktop and files.

Story Time resumes
on Thursdays, January 8, 10:30 am

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OBITUARIES

Barbara MacArthur: Passed on December 14, 2008

MacArthur

MacArthur, Barbara, age 85, writer and peace activist, died at home on Dec. 14 of leukemia.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Bruce and daughters Laurie MacArthur, Karen Schuiling, Marjorie Veiga, Nancy Smith and five grandchildren.

She served on the board of Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom, where she was editor of the Peace Digest, and was a charter member of the Grand Blanc Beautification League, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and the Flint Environmental Action Team (F.E.A.T.).

She was also an active member of Flint Community Planned Parenthood, the Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission, Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Hilton Head for Peace, Women in Black and worked vigorously to establish a national Department of Peace.

In 2007, she was awarded the Michigan Garden Clubs' State Life Membership for her efforts "to educate club members and the public on conservation issues, such as global climate change, energy conservation and wind power" and in 2008, the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom honored her for her "tireless work keeping issues of peace and justice before the public."

Her career included working for the Allied Military Permit Office in Stockholm, Sweden and as a reporter for the Port Chester Daily Item, Cincinnati Enquirer and the Grand Blanc News until her retirement in 1979.

A memorial service is scheduled at 4 p.m. for July 3, 2009 at First Congregational Church, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Barbara G. MacArthur Peace Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Fredrick V. Wabanimkee: June 6, 1949 - Dec. 15, 2008

Fredrick V. Wabanimkee, 59, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born June 6, 1949, the son of Augustine and Clara Mae (John) Wabanimkee.

Fred was raised by his mother and stepfather, Enos Wasageshick.

He played basketball for Charlevoix High School, and graduated in 1968

He then attended the University of Michigan before enlisting in the US Army.

Fred served his country in Vietnam in the armored division.

Fred returned to the states, became a journeyman ironworker and was a bridgeworker in Louisiana.

When he returned to Charlevoix, he worked as a house painter.

Fred was a member of the VFW Post #1153, and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Fred was active in his Native American culture, and participated as a drummer at Pow-Wow Trails.

He loved to go for long car rides and spend time with his grandchildren.

Fred is survived by his wife Lori McSawby; children Trisha, Fred, Carla, Marsh, Travis, Elizabeth and Gitchie; ten grandchildren; sisters Sharon, and Karen Wasageshick; brother Ivan Wasageshick.

Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Funeral was 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18, at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Sam McClellan officiating.

Contributions may be made to the family of Fred Wabanimkee.

Sue Ann Lochner: Dec. 28, 1935 - Dec. 20, 2008

Sue Ann Lochner, 72, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Rite of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Jerry Hunko will officiate and burial will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Sue was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Lyle and Edith (Cooper) Beaudoin.

She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1954 and continued to further her education at Michigan State University.

On June 1, 1957, she married George H. Lochner in Charlevoix, and he preceded her in death on May 31, 2003.

Sue was a member of Saint Mary's Church, the Saint Mary's Rosary Altar Society, and she served as a church usher.

She was active in the American Legion Leslie T Shapton Post #226 Auxiliary, was a Junior Golf Mentor, and bowled on the bowling league.

She enjoyed playing cards, spending time with her family and friends, and doing volunteer work in the community.

Sue is survived by her daughters Lisa (Barry) Potter of Charlevoix, Laura (Lewis) Archer of Boyne City; grandchildren Tabatha (Tracey) Simpson, Nicholaus, Teresa and Tamara Potter; Maria Whitley, Christina, Sarah and Shala Archer; great-grandchildren Cassie, Kara and Tristen Simpson; Alexandra Archer and Abigail Potter; brothers Joe Beaudoin of Charlevoix, David Beaudoin of Grand Haven; nieces/nephews Bruce (Katie) Beaudoin, Amy Beaudoin, Mark (Laura) Beaudoin and Marcie (Brian) Sladics.

She was preceded in death by sister-in-law Sandy Beaudoin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Church.

The Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m., Monday Dec. 29, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where visitation will continue after the Rosary until 8 p.m.

DEATH NOTICE

Joann (Gill) Snyder, born in Charlevoix, Dec. 23, 1914, died Dec. 10 in Coldwater. No service is planned for the present.

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Truscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School K - 8 and Adult	9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	[illegible]
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	[illegible]
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2873**

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Church Office	**547-9482**

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Sunday School	[illegible]
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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	**547-4121**

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold L. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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Latin Formation Wednesdays	[illegible]
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Away for the Holidays?

Follow these tips to protect your home

Everyone looks forward to this time of year: including burglars.

With many people away, visiting friends, or just out of the house shopping, there are many good prospects for break-ins.

Experts agree that it is a very vulnerable time for homeowners.

Follow these precautions to avoid being burgalarized.

- Examine the exterior of your house
- Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed
- Check to see if there is any "wiggle room" that could give a thief enough space to jimmy it open
- Walk around your whole property to ensure there is nothing that can be used to climb to upper floors
- Look in your windows to make sure blinds are positioned to screen the interior view but not closed completely
- You may want to move [illegible] computer and TV [illegible]
- Never leave an emergency key hidden outside your home
- Always leave your home in a secure state, regardless of the amount of time you expect to be away
- A burglar watching your house is capable of taking what he wants in a few carefully planned moments
- When you are away from the house, particularly for an extended period, be sure to make it look lived in
- Put timers on a few lights at varied times, put a timer on a radio set to a talk radio station
- Install a dusk/dawn outside light or motion detector

In many instances installing a home-alarm system will give you protection, a sense of calm and even a discount on your homeowner's insurance.

Inventory your major possessions. An easy way is to place valuables on tables and videotape your house, room-to-room of all furniture, paintings and other possessions.

Place the list, any photos/videos you took, and perhaps the valuables themselves in a safe separate location.

Tell a trusted neighbor on your block that you will be away

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New grant aimed at job creation

Transition to the knowledge economy event upcoming

The Michigan State University Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED) has been awarded a $150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to develop innovative economic development strategies for three northern Michigan regions including northwest lower Michigan. The goal is to create strategies that enable each region to compete successfully in the global knowledge economy. Additional match funds from several MSU units will bring the total project investment to approximately $525,000.

The grant notification in early October launched an immediate planning schedule that includes 18 months of training, technical assistance and capacity building modules with the CCED and three regional partners including Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG). Each partner will participate in assessing their conditions and designing new approaches that address their development needs most effectively.

"The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments is excited to collaborate with Michigan State University, the Economic Development Administration, and our local partners on this project," said Matt McCauley, associate director of regional planning for the council. "Our commitment to the project is not for the purposes of exclusivity, but rather to assist in the creation of yet another tool that can be used to further develop and refine the region's long term economic development strategies."

A key component of the project is evaluating the impact and being able to judge the extent of project success. Data for performance factors will be collected and analyzed based on the State New Economy Index. These data include the number and types of knowledge economy jobs, digital practices and applications, innovation capacity, and entrepreneurial capacity and performance.

"The index has the potential to show existing and future niche market opportunities that local businesses can use to increase customer base and market share," McCauley said.

"We are enthusiastic about this opportunity," said Rex LaMore of the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development. "We view our role in this process as collaborative and participatory with our regional partners including the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. We want to extend our available knowledge and resources to support and encourage entrepreneurs and investors in northern Michigan and across the state succeed in the 21st century global economy."

Each of the 10 counties serviced by NWMCOG—Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford—will be addressed in the initiative.

A workshop, "Northwest Michigan's Transition to the Knowledge Economy," is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 1 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Hagerty Conference Center on the Maritime Campus of Northwestern Michigan College, 715 E. Front St., in Traverse City.

This workshop will provide a Knowledge Economy orientation and introduce a new indicators project. Participants will hear from leaders in three industries – agriculture, energy, and manufacturing – about the opportunities and challenges each industry faces in the Knowledge Economy. Participants and speakers will dialogue about strategies that our region can implement to compete effectively.

"At the end of the day, this is all about positioning these regions and the rest of the state to create good new jobs in the Knowledge Economy," LaMore said.

For more information, contact Jaclyn Miel-Uken, Regional Planner; Northwest Michigan Council of Governments at (231) 929-5000 or via e-mail at jaclynmiel-uken@nwm.cog.mi.us . Registration information for the workshop is available at: http://www.nwm.org/business.asp.

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Fresh fruit for the food pantry

The Troop 1812 Boy Scouts pictured show off their work after assembling 40 fresh fruit baskets Saturday, Dec. 20 at Glen's Market in Charlevoix. Pictured (from left) are Glen's employees Justin Lovay, Lee Bennett and scouts Trevor Currier, Chris Young, Jordan Jelinek, Connor Courier, store manager Mark Zink and assistant scout leader Kim Currier. The scouts, of their own volition, raised enough money and came up with the idea to make fruit baskets and donate them to the Charlevoix Food Pantry and the Ellsworth Food Pantry. When the scouts came to Zink and told him their plan, he garnered support from the Glen's corporate headquarters in Grand Rapids to match their funds, which allowed the boys to give twice as many baskets.

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Christmas recycling tips from the pros

MARCI SINGER
NEWS-REVIEW WRITER

As gifts are opened this year, the volunteers of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee want to remind everyone that not every box is recyclable.

"You won't all be able to recycle every box that is opened," said Nancy Ferguson of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee.

While volunteers have scheduled extra pick ups of the full bins, Ferguson said they cannot possibly get all of the cardboard and papers in the bins on the same day. She also reminds recyclers that if you arrive and cannot get your items in the bins, do not leave them on the ground.

"That is littering and there is a law against it. If the bins are full, please come another day," she said. "Remember, our haulers, who are doing a great job, need a day to enjoy Christmas with their families, too. They will soon be back to work, making extra hauls to get caught up with the season."

Ferguson said with help from the community, the recycling program continues to grow, but she stressed that Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts cannot be recycled. If you have any of these items, Ferguson said they must be disposed of properly in the trash.

"If a load is contaminated, we have to pay for hauling plus a landfilling fee. That negates everyone's recycling efforts."

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Manage the "Four C's" of Winter Fire Risks:
Chimneys, Candles, Christmas Trees & Children

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve – These holidays mean celebrations, many of them in decorated homes filled with merry-making family members and friends.

The National Fire Protection Association reports that, over the course of a calendar year, the 10 worst days for fires in homes fall between December 24 and January 6.

Fortunately, these risks can be reduced with safe practices that address the "four Cs" of winter fires: chimneys, candles, Christmas trees and children.

Chimneys
Buildup or blockage within a chimney can catch fire. Chimney fires are unpredictable: they can be noisy and fierce, or can smolder undetected.
Common-sense tips:
- If you haven't checked or cleaned the chimney in the past two years, don't use it.
- Have a pro inspect the chimney for creosote (which is what builds up in a chimney and fuels a chimney fire).
- Use dry wood. This minimizes creosote buildup.
- Don't burn wrapping paper, boxes, trash or Christmas trees.
- Don't use liquid to start a fire. Use kindling.

Remember fireplace basics, too: use a screen to contain sparks, and let ashes cool before disposing of them in a metal container.

Candles
Home-candle fires happen on Christmas Day more often than any other day, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Next worst: New Year's Day and Christmas Eve. How do they start? Half of home-candle fires begin because an item is left near a lit candle. Four out of 10 home-candle fires start in bedrooms, with bedding, furniture and curtains igniting.
Common-sense tips:
- Make sure all candles are out before you leave a room or go to bed.
- Keep clothing, curtains, furniture, and other flammable items away from candles and flame.
- Use candleholders that don't tip over.

Christmas Trees
The National Fire Protection Association notes that 300 home fires start each year with Christmas trees. It's not just live trees, artificial trees also burn. Three major reasons Christmas tree fires start: electric malfunctions, heat too close to the tree, and children playing with matches, candles, or fireplaces.
Common-sense tips:
- Buy a cut tree that has green, fresh needles.
- Buy a fake tree that is fire resistant.
- Use a secure stand.
- Locate trees a minimum of three feet from heat sources such as fireplaces and radiators.
- Water live-cut trees every day.
- Use lights listed by an industrial laboratory. Link together, at most, only three strands of bulbs.
- Throw out lights that have frayed or broken cords.
- Pull the plug on lights before going to bed or leaving home.
- When a tree starts dropping needles, it's time to dispose of it (outside, not in the house, garage or basement).

Children
Perhaps the most unpredictable risks for winter fires are those young people who are, naturally, exploring and experiencing the wonders of the winter world for the first time. Remember that light and flames are fascinating to children.
Common sense tips:
- Watch the wires. Keep kids away from light strands and power cords.
- Matches, candles, stoves and ovens often get extra use during the holidays, at a time when adults are occupied with cooking, cleaning and entertaining. Stop and ask "What might draw a child's curiosity in this house?" Then shield children from those items, physically and through discipline and direction.
- Put matches lighters out of children's reach. Use lighters that have a child-resistant safety feature.
- Train children to tell and adult if they see matches or lighters.

Use these common sense practices to prevent home fires.

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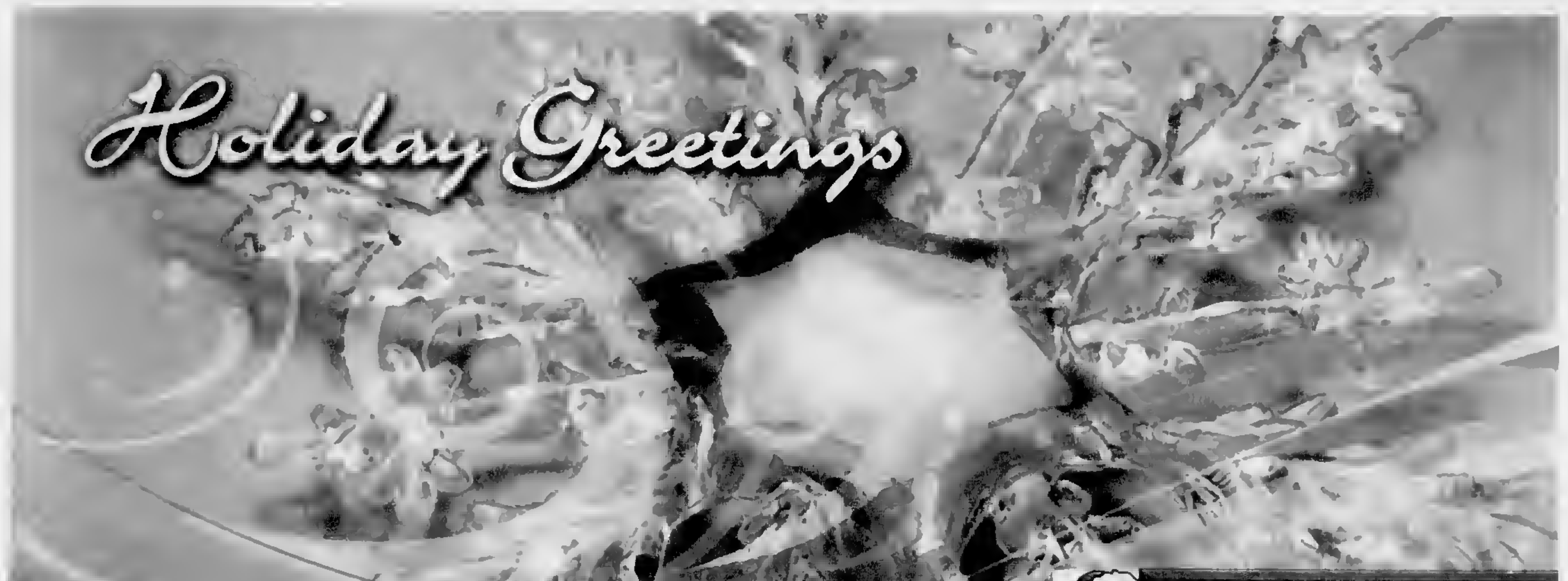

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NORWOOD: potential conflicts addressed

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

During then third meeting in just over two weeks, the Norwood Township Board held a special meeting Saturday, Dec. 20 to address several issues relating to the Norwood Limestone Mine.

While known mine opposition and current Norwood Township Board members David Ridenour and Dong Warner were not curtailed, newly appointed township clerk Dana Pajtas—a longtime opponent to the mine project—was directed upon advice by interim township attorney Brian Graham, to recuse herself from all discussions and votes pertaining to the proposed mine project.

"I find this all very troubling," said former Norwood Township Supervisor and Norwood Limestone Mine operator Wayne Wynkoop following the meeting. "If one has to follow their conscience (in serving on the board) then why did it take a township attorney to advise her to recuse herself?"

However, Pajtas says she will do her duty without bias.

"My personal opinions regarding the proposed mine on the Wynkoop property can't influence (my) obligation to do my duties as township clerk fairly and unbiased," Pajtas stated in an e-mailed response to questions. "Based on the advice of the township attorney ... I have recused myself from voting on issues that directly relate to any potential

mining activity."

Pajtas indicated that she resigned from the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS), "because when I was elected the NTCHS was in active litigation against the township. Thus, based on attorney advice, I resigned my membership to avoid conflict of interest--being on the opposite side of the pending lawsuit."

Graham said that, because Pajtas is an adjacent property owner to the Wynkoop parcel, she has a financial stake in Wynkoop's project as it pertains to the potential increase or decrease of property values.

In addition to his ill feelings over Pajtas' apparent statement at the Nov. 20 meeting where she asked if there was a way to prevent Wynkoop from applying for future special use permits, Wynkoop has doubts about Ridenour and Warner, both of whom who have previously signed at least one petition against the mine project and who since taking office claim to have resigned from the mine opposition group Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety

"If you paint over a skunk's stripes does that get rid of the stink?" Wynkoop said. "The judge (Thomas Power, Traverse City) voided my last permit because he said there was still taint even though I had resigned a year ago and there have been changes to the board and the planning commission."

Neither Ridenour or Warner returned calls by press time.

Graham indicated that, if Ridenour and Warner believed they were no longer members of the citizens' group, there did not exist a conflict of interest

The board went into closed session twice Dec. 20. Once to discuss tabling Wynkoop's most recent special use permit application which he filed just over a month ago; and again to discuss a potential mediation agreement between the citizens' group and the township board over the timely delivery of information under the Freedom of Information Act.

"Now I see what their plan is: If they give me back my application and just don't process it until the court of appeals decision is resolved, then the next step is going to be changing the ordinance and make it to where I can never mine in the township," Wynkoop said. "I don't see anywhere in our ordinance where it says they can do that. My application's got to be looked at as a new application because the judge voided the other one."

One appeal before Michigan's highest court references Power's decision that Wynkoop abandoned his right to mine based on his land contract; the second appeal is based on Power voiding Wynkoop's special use permit based on the possibility of the appearance of impropriety.

Barring Pajtas abstention, the board voted overwhelmingly to put a hold on Wynkoop's newest application until decisions have been reached on whether the Michigan Supreme court will hear either of two appeals before them.

Also on the board's agenda for the new year is a change for the planning commission including the elimination of two seats—a move which newly elected Norwood Township Supervisor Frank Hamilton said is merely an arbitrary one.

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Norwood Township Board members are saen here reconvening between closad sessions during a apecial meeting held Saturday, Dec. 20 in Norwood to discuss several items related to Wayna Wynkoop's proposed Norwood Limestone Mine. In addition to tabling his latest special usa permit application, newly electad township clerk Dana Pajtas was advised by Inerim board counsel Brian Graham to recusa herself from all discussions and votes related to Wynkoop's project due to her ownership of property adjacent to his mining operation.

"It's part of the Michigan (Zoning Enabling) act. It requires by law you have to create a planning commission by ordinance," he said. "It's simply complying with that. We've got nearly two years to do it ... and I'm assuming we're going to act on it in January."

He added that the law says a new planning commission must have five, seven or nine members and they simply chose the number five.

Applications for planning commission seats are available on the township's Web site http://charlevoixcounty.org/norwood.asp.

While Hamilton said the move is merely a housekeeping measure intended to get the township caught up and ready for new business, some Norwood citizens fear more sinister motivation.

"I believe this process is being undertaken now as a means to circumvent the planning commission which has three times awarded Wayne Wynkoop his special use permit," said former township board member and Norwood resident Denny Way.

However, Way feels a five-member planning commission is appropriate considering the size of the township.

"From a cost standpoint ... the job can honestly be done by five members," he added.

Way's biggest concern with the new board is the three members who, if not currently, were at one time openly against Wynkoop's project.

"You have members of the board who are obligated to this group (Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety) and they're going to make appointments to the planning commission," he said. "I don't know how residents of Norwood can get a fair board to hear this application."

Pajtas, based on interim township attorney's advice, does not feel there will be any conflict in voting on planning commission members.

"They are appointed by the township supervisor with board approval. As a result I have no input on the individuals selected," she stated "I am only one vote to approve or disapprove the supervisor's appointments." She added, "Also these planning comm(ission) members have numerous duties, only one of which may be the (special use permit) filed by the Wynkoops. I would hope the future members of the planning commission would judge matters before them in a fair and unbiased manner, including any (applications) filed by the Wynkoops. Thus, the attorney has advised me that I do not have a conflict of interest when doing my duties as a board member to vote on planning commission appointees."

Way said he has already heard talk of recall and hopes the citizens of Norwood take notice of the recent events including the appointment of Sadie Bartosik as deputy clerk, who resigned as FOIA coordinator and was then later dismissed as secretary of the township planning commission for dereliction of duty after she destroyed public documents while working for the township back in February, 2006

"Be informed. Attend meetings and come and see what's really going on in Norwood," he said. "I encourage people to take the time and be informed."

Former Norwood counsel angry over allegations of wrongdoing

Township supervisor says attorney not on the hook

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

While Norwood Township Supervisor Frank Hamilton said the township's former attorney's services were no longer needed as of the Dec. 5 special board meeting for no specific reason, public comment by several in attendance apparently belied that notion.

And, after reviewing the minutes of the Dec. 5 meeting, former township attorney Jack Turner was aghast.

Hamilton

"In those minutes, I'm accused of being unethical, dishonest and incompetent. I've been a lawyer for over 20 years, now. During that time I've been a partner in one of the largest firms in Michigan; I've been general counsel to one of the largest real estate development companies in Michigan; and for the last six-and-a-half years I've been a sole practitioner here in Petoskey," Turner stated in a recent letter addressed to Hamilton. "During that time I've worked for some of the largest companies in the United States and I've worked for individuals who just want to close on the purchase of a house. The reason that I'm telling you this is that I want you and the rest of the folks on the township board and in Norwood Township to know that in all of the years that I've practiced law and through all of the diverse matters that I've worked on and all of the diverse clients I've worked for, I've never, ever had a single person make these kinds of claims and I've never had a single dispute about fees or about my work."

He added, "When I read these minutes, I just felt sick to my stomach."

Turner's letter focused on claims made at the Dec. 5 meeting by Norwood resident Chuck Cleland who accused Turner of overcharging the township by nearly $2,300 over an 18-month span, allegedly charged the township at a higher rate than previously agreed, a lack of specificity in the billing process which Cleland referred to as "hundling," lacking in communication with the Norwood Township Planning Commission, allegedly filing a motion late in circuit court over a non-conforming use issue on the Wynkoop property and refusing to discuss a board matter with a township resident.

Hamilton did not say there were any plans by the board to seek action against Turner over the allegations

"It's a new board, new counsel: It's as simple as that," Hamilton said.

Upon reading the minutes from the special meeting, Turner called Cleland.

"(I) let him know not just how angry I am about these claims, which are wrong, but also how frustrating it is to me that these claims get made in a public meeting, about which I never received any notice from the township," Turner stated before addressing each charge:

• Allegation - overcharging the township:

"When I first started working for the township in early 2004, my hourly rate was $175 and I agreed then that I would charge this rate to the township, except that for the first five hours each month. I would charge $100. A couple of years later, I raised my hourly rate to $185," Turner stated. "This was intended to apply only to new clients, but I made a mistake and included this increase in the township's billings, though I continued to bill the first five hours at $100 each hour. When the mistake was brought to my attention by Tim Boyko, I reviewed my invoices and credited the township with the amount that was mistakenly overpaid."

• Allegation – lack of specificity in billing. Response.

"The format that I used for the invoices that I provided to Norwood Township is the same format that I've used consistently for over 20 years, and it's just wrong to say that my billings are not ethical. In less than a handful of instances," Turner stated. "I've had clients ask me to provide invoices where each entry has a date next to it and in those cases that's what I've done. There's no difference, though, in the description of services, which is a complete description of all of the services that I've billed for. And, in response to questions raised at the last board meeting, if I were billing for services different than the services described in the invoice, then the invoice would say what those other services were."

• Allegation - lack of communication with the planning commission in not advising that Judge Thomas Power had discussed the fact of further consideration by the same planning commission members on any new special use permit application by Wynkoop would still be considered tainted and the claim by Cleland that this failure to relay information to the commission cost the Township further unnecessary legal expense:

"First, the planning commission that considered that last special use permit was not the same for two reasons: One reason is that there was a new member appointed and another reasons is that the township board had acted to re-appoint two members after Wayne Wynkoop resigned. I recognize that Judge Power determined that despite these changes, there was still a "taint," but I can categorically state that Judge Power never said before Nov. 13 that there would or wouldn't still be a "taint" despite these changes," Turner stated. "I can also say that when Judge Power met with the attorneys in his office, my understanding of what he said was that his focus was on the impropriety of Wayne Wynkoop appearing before the planning commission while he was the township supervisor and had the power to appoint or remove members of the planning commission."

He further added, "I don't believe that he ever said that even if Wayne Wynkoop resigned, there would or wouldn't still be a "taint"; and if he had said that, I would have absolutely communicated that information to Norwood Township. In fact, my recollection is that he was being very careful not to say in an off-the-record discussion how he would decide future SUP applications by Wayne Wynkoop."

• Allegation - Apparently Turner proceeded in additional litigation without board approval as there is no documentation in the minutes as to authorization.

"I've previously responded to this claim in an earlier e-mail to you (Hamilton). Again, though, during all of the time that I've worked for Norwood Township, I've never had one person ever tell me that any work that I did was not authorized and I've never had the township board tell me that any of the work that I was doing or had billed for was not authorized," Turner stated.

• Allegation - on May 2, 2007, Turner filed opposition to Judge Power's decision on special use permit number two without authorization as sworn to in depositions:

"Norwood Township has never filed a single pleading or

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brief or other document in the Michigan Court of Appeals in opposition to Judge Power's decision on (special use permit number two). I filed an appearance with the court of appeals, solely for the purpose of being included in any mailings regarding any appeals taken by Wayne Wynkoop," Turner stated. "Again, there has never been any filing in the Court of Appeals other than that appearance and Norwood Township has never appealed any of the decisions made by Judge Power."

• Allegation - Turner filed late in circuit court for the township and his filing was rejected indicating lack of competence:

"This is also wrong. When Bill Gnodtke made this same misstatement in a letter to the editor of the Charlevoix Courier, I spoke with him at a planning commission meeting and explained that the late filing was made by a different attorney representing Wayne Wynkoop and not by me," Turner stated. "Bill Gnodtke said he would correct this, but he never did."

• Turner's legal advice on the township's zoning ordinance on dangerous buildings which was overturned by Charlevoix judge Richard May:

"I wasn't asked to provide any advice about this matter. There was a ticket issued by the zoning administrator. I was not consulted about the ticket or the circumstances of the ticket or the authority of the township to issue the ticket," Turner stated. "The first I heard about the ticket was when the district court called me and told me that a hearing had been scheduled. Judge May didn't overturn the township's ordinance. What he decided was that the ordinance requires a hearing officer, the township had never appointed a hearing officer, and the ticket wasn't properly issued."

• Allegation - Cleland believed Turner's advice was faulty on the removal and appointment process to the planning commission:

"I don't recall providing advice about the removal or appointment of persons to the planning commission, so I'm not sure what this refers to."

• Allegation - Furthermore, Cleland believed Turner misinterpreted Section 8.05.02 of our Ordinance which requires an escrow account for special use permit application and other matters wherein he advised the word shall as discretionary and not mandatory. Many other attorneys, Cleland indicated, advise that word is mandatory and not discretionary. That advise from Turner cost this Township an "awful lot of money."

"I never advised the township that the word "shall" is discretionary. This is the ordinance language in question: If the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals determines that the basic zoning fees will not cover the actual costs of the application review or appeal, or if the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals determines that review of the application and/or participation in the review process or appeal by qualified professional planners, engineers, attorneys, or other professionals is necessary, then the applicant shall deposit with the Township Treasurer such additional zoning fees in an amount determined by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals equal to the estimated additional costs."

Turner added, "What I advised the township is this: If the planning commission makes the determinations described in the ordinance, then it would be mandatory for the applicant to make the escrow deposits. Another way to say this would be that the obligation of the applicant to make the escrow deposits depends on the Planning Commission first making the determinations described in the ordinance. I don't see anything in the ordinance, though, that obligates the planning commission to make this determination and the fact that this part of the ordinance begins with the word "if" lead me to conclude that the planning commission didn't have that obligation, which is the same conclusion that was reached by the Michigan Township Association."

• Allegation - Finally and most compellingly, when requested to provide what Turner's advice had been to the township board with regard to removal of planning commission member Sadie Bartosik after the Board had given trustee Bartosik permission to contact Turner, Turner advised he had talked with then supervisor Wynkoop and because of attorney-client privilege, would not comply with request. This raises the question, in Cleland's mind, who was Turner working for, the township board of trustees or Wynkoop?

"There's no question that I was working for the board of trustees and that if I had spoken with Mrs. Bartosik without the township board first determining to have waived atty/client [sic] privilege, that would have been a violation of my obligations to Norwood Township."

When contacted for comment, Turner said he was not surprised he was let go, but indicated in his letter that he was dismayed that payment was delayed and that he was maligned by accusations of wrongdoing.

"When I look at how factually wrong these claims are and when I consider that my integrity as a lawyer has been unquestioned for over 20 years, it's hard for me to resist that conclusion (that there is a political motivation," he stated.

Attorney Brian Graham's law firm is the board's acting interim counsel while the board seeks to hire a full-time attorney.

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More than 70 students from the schools competed at North Central Michigan College in the second of five tournaments scheduled for the Char-Em ISD Quiz Bowl League this school year.

The 13 teams played seven round-robin games to determine final placement in the championship round.

Petoskey A and Petoskey B, with identical 6-1 records, faced off for the grand championship title. Charlevoix was the highest placing C-D school with a 5-2 Record.

Seedings for the final round were determined by won-loss record with total score serving as the tie breaker.

In the finals, Petoskey A defeated the Petoskey C team to take grand champion honors.

Charlevoix A lost to Petoskey B in the consolation final round.

League schools not in attendance because of school conflicts were Beaver Island and Ellsworth.

The next league tournament is scheduled for January 30.

A middle school league is currently being organized.

Area schools interested in joining this free, fun academic league for middle school and/or high school are encouraged to contact Barry Cole, Char-Em ISD quiz bowl coordinator, at 347-0656.

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Charlevoix team members taking the C-D division championship in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Quiz Bowl League tournament included (from left) Tannar Fisher, Jannie Withars, Varónica Shull and Waston Bryan.

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karl C. Gray, a married man, as his sole and separate property, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2005 and recorded May 12, 2005 in Liber 681, Page 275, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by IndyMac Federal Bank, FSB by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One and 52/100 Dollars ($210,541.52) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 33 of Birchwood Ranch Shores Number 2 according to the Plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence North 67 degrees 05 minutes East 134.56 feet to a concrete monument on the Southeasterly line of Pa-be Shan Lane, thence North 59 degrees 21 minutes East 189.96 feet to a concrete monument on said lane, thence North 61 degrees 57 minutes East 20.18 feet to an iron stake on said lane, being the point of beginning of this description; thence South 28 degrees 58 minutes 43 seconds East 203.77 feet to an iron stake; thence North 61 degrees 01 minute 17 seconds East 100.34 feet to an iron stake; thence North 55 degrees 37 minutes 33 seconds East 71.12 feet to an iron stake; thence North 32 degrees 15 minutes 33 seconds West 194.82 feet to an iron stake on the Southeasterly line of said Pa-be-Shan Lane; thence South 61 degrees 57 minutes West 160 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
Dated December 10, 2008
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Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six and 55/100 Dollars ($180,436.55) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 80 and 81, Creuter's Addition to the City of Charlevoix, as recorded in Liber 2 on Page 3 of Plats, and also the North 1/2 of vacated alley lying adjacent to said lots as vacated in Liber 198, Page 444, Charlevoix County Records

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009

Said premises are located in the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 152, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 112; together with right s in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Act of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

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Default has been made in the conditions of certain Future Advance Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by WALTER C. MOBLO AND JUDY C. MOBLO, husband and wife, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, dated June 20, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on July 8, 2005, in Liber 691, Page 55 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late fees the sum of $203,905.04 and no proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 5.75% percent per annum, fees, costs and attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Charlevoix State Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Norwood, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:
Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 7, Township 33 North, Range 8 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said section, North 00°00'16" East 1314.79 feet to the South 1/8 line of said section, as monumented by W. E. Boss, P.S.; thence along said 1/8 line North 89°06'08" West 1049.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 89°06'08" West 898.34 feet to the southeasterly line of Highway US 31, thence Northeasterly along said highway line on a curve to the right 370.00 feet (radius of said curve is 3744.82 feet and the chord bears North 39°37'07" East 369.85 feet) to the South line of the former Mark H. Jackson property described in Liber 245, Page 427, Charlevoix County Records; thence along the South line of said Jackson property South 86°58'32" East 663.33 feet, thence South 00°00'16" West 263.09 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 33 North, Range 8 West.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one (1) year from the date of such sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption period shall be the later of 30 days from the date of sale or fifteen days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.
BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.
Dated: December 17, 2008
By: Daniel B. Barron (P35659)
Attorneys for
Charlevoix State Bank
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950
(L12/17,12/24,12/31,1/7)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 08-011296-DE

Estate of Susan Elizabeth Vasquez, deceased.
Date of Birth: 03/21/1955
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Susan Elizabeth Vasquez, who lived at 06756 Bayshore Drive West, Charlevoix, Michigan died November 21, 2008
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Louis A. Vasquez, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: December 12, 2008
Deborah Lynch(P33418)
804 South Garfield Avenue,
Suite A
Traverse City, MI 49686
(231)922-2690

Louis A. Vasquez
22 Gloria Ann Smith Drive
Brick, NJ 08723
(732)948-9533
(L-12/24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $84,482.70, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et seq., on January 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EVELINE, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED), THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19
which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number VP9744BAIN

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed

Dated: December 18, 2008

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

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DEC

Baby all smiles despite medical woes

INFANT

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"That is when his doctors told us he needed to be put on the list," Smith said.

"He got the transplant on October 19, and has been doing great ever since. He was 12 pounds, but now he is 17 pounds. He is gaining weight like a champ," Smith added.

Marshall is currently on 13 different medications. In another year, he should only be on four, which he will have to take for life.

"He may need another heart transplant in 15-20 years. His doctors said they haven't ever had someone who has not needed another one. But I'll cross that bridge when the time comes," Smith said.

Smith is a single mom, and she lives at home with her parents.

She spends her day's taking care of her little brother, and her son. Smith said she plans on going back to work sometime after February, but does not plan on finishing her college education at this time.

"I can't work for awhile. Marshall cannot be in a daycare, and so he needs special care. I just don't see myself going back to school right now. He needs me too much," Smith said.

Smith said she has lived in Charlevoix most of her life. Her family is all in the area, and it is where she feels at home.

"I was in Nashville for a while, but I wanted to come home," she added.

When Smith found out her son was really sick she said she was very scared.

"I just started crying. The doctors told me I had one sick little boy. It was so so scary. I mean you see that kind of thing happen to other people. Certainly not to anyone you know, or even yourself. I was very very scared," Smith said.

"But he got through it all, and is doing really good. He's starting to crawl now, and he is getting into everything," Smith added.

Life for Marshall should be relatively normal now despite the ordeal he has gone through in his first year of life.

"He'll go to school and be a normal kid. He won't ever be able to have any exotic pets, or play football, but other than that, he'll be a happy boy,"

Smith said.

Donations for Marshall and his mother can be sent to 6685 North M66 Lot 72, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Call (231) 675-8654 for more information.

Contact Alice Perrault by e-mail at aperrault@petoskeynews.com.

COURTESY PHOTO

Little Marshall Smith, seen here smiling from his hosptial bed, is apparently upbeat about life considering he has had e viral infection which nearly killed him, followed by a heart transplant in his first year of life.

Trout stream intown

TROUT

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Charlevoix County also."

Aside from having the work done right, Straebel said it is of utmost importance to have it completed on time.

"We don't want to have any further construction going on in the park during our busy summer season," he said.

The plan for the highly anticipated project was created by lead designer Richard Hitz.

"His design will remain the same and we think the design is just fantastic," Straebel said. "What we're looking at is more the underground infrastructure, mechanical processes."

Fans of the original design will see no variation of consequence in the finished product.

"The design has been established and it has gone through, certainly a public vetting process," Straebel said. "As the stream was proposed, that is what the public will see in mid-May."

He added, "The community was certainly interested in continuing some form of trout amenity within East Park, but the old pond posed some challenges with keeping live wild trout in a confined environment."

The new feature offers a state of the art ecosystem which mimics what the trout would experience in the wild.

"The public will see shaded areas, sheltered areas, rocks and trees," Straebel said. "There are places where the trout could take shelter and have a more natural environment that would be more appropriate for this type of use."

To duplicate mother nature's landscape, the city brought in experts from fisheries, biologists and engineers.

"IT seems like a fairly straight forward project, but to mimic what mother nature does well is challenging," he said. "We did our due diligence and homework and are excited to move forward on this last piece of the park."

He added, "I think we developed a plan that will serve the trout stream for many years to come."

The trout feature, which uses recirculated water to maintain proper temperature and cleanliness, will be for viewing only.

Fishing will be prohibited.

Straebel expects a ribbon cutting ceremony by early June, 2009.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Regular CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, December 15, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers City Hall 210 State Street
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present. The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed awarding the trout stream bid to Site Planning Development for $200,209.50
- Motion passed authorizing the City Manager to sign a purchase order with Kennedy Industries for the repair of the high service water pump for the water treatment plant in the amount of $18,714.00
- Council received a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Fund for $3,000.00 for the purchase of a new groomer for Mt. McSauba
- Motion passed appointing Kim VanMeter-Sanderson to the Board of Review.

Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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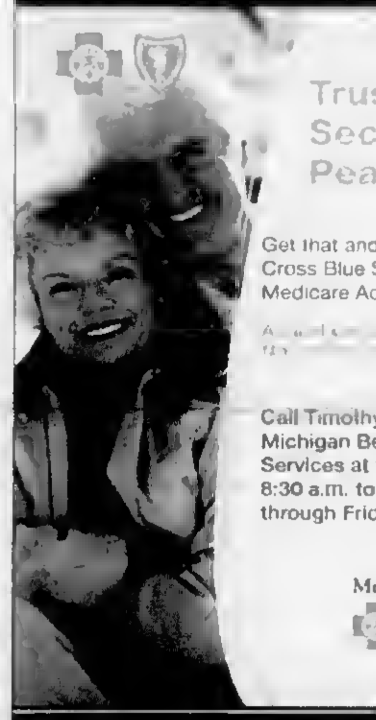

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Some children's toys may still contain dangerous chemicals

State lawmakers commit to strong, swift action

The Ecology Center today recently released the second annual consumer guide to toxic chemicals in toys at www.HealthyToys.org.

Researchers tested over 1,500 new, popular children's toys for lead, arsenic, mercury and other harmful chemicals.

The Ecology Center determined that one-third of the toys they tested had "high" or "medium" levels of chemicals of concern this year.

Lead was found in 20 percent of the toys tested, including 54 products or 3.5 percent that exceeded the 600 parts per million (ppm) state legal limit set last year and 164 or 11 percent above the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended ceiling of 40 ppm.

Children's jewelry remains the most contaminated product category.

"There is simply no place for toxic chemicals in toys," said Mike Shriberg, Ph.D., Ecology Center's Policy Director. "Our hope is that by empowering consumers, manufacturers and lawmakers will start phasing out the most harmful substances immediately, and change the laws to protect children from toxic chemicals."

Michigan lawmakers have already committed to aldress the problem.

Nearly half of 2009/10 Michigan House of Representatives members officially signed a platform that calls for a comprehensive approach to addressing toxins in children's products. The Healthy Michigan, Healthy Kids coalition is working with State Representatives to draft the Safe Children's Product bill package, which would implement the platform.

See the full platform and list of legislative signatories is available at www.Healthy-Michigan.net.

"I am committed to working with my colleagues to protect children from toxic chemicals," said Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair of the House Great Lakes & Environment Committee. "I look forward to the swift introduction and implementation of the Michigan Safe Children's Products Package."

In addition to allowing parents to search by product name, brand, or toy type to see if certain toys have toxic chemicals, the newly redesigned HealthyToys.org site also allows visitors to create a personalized holiday wish list that can be sent to family and friends, and provides a blog-friendly widget that can quickly search toy ratings.

Researchers tested for chemicals that have been associated with reproductive problems, developmental and learning disabilities, hormone problems and cancer, and that have been identified by regulatory agencies as problematic. Babies and young children are the most vulnerable populations because their brains and bodies are still developing, and because they frequently put toys into their mouths.

The testing was conducted with a screening technology – the portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzer – that identifies the elemental composition of materials on or near the surface of products.

Highlights from the HealthyToys.org 2008 findings:

• Lead is still in toys HealthyToys.org found lead in 20 percent of all the products tested this year. When children are exposed to lead, the developmental and nervous system consequences can be irreversible. The Healthy Michigan, Healthy Kids platform calls for implementing the American Academy of Pediatrics threshold level of 40ppm for toys sold in Michigan.

• It's not just lead – HealthyToys.org found that 2.9 percent or 45 products had bromine at concentrations of 1,000 ppm or higher. This indicates the likely, unnecessary use of brominated flame retardants—chemicals that may pose hazards to children's health. HB 4465, pending in the state House, would severely restrict the use of one type of brominated flame retardant. Arsenic was detected at levels greater than 100 ppm in 22 or 1.4 percent of products; 289 (18.9 percent) of products contained detectable levels of arsenic. Mercury was found above 100 ppm in 14 (one percent) of products; 62 (4.2 percent) of products contained detectable levels of mercury. The Healthy Michigan, Healthy Kids platform calls for no more than 40ppm of mercury or arsenic in children's products.

• It's not just china – HealthyToys.org has not found a consistent correlation between the country of manufacture and the presence of toxic chemicals in toys.

• Jewelry – Jewelry remains the most contaminated product category tested. Children's jewelry was five-times more likely to contain lead above 600 ppm than other products tested by HealthyToys.org.

• The good news – The good news is that 62% (954) of the products tested contain LOW levels of chemicals of concern, and 21 percent (324) of all products tested contain NO chemicals of concern. These products look and feel no different than other children's products on the shelf. These findings show that manufacturers can and should make toys free of unnecessary toxic chemicals. With millions of toys on the market, Ecology Center's HealthyToys.org could not test them all. However, visitors to the Web site can nominate other products to be tested.

The most commonly requested items will be tested each week leading up to the holidays. And, the Ecology Center and partner organizations across the state are sponsoring a series of Toy Testing Town Halls with state Legislators and environmental health experts.

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Pennies for tots

Kindergerten through fourth-grade students at Cherlevoix Middle School collectad pennies for Toys for Tois this season. Pictured are (from left) Max Donker, Angelina Hudson and Adam Hybl, second-grade students of Nicole Sterrett's. They used thair math skills to count the money and, on Dec. 10, went with their classmates to shop for Cherlevoix kids in need.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Events not otherwise specified are held at the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St.

ONGOING EVENTS:

-52nd season at Mt. McSauba

Mt. McSauba will kick off its 52nd winter season with a new groomer, snowboarding terrain park, web cams to catch the snowboarders' action and more.

The official start of the season is Dec. 20. Registration sheets for the ski and snowboarding schools are available at the ski hill.

Efforts to raise funds for the new ski hill groomer have yielded nearly $80,000 with $48,000 left to pay off. To donate to this community-wide cause, call recreation director Ike Boss at 547-3253.

Visit www.mtmcsauba.com for more information.

"Smart Style" safety guidelines will apply to the new snowboarding terrain park "The Training Grounds." Visit www.nsaa.org for more information on the safety guidelines.

Four Fires Native Talking Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at the Freedom House Church in Charlevoix. It is a biblically based native group that focuses on culture, music and native religion. All are welcome . do not have to be native American to attend. The Freedom House Church is located at 12705 U.S. 31 N in Charlevoix. Call 547-2568 for more information.

-Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Baldoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

- Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237-0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

- TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

BLOOD DRIVES

- 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Dec. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

- Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.
- Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.
- Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday
- How to get organized, 7 p.m., Jan. 7 - The fun is over and it's time to clean up the mess. Learn basic organizing principles.
- Parlez-vous Francais, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 7 - On four consecutive Wednesdays, join teacher Sue Kessler for a series of beginner level French lessons, with a focus on cuisine phrases, travel and current events.
- Managing your computer, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Jan. 8 - For people with a bit of computer experience: this class will sharpen your skills and help you organize your desktop and files.
- Sew a Bomber Hat from a Recycled Sweater, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 10 - Call for a supply list – pre-register at 237-7340.
- Saturdays at the Movies: Alice in Wonderland, 2 p.m., Jan. 10 - Stop by the library for a free showing of this fun holiday movie. Popcorn for all.

DEC. 30

Talk health care reform

A community discussion on health care reform is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 30 at the Alcove Cafe, 103 Park Ave. Public is welcome. RSVP by e-mail at raecheltigner@gmail.com.

JAN. 6

Tai Chi classes

Beginning Jan. 6 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Tai Chi classes will be held for six weeks.

The beginners class will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room B; The intermediate class meets at 11 am. Classes each last one hour and are open to all. Cost for seniors is $12; $40 for those 60 and younger. Call 237-0103 or (231) 582-7689 for more information. E-mail should be directed to megpots@global.net.

JAN. 10

Intuitive watercolor painting workshop

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 10 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Ave. Cost is $75. Registration fee does not include materials and is due by Jan. 4. Address checks to: Charlevoix Circle of Arts, RE: watercolor, P.O. Box 617, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information call 547-2333.

JAN. 21

Pre-diabetes education

The class costs $25, but scholarships may be available. Pre-registration is required. If you have been told by your physician that you have pre-diabetes or have any of the listed risk factors, take the first step and attend a pre-diabetes class. For more information, or to sign up for one of the classes contact the Charlevoix Area Hospital Diabetes Education Department at (231)547-8571.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Flap Jack family restaurant.

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Blood drive success

The American Red Cross held a blood drive at Harbor Industries on Dec. 3 where they netted 41 productive units and had two first-time donors. Here Harbor employee Harold Herriman relaxes while giving blood. The next local American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for noon to 5:45 p.m., Jan. 15 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, US 31 and Meech Street. Call (800) GIVE-LIFE to make an appointment. Drop-ins welcome with ARC donor card or photo ID.

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Donating to local charities

Charlevoix Xi Epsilon Gamma, chapter of International sorority Beta Sigma Phi, recently donated $1,000 to local charities: $600 went to a single mom for Christmas gifts for her children and food for a Christmas dinner; $200 was donated to The Manna Project; and $200 was awarded to Good Samaritan of East Jordan. Members include (from left) Pam Oshaben, Kendra Behrendt, Brig Smith, Cyndie Lieberman, Linda Atkins, Sue Gale, Nancy Corano, Michele Kupovits, Sherry Kirby, Deb Ehrnst, Deb Franzoni and Kim Almay. Members not pictured are Anne Feres, Carol Agnew and Sue Michael.

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Red Cross safety classes for area residents

Classes begin January, 2009

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan, based out of Petoskey, but covering Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties, will be offering a number of health and safety and preparedness classes during the month of December. For a complete listing of these classes, please read on below, call their offices at (231) 348-7666 or visit their Web site at www.arcnlm.org.

- Community CPR and First Aid Skills: Participants will learn how to perform life saving CPR skills for Infants, Children, and Adults.

First Aid skills will cover the care to provide for a variety of illnesses and injuries until professional help arrives.

Class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 The class will be presented from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Elk Rapids on Saturday, Jan 24, 2009 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 403 Traverse St.

- CPR Skills for Adults, Children and Infants: Participants will learn how to perform life saving CPR skills for Infants, Children, and Adults. Class will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009.
- First Aid Skills: Lay responders will obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to give care in an emergency situation, help sustain life and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until medical help arrives. Class will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009
- First Aid/CPR/AED Challenge Class: For people who have taken CPR and First Aid Training for years and hate the thought of having to spend four to six hours in training sessions they feel they could put on themselves, you may want to consider a challenge class and finish within two hours. This class will be held at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009.
- Challenge Class for the Professional Rescuer and Health Care Provider: This class is intended for the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider who have been certified before and are comfortable with their skills. The class will be held from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Health Care Provider: This class is for first responders, medical personnel, and medical students. Participants learn CPR skills, the use of an AED and BVM and the legal issues associated with the Professional Rescuer Class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Wednesday, Jan 21, 2009.

- Blood-borne Pathogens Preventing Disease Transmission: The class will provide individuals with an understanding of the blood-borne pathogens regulations issued by OSHA, how blood-borne pathogens are spread and how to help prevent exposure incidents by following work practice controls. Classes are offered from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 and from 8 p.m to 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009
- Safe Baby Presentation: This class is intended for parents, grandparents and friends of the family who have a new family member and wish to learn life-saving skills in case of an emergency. Information will be provided about the type of objects infants choke on and how to prevent the situations from developing among other safety tips. This presentation is free and may be scheduled for a family and friends at their home or at the American Red Cross. The class takes approximately one hour. To arrange a Safe Baby Presentation, please contact Tom Ritchie at (231) 348-7666.
- Are You Prepared?: This is a traveling presentation for businesses, high school classes, and civic groups. The presentation is just right for most staff meetings, and civic group meetings. Information presented explains what the influenza virus and the difference between the traditional flu and a flu pandemic would and how to prepare for a flu pandemic. The presentation takes between 20 to 30 minutes and there is no charge for providing the presentation. Presentations may be scheduled by contacting Tom Ritchie at (231)348-7666.
- Health and Safety classes described above are conducted at the American Red Cross building located at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required prior to the date of the class and may be completed by calling (231) 348-7666 or e-mailing Health and Safety Coordinator Tom Ritchie at tomr@arcnlm.org. They also offer classes in Cheboygan county; please contact our office at 348 7666 for information about classes scheduled in Cheboygan county.

If you would like more information about the American Red Cross or the products and services available in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties, contact the offices at 348-7666 or visit us online at www.arcnlm.org.

COURTESY PHOTO

Standing room only

Tha Northwest Academy music department performed to a packed house on Dec. 16 at the First Congregational Church. There was standing room only for parents, relatives and friends who listened to the sounds of the holidays from Don Neidert's music classes and the beginning, Intermediate, and advanced bands. The beginning end Intermediata bands combined for a musical number and the Intermediate end advanced Bands joined forces to pley the "Sounds of Christmas" whila the audience sang-along. Northwest Academy will sponsor a concert on the Feb. 19 at the First Congregational Church to benefit the music department. More information to follow.

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DIY TV production?

Local man turns passion into programming

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

What began with a curiosity about public access television has culminated in nearly 10 episodes of various documentaries shown on Charter Communications channel 2.

While Rick Beemon is always looking for his next subject, his current endeavor concerns a clean water expo last summer in Traverse City.

"The Great Lakes are important to us all and they are very important to me," he said. "I went down and taped this event and it took maybe 35 to 40 hours to produce it since it was pretty much all day."

The episodes, which are soon to be archived on the Traverse City station's Web site, cover everything from environmental issues to a family trip.

"I did one on the CARE Fair, did one on global warming, did one on a rowboat ride up St. Claire Lake and I did one for the friends of the Jordan on the Alba Well—I have probably produced six or seven pieces for them."

Beemon, who discovered

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Court dismisses lawsuit against county, sheriff

STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW

A U.S. District Court judge has thrown out a lawsuit brought by the Charlevoix County jail administrator in which she claimed she was treated unfairly by the sheriff after she spoke out at a public meeting about her concerns over the air quality at the jail.

In an opinion issued late Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Robert J. Jonker dismissed the suit against Charlevoix County and Charlevoix County sheriff George T. Lasuer brought by jail administrator Babette Meggison in May 2007.

Meggison's husband, Jerry, said neither he nor his wife had heard about the decision as of today, and declined to comment on Jonker's ruling.

In the suit, Meggison sought damages in excess of $25,000 on claims that Lasater violated her First Amendment right to free speech and violated the Michigan Whistleblower's Protection Act when he made organizational changes in the office after Meggison spoke at a Feb. 28, 2007, Charlevoix County

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Kings & Queens of the hill

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN GOHS

This group of youngsters is seen frolicking on a snow hill in downtown Charlevoix on Christmas Eve, presumably burning off some of the pre-present jitters.

One woman's fight

A survivor of sexual abuse hopes to help others

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

Heidi Miller was repeatedly sexually abused as a child, and she hopes her effort will help those who have been treated likewise.

In addition to creating a library of Christian-based materials on abuse, Miller is working to set up a child abuse prevention poster contest and a Christian leadership conference on abuse and assault next summer.

"Abuse needs to be talked about, prosecuted and the victims (must be) given support and encouragement," she said. "Abuse can happen in any family, and is happening in our community."

Miller said Christians should be on the forefront of prevention, healing and justice.

"To become leaders on this issue, Christians need to educate themselves," she said. "The books available in the library can help Christians adequately educate themselves on abuse. A sample of what I consider important books that will be available (include): Breaking the Cycle of Childhood Sexual Abuse, A Moral Emergency, by Jade Angelica. Written by a woman minister with a Ph.D. in divinity from

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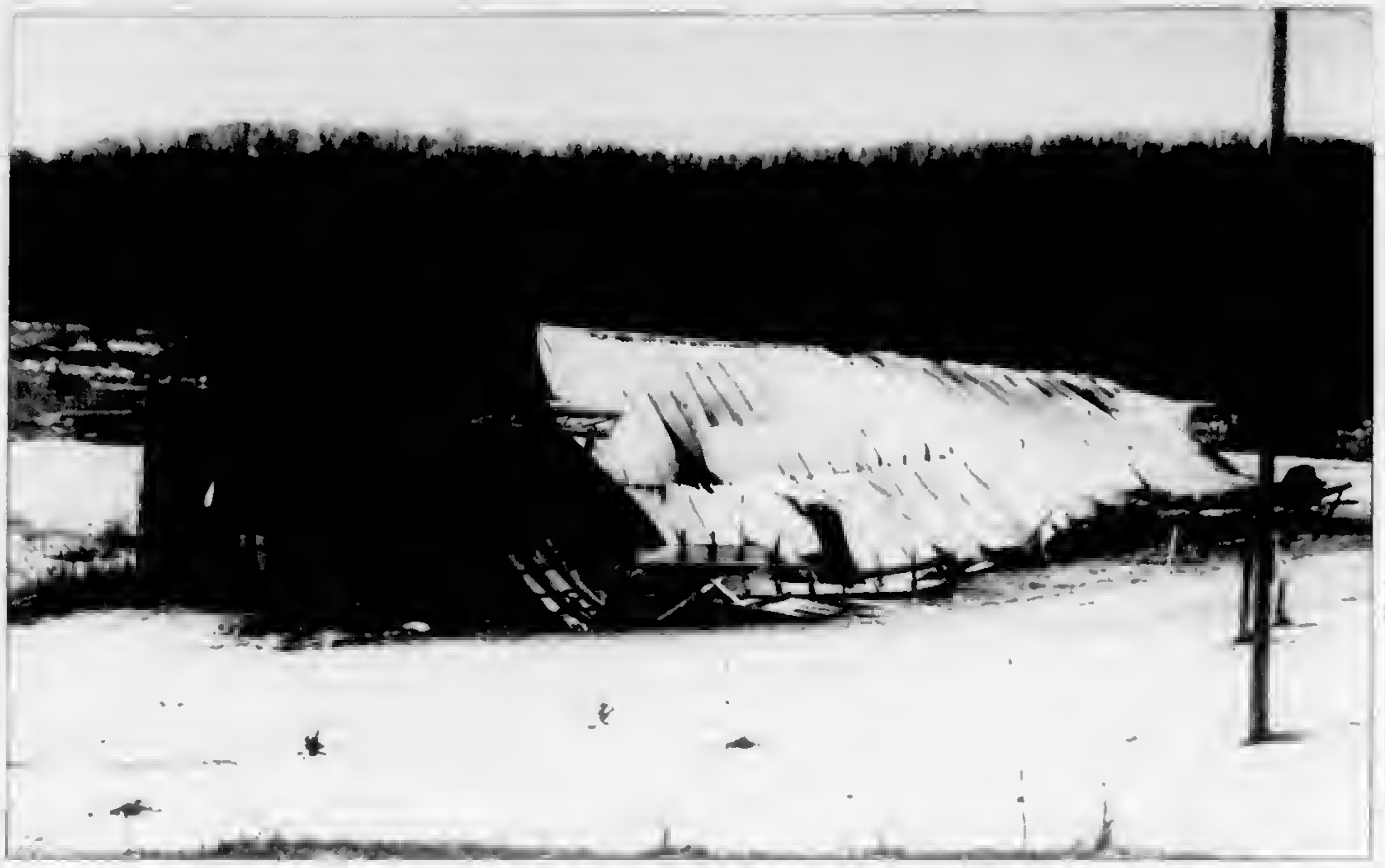
BIRTHS

Laden James Bryant weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born Dec. 16 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kate Mullen and James Bryant of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Annette Mullen of Charlevoix, Robert Mullen of Lansing and James and Ginger Bryant of Charlevoix.

Micah Edwin Pawlak weighing 4 pounds, 15 ounces was born Dec. 17 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Nathan and Kelly Pawlak of Charlevoix. His siblings are Kately Beth and Kassie Daye. His grandparents are Paul and Beth Pawlak of Marquette and Marc and Daye Phillippo of Attica, Ind.

Kately Ann Wilson weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born Dec. 15 to Keith Wilson and Jessica Murphy of East Jordan. Her sibling is Alex Wilson. Her grandparents are Tim and Layne Murphy of East Jordan and Marlene Wilson of Bellaire.

Melody Ann Procknow weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces was born Dec. 22 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Malissa Morris and Joshua Procknow of Walloon Lake. Her grandparents are Renea Morris and Ed Morris of East Jordan and Ramona Procknow of Levering. Her great-grandparents are Kay Edison and Carl Bayster both of Walloon Lake, Mary and Darwin Morris of East Jordan and Barb Procknow of Levering.



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Barn with straw, wood and brick still gets blow down

Following several days of unusually warm and rainy weather throughout the region, strong winds knocked the roof of this old hay barn on Cedarview Road flat.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Lottie's Bagels, 604 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Laurie Hughes

Parts Cars Online.com, 10527 31 North, Charlevoix, by Stephen S. Parker

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Erin Alan Evans, 25 and Amanda Sue Leinonen, 25, both of Charlevoix

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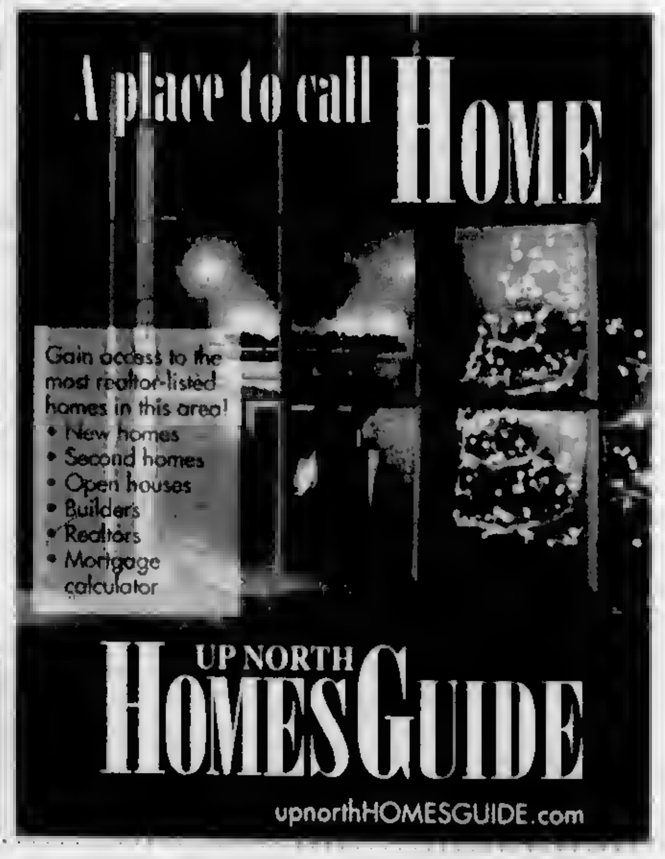

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As friends and families finish up their holiday shopping and prepare to visit relatives, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF) encourages families to ensure their loved ones are ready for the digital television transition. Families on fixed incomes, seniors, people with disabilities, communities of color, and those who speak languages other than English are most likely to be affected by the transition.

"As families come together this holiday season, we are urging folks to check in with their loved ones to make sure they are ready for the DTV transition. People who don't have cable, satellite service, or a new TV need to order their DTV convener box coupons in the next couple weeks in order to get their converter boxes in time for the Feb. 17 transition," said Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, noting that it takes about a month for coupons to arrive. "This transition is about access to life-saving public service announcements. It's about letting communities know when a hurricane is about to strike, a snowstorm threatens a white out, that a fire is blazing toward it, or that there is a natural or national disaster."

For more information on how the DTV transition will impact vulnerable communities, visit: http://www.civilrights.org/dtv/. To order coupons or for more information on the DTV transition, go to: www.DTV2009.gov.

Tips to help get your FREE EVENT COVERAGE

Ensure your press release gets to the top of the pile by adhering to the following formatting:

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- Keep information brief and to the point
- Avoid submitting information in all capitals
- Time, date and place of event must be in that order Event name at 7 p.m., Feb. 12, at the place event was or will be held
- The earlier you submit releases, photos or story ideas, the better the chance those items will appear in a timely manner.

Charlevoix Courier seeks to continue working with and serving the community by publishing information about community events.

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Charlevoix, Emmet emergency food and shelter grants

Charlevoix County has been awarded $32,672 and Emmet County has been awarded $47,672 in Federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

These funds will be distributed by a local board and are used to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in these counties.

The funding period is Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2009.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and, United Way of America.

The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The Local Board is made up of representatives from Char-Em United Way, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, Catholic Human Services, Community Foundations, local churches, Temple B'nai Israel, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawas, the Department of Human Services, local governments, and a representative of the homeless population. This board will determine how the funds will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Emergency Food and Shelter funds were awarded to the following agencies last year: the Women's Resource Center, the Salvation Army, the Manna Project, St. Francis Church, Brother Dan's Food Pantry, Care and Share, SDA Community Services Center, and Good Samaritan Family Services.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Martha Lancaster, Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770; phone (231) 487-1006; email info@charemunitedway.org for an application.

The deadline for applications to be received is 5 p.m. Jan. 19, 2009.

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Getting involved

It's amazing what a person can accomplish with a lot of legwork and heart.

That's why we cannot say enough good about what Charlevoix Recreation Director Ike Boss and has done with the Mt. McSauba winter park.

Not only did his fundraising effort bring in nearly all the money needed to pay off the new ski hill groomer, but his ability to inspire others in the community to hold fundraisers ensured that the community got involved.

In addition to having state of the art equipment to groom the ski hill and trails, Boss worked with local youth who built features for the new snowboarding terrain park "The Training Grounds."

If you aren't up for skiing or testing your X-skills on the terrain park, you can watch the daredevils from the warmth of the lodge via Web cameras which are focused on the snowboarding area.

Not only that, but with the addition of the large ice skating rink and rustic warming area complete with a campfire pit, there truly is something for everyone.

Rated one of the top three small ski areas in America, Mt. McSauba offers two kilometers of cross country ski trails which are open seven days a week, downhill and cross country ski rentals and they now carry snow shoes and snow boards.

There are four rope tows, and six runs for the downhill skiers and remember sledding is free.

The skating rink is open 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, Noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Christmas break.

While Boss has managed to raise most of the funds to pay for the new ski hill groomer, there is still a little way to go.

So, if Santa was extra generous in filling your stocking this year, perhaps you'll consider giving to a great cause.

Efforts to raise funds for the new ski hill groomer have yielded nearly $80,000 with $48,000 left to pay off. To donate to this community-wide cause, call recreation director Ike Boss at 547-3253.

Tracks

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

One of the few positive things about the almost daily covering of new snow, courtesy of the lake effect, is being able to tell where all the animals have been.

Following the tracks of a squirrel or deer any other time of the year is extremely difficult for most of us. But with a new snow of an inch or so, every movement is perfectly clear.

Not only is it possible to tell where our local fauna have been walking, it is pretty easy to determine how many of them there are compared to earlier years.

For example, last winter our yard was nearly covered with squirrel tracks by nightfall.

They raided our bird-feeder of all its sunflower seeds on a daily basis.

This winter there is nary a squirrel track, which means there are almost no squirrels.

Last fall I saw not a single swimming squirrel in the channel.

My conclusion is that the local squirrel population is at a low point.

Should we be worried that squirrels will somehow become extinct in Charlevoix? Not at all.

It turns out that almost all animal populations undisturbed by any overt human activity normally go through stages with high numbers and stages with very low numbers.

It is nothing we are doing. Such fluctuations might best be called normal.

We should expect them.

What causes the fluctuations?

Parasites, diseases and some squirrel to squirrel antagonism, all of which are most important when there are large numbers of squirrels, bumping into each other all the time, provide the best explanation.

What has replaced the squirrels in our yard and at our feeder this winter?

It looks like the local deer population is on the rise.

The sighting of many smaller tracks in the neighborhood suggest that there are a large number of young deer this winter.

What to us may lead to the troublesome munching of shrubs, is for the deer a good thing.

It will almost surely be followed a few years down the road by more or less dramatic reductions in deer numbers in our neighborhood.

The natural world is an unstable place, as much as we would like it to remain constant.

We are probably responsible for only a small part of the instability.

We did not do anything adverse to our local squirrel population and we have very little effect on the numbers of deer.

Appreciating the natural world necessarily involves some understanding of how it works, and it does not work like a clock.

Mostly it lurches along courting disaster regularly and recovering from it with the same regularity.

Tracks in the snow can tell us that.

WEEKLY POLL

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Puppies, mortgages and ulcers, oh my

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Some women take up jogging or yoga for their New Year's resolution, and others vow to quit smoking: My wife has decided to kill me.

It all started when she said, "Let's buy a house."

Now, as any condemned soul in the sixth or seventh level of hell will tell you, buying a home can be a trying experience

Now more than a year into house hunting, and a day or so past the date we were supposed to close on the house we chose, I am at my wits end.

Oh, how I yearn for a predatory lender; one who would take my word for it on my income and credit history and simply hand me the cash, no questions asked.

But, thanks to the so-called housing crisis, we've gone through a vetting gauntlet rivaled only by terror detainees.

Don't get me wrong, the first 50 pages of the loan application seemed normal:

Name: No problem

Spouse: I know this one

Occupation: Professional rabble rouser

Did you spend any of 1969 in Cambodia? What?

Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party? Hold on.

And then came the fees—oh sweet humanity the fees

To make the trick work the bank goes over the fees with you line by line, and it really does make the charges seem reasonable.

$8.10 – flood certification fee?

$600 for snakebite insurance?

$1,250 for asteroid collision?

$320 for ogre indemnity?

And, I'm pretty sure they charged me $50 because I didn't know what an escrow mitigation insurance appraisal was.

I still say it sounds made up.

We were supposed to close on Dec. 30, but, silly me thought that was in Earth months.

As I write this my trusty Realtor is working on an extension. If it wasn't for our realestate folks I would have lost my mind completely.

The best part of this whole Clockwork Orange escapade is that the wife, usually an emotional rock, has been driven three shades of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane." Those of you under 40 or who have never seen the movie can go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=648-2RE4XAk.

Every minor setback has got me hiding the wire hangers (I know, different movie) and cowering under the coffee table.

Let me assure you that her Gollum-esque descent into homeownership has left her quite insane.

I swear I can hear her in the wee hours, perched up on the roof and cursing my name.

"We wants it. We needs it. Stupid husbandses keeping us from our precious."

It doesn't help matters that I'm happy where we are: the rent is cheap, the landlord is cool and only one of my neighbors seems deranged.

It is this mental tilt-a-whirl which I blame for the wife's decision, in the midst of all this holiday/home buying chaos, to get pets.

After all, she reasoned, a new home needs new puppies. And, wouldn't you know it, one of them was mine.

Just when I thought fate had kicked me in the groin for the last time, I got a Christmas present that cries and poops—I guess I'm just lucky.

So now the ever-shrinking mobile home we currently occupy has the addition of two furry toddlers ... who bite and chew everything from table legs and shoes to guitars and fingers.

One is manic and the other can't stay awake because he suffers from sleep apnea.

I'm not kidding; he snores really loud and his eyes only close half way, so when he's sleeping he looks like an angry zombie dog.

In all fairness I don't blame the wife.

She figured we would be moving by now and have room for Sam and Tolstoy—I wanted to name them William Shatner and Hulk Hogan, but the wife wouldn't allow it.

So here I sit with a buyer ready to move into the trailer, munching Tums by the bushel basket and wondering when in the hell, if ever, we're going to move.

My only consolation is that, if the wife is trying to kill me, the joke is on her because I canceled my life insurance

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LETTERS to the editor

UNITED WAY CHANGES LIVES

Editor:

Every day, the news is more discouraging: Our community is experiencing record unemployment, foreclosures, utility shutoffs, empty pantries and other urgent challenges.

There are many great organizations in our community working to help our neighbors, but their resources are being stretched thin.

Many generous people in our community want to do what they can to help. But what is the best way to make an impact with a limited charitable budget?

Most of us have a few charities that we know well and to which we regularly make donations. But how can we impact the broader community need?

One of our United Way Leadership Circle donors said it well, "I give to United Way because you make the donations that I don't know how to make."

He's right. Char-Em United Way is the most effective way to impact the challenges facing our community now and in future years. You can be sure that your donation to United Way will be well invested:

We regularly assess community needs and priorities.

We invest funds in proven programs and solutions.

Before investing in agencies and programs, we review their financial information, track record, and capacity to deliver what they promise.

We require funded agencies to report on how the funds have been used and the impact they had in alleviating the problem.

We encourage collaborative solutions to community problems.

We involve a cross-section of the community in our investment decisions.

We are efficient: Char-Em United Way's fundraising and administrative expenses are less than 10 percent.

We're local: 98.5 percent of what we raise stays in our community

We're accountable and transparent.

In addition to providing support for basic and urgent needs -- which is our highest priority right now -- Char-Em United Way is also investing in longer-term solutions to help create long-lasting changes. We support financial literacy education for youth, early childhood education programs, health services, programs to keep senior citizens independent, and much more. We are working to bring more effective volunteer connections, transportation, and information and referral services to the community.

United Way works to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. These are the building blocks for a good life – a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health.

Our 2008-2009 Campaign goal is $333,000 and we are now at the 60 percent mark. The Frey Foundation has offered an additional $20,000 challenge if we make that goal. Last year, we were able to invest a record amount of funds into effective solutions to our community's most pressing problems. We will do that again this year, but only if we reach our Campaign goal.

We encourage everyone who can to make a donation to Char-Em United Way before year end. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for today and for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to Live United.

Please support United Way at the most generous level you can. If you work for one of the 50 businesses that allow you to donate through payroll deduction, that is the easiest way. If your employer doesn't offer a workplace campaign, please ask if they will start one. If you've received our letter in the mail, please reply. You can also donate online at: www.charemunitedway.org (select the Give button) or by mail to P O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770.

Gail Gruenwald, Wil Cwikiel and Jane and Scott MacKenzie

Campaign Co-Chairs, Char-Em United Way

CUT THE FAT

Editor:

I agree with you.

The problems of today are the result of labor and management contracts. Restrictions need to be in place for the loans/bailout/credit to the Big Three. Golden parachutes, excessive executive pay, should be no more. Excessive benefits for all need to be more realistic. You should reconsider the employment situation within the Big Three. You don't have to be from Flint, which I am, to be well-versed in the plight of General Motors and how it operates. You have to know that GM is top-heavy in white- and blue-collar employees, more than either Ford or Chrysler. Toyota, Honda, et al, all use fewer people to design and produce their products. In order to be competitive, the Big Three needs to reduce manufacturing costs. The major source of these costs is, employees, active and retired. Unfortunately, this means more unemployed. It's the price to be paid for the glut of labor, again at all levels. Retirees have to play a big part in this as well. They have to be willing to contribute more toward their benefits, just as active workers must. It seems apparent that Washington is willing to provide some financial resources but it needs all the employees to be a partner. That means sacrifices. Any workers not willing to cede some of their salary and benefits, risks not having a job at all. Try to get another job after that in this employment climate.

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman
Flint and Charlevoix

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Good samaritans

Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently awarded a grant of $5,000 to Good Samaritan Pantry and Resale Shop of Ellsworth for the purpose of providing heating fuel for needy Charlevoix County families this winter. The check for $5,000 was presented on Dec. 11 by Sarah Allen, Program Officer for the Foundation (center) to Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry (on the left). Jerry Troyer, Good Samaritan Board Chair witnesses the event. The $5,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to Good Samaritan will help keep 15 Charlevoix County families warm and in their homes by providing emergency heating fuel. The Foundation awarded $5,000 grants the last three years to Good Samaritan for the same purpose.

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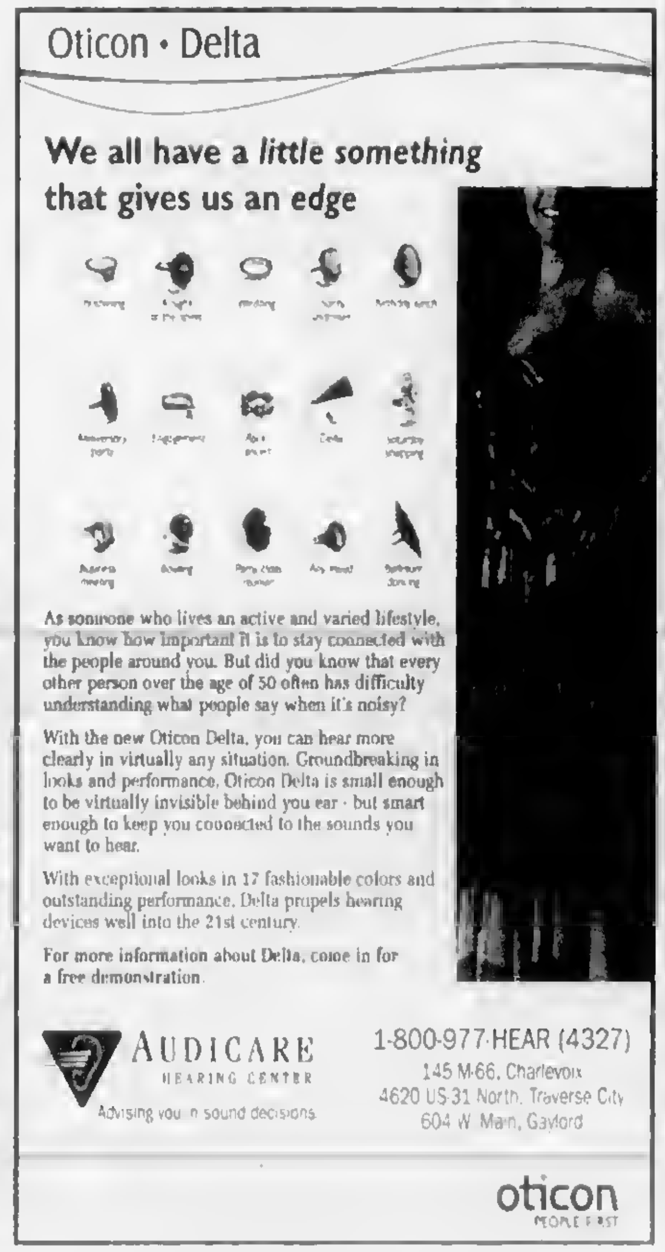

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Quilters donate time and material

Pictured are just a few of the local quilters that mada placemats for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. These women (front, from left) Kate Smith, Cynthia Garland, Mary Snyder, Marg Jeakle and (back, from left) Michelle Milligan, Sue Miller, Meredith Krell, Michelle Milligan, Deb Franzoni and Eileen Milligan donated their time and used some of their own materials to make these placemats. The women are seen here at Hearts To Holly in Charlevoix.

Char-Em United Way

funding applications available

Char Em United Way's 2009 Community Investment Allocation process has begun. Non-profit agencies which provide programs and services meeting the health and human service needs of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for funding.

Letter of Intent applications can be requested by contacting Char Em United Way at 487-1006. They are due by January 30. The submissions will be reviewed by the United Way Allocation Committee, and agencies which meet United Way's funding criteria and priorities will be invited to submit a complete application.

"We are pleased to announce this year's funding availability" stated Martha Lancaster, Executive Director. "In 2008, we made Community Investment Allocations of $129,350 to 23 agencies in grants ranging from $250 to $12,000. This year, we hope to be able to provide a similar amount of funding. We have increased our Campaign goal to meet the increasing community need and hope that we will reach it. We are still accepting contributions, and all donations received through the end of April will be awarded in this investment cycle."

CEUW has established the following five funding priorities for 2009: fulfilling urgent and basic human needs; improving financial stability; promoting individual and family health and wellness; increasing independence and self sufficiency, and helping youth succeed. More information on these priorities, as well as other criteria for eligible programs and agencies is available from United Way.

"We have set these priorities because, with the increased need in our community for health and human services and with limited dollars available, United Way's Board of Directors must ensure that our Community Investment Allocations are being made as wisely as possible," Lancaster further stated. "And our investors (donors) want to know that we are making the greatest possible impact in the areas of need identified by our community. Therefore, CEUW is focusing on measuring results in programs and sharing our priorities with the community more effectively."

Agencies invited to submit a full application will be scheduled to make a presentation to CEUW's Citizen Review Panel in April. The Citizen Review Panel reviews the requests for funding, hears presentations, seeks additional information, and makes recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will meet in May to consider the recommendations of the Panel and to make Community Investment Allocation decisions.

For more information about Char-Em United Way or the funding allocation, contact CEUW at 231-487-1006 or info@charemunitedway.org or write P.O Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770

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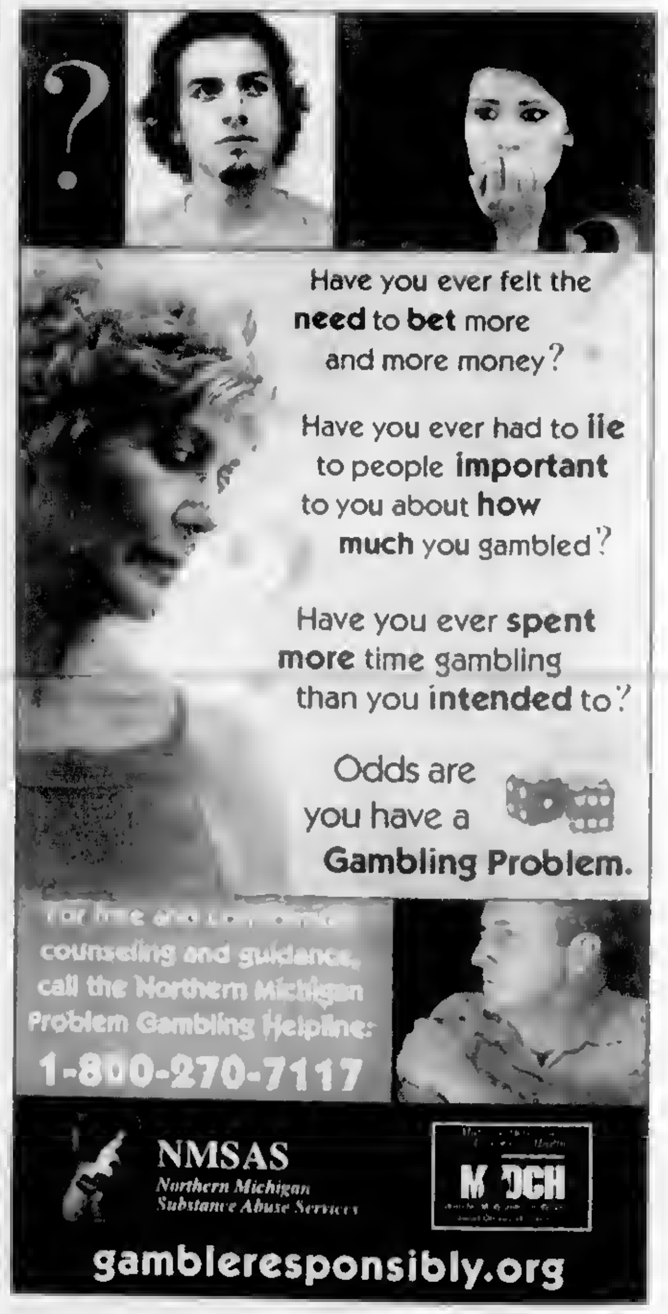

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2009 Governors Service Awards

nomination form applications now available

The Michigan Community Service Commission announced today that nomination forms for the 2009 Governor's Service Awards (GSA) are currently available. The Governor's Service Awards are given annually to individuals, businesses, and organizations to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism.

Each year, eight awards are presented in the following categories:

- Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteerism - honors an individual who has taken his or her volunteer service to the highest level - year after year
- Corporate Community Leader Award - honors corporations and businesses that excel in community involvement.
- Mentor of the Year - honors an individual who has made a significant difference in a child's life through mentoring.
- Outstanding Mentoring Program Award - honors programs that excel at developing and maintaining high-quality experiences for both the mentor and mentee.
- Outstanding Volunteer Program Award - honors organizations or clubs that make a difference in community life.
- Senior Volunteer of the Year - honors individuals who are age 65 or older.
- Volunteer of the Year - honors an individual who strives to improve the lives of neighbors, friends, community, or congregations.
- Youth Volunteer of the Year - honors individuals who are age 21 or younger.

A celebration will be hosted by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern to pay tribute to the finalists, including the award winner, in each of the eight categories that demonstrate the diverse nature of volunteers throughout the state. The event will be held in May or June 2009.

The 2009 GSA Nomination Form is now available at www.michigan.gov/mcsc . Nominations must be postmarked by Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Kathie Vasilion Robinson at vasilionk@michigan.gov or (517) 373-4200.

The Michigan Community Service Commission builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. In 2008-09, the MCSC is granting more than $5.3 million in federal funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. The MCSC is funding 18 Ameri Corps programs and 24 Learn and Serve programs. The Governor's Service Awards, Mentor Michigan, and Volunteer Investment Grants are also premier programs of the MCSC.

Meggison dismissed in lawsuit

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Board of Commissioners' meeting about concerns she had about the quality of the air in the jail.

Meggison has been on sick leave from her position since March 9, 2007, amid claims that severe stress and anxiety from Lasater's action had made her unable to function at work.

In the opinion, the judge found that Meggison's speech was not afforded First Amendment protection because she spoke as a public employee and not as a private citizen. Meggison does have the right to appeal the decision.

Judge Jonker further found that Meggison had no claim under the Whistleblower's Protection Act because she had not shown sufficient evidence that she was subjected to an "adverse employment action" as defined under the act.

Speaking to the News-Review after learning of the court's ruling late Tuesday, prosecuting attorney John Jarema said he was pleased with the outcome adding, "I hope they (the Meggisons) don't waste any more taxpayer money on this frivolous case."

Jarema, and county commissioners Shirley Roloff, Chris Christensen and Joel Evans were dismissed from the case in earlier court actions.

Christensen said he, too, was very pleased at the news adding that with the case out of the way, the county board can start the new year off focusing on other matters.

"This is not just a victory for the county, but more importantly for the taxpayers. It is a chance to have a clean slate for the new sheriff and his administration, and a vindication for sheriff Lasater as he prepares for retirement," Christensen said in a prepared statement. "From a county standpoint we consider this issue finally behind us and hope that no more public monies have to be spent defending these types of meritless lawsuits."

What's happening at the Library this week?

Happy New Year! The library will be closed Wednesday & Thursday December 31 and January 1 for the New Year Holiday.

Gamernoons
Fridays, 3:00 – 4:45 pm
Grades 5 – 7
Try out one of the new games: Need for Speed Underground II or Crash Bandicoot: Twinsanity or go back to the tried and true of Guitar Hero or DDR – the choice is yours!

Books with a Bite: An American Girl Tea
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 3:45-4:45
Tween Book Club, Grades 5-7
Please read any American Girl book before attending. Bring yourself and a friend - your doll too. Get ready for tea, snacks and games - in celebration of American Girl. Please pre-register @ 231-7350. Limited to first 20 Tweens.

How to get Organized
Wednesday, January 7, 7:00pm
The fun is over and it's time to clean up the mess! Let Crystal Rankin, from Crystal Clear Organizing teach you basic organizing principals and learn how to put them to work in your home.

Parlez-vous Francais
Beginning Wed., Jan. 7, 4-6pm
Four consecutive Wednesdays, $25. Join teacher Sue Kessler for a series of beginner level French lessons, with a focus on cuisine phrases, travel and current events.

Managing your Computer
Thursday, January 8, 10:30-Noon
For people with a bit of computer experience - this class will sharpen your skills and help you organize your desktop and files.

Story Time
Resumes on Jan. 8, 10:30 am Thursdays

Saturdays at the Movies: Alice in Wonderland
Saturday, January 10, 2pm
Come with your friends or family to eat popcorn and enjoy the movie.

Sew a Bomber Hat from a Recycled Sweater
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We'll miss you Shirley! Enjoy!

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NWA helps out

Charlevoix Northwest Academy's third- and fourth-grade classes helped pack Boyne City Community Baskets on Dec. 19. Pictured are (back, from left) Alice Whennen, John Szczepanski, Nona Szczepanski, Michelle Utley (front, from left) Steven Lake, Jacob Szczepanski, Jeremiah Utley, Daniel Symons, Michael Whennen and Colin Pearson.

Learn your risk

Diabetes linked to glaucoma, eye disease and blindness

If you've been diagnosed with diabetes then it's important to pay extra attention to your vision. Recent studies show that those with diabetes are 25 times more likely to develop blindness and other eye diseases. You can recognize National Glaucoma Awareness Month this January by learning the link between diabetes and eye diseases like glaucoma.

Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults ages 20 to 74.

This is because elevated blood sugar damages retinal blood vessels, causing them to break down, leak or become blocked.

Over time this can lead to retinopathy—a complication that causes blindness. In addition to this condition, individuals with diabetes are also at an increased risk for glaucoma and cataracts.

People with diabetes who smoke, have poor nutrition, and do not control their condition have an even greater risk of developing eye complications.

Because many people with diabetes have slower healing time, eye injuries—even minor corneal scratches—should not be taken lightly.

People with diabetes can maintain optimal vision and healthy eyes by having an annual comprehensive vision exam and living a healthy, active lifestyle.

For more information on diabetes and your eyes, contact your local diabetes educator by calling TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, at (800) 847-3665 or visit www.diabetesinmichigan.org.

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Kloomter Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:10 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

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Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	3:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-[illegible]

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2873

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
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M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church Office	547-4121

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Harold L. Kruse	599-2321

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Norwood

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

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Women share common thread

The Curtiss Extension Group, which consists of Anne Weeler, Virginia Ash, Janet Kennedy, Joyce Roe, Laura Weingartz and Marjo Scardino, has for the past 10 years been making and donating quilts to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. This year the group donated 32 quilts and other handmade items to the WRC Safe Home. Pictured are (from right) Jamie Winters (WRC staff), Anne Weeter, Virginia Ash, Janet Kennedy, Joyce Roe, Laura Weingartz and Marjo Scardino.

Earl Young DVD available

The Charlevoix Historical Society proudly presents its newest production, a DVD of "The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Master Builder in Stone."

This 1 hour, 45 minute fully narrated disc traces Earl Young's life from his arrival in Charlevoix as an 11-year-old in 1900 to his passing in 1975. It documents the development of his artistic vision, beginning in 1918, that created just over thirty unique stone structures now known around the world. Over 400 images, including vintage photos taken by Earl himself early in the 20th century, plus video shot exclusively for this DVD tell the story of how this determined, highly imaginative man transformed the landscape of Charlevoix. Particular emphasis is given to the near loss of the Weathervane Inn restaurant building, his masterpiece, due to channel erosion in the early 1970s and how it was saved.

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Watching stunts from the Web-cam

Rusty Bolt catches air in the terrain park at Mt. McSauba's "Training Grounds" the new snowboarding park. In addition to boxes and rails, you can watch the thrills and chills of snowboarding action from the monitors via Web-cam at the lodge at the base of the skihill.

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Best of the best
Stories which topped the news charts in '08

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• Man sentanced in cyclist's death

Russell Steven Mitchell of Bellaire was sentenced to as many as 15 years in prison for his role in killing Eric Perrine.

Mitchell had been drinking when he pulled his truck out in front of Perrine, then traveling on a motorcycle at the corner of Eddy School and Derenzy Roads causing Perrine to crash his motorcycle and die at the scene in August 2007.

The family of the deceased was ordered to receive restitution in the following designations and amounts:

Father Bryan Perrine — $11,300 for funeral costs, $39,389.98 for loss of society and companionship

Mother Joan Perrine $30,079.62 for loss of society and companionship

Sister Eva Perrine Ferris — $2,148.56 for loss of society and companionship

• Building department goes into county's told

The economic downturn affected governmental entities as well as private business this year as the Charlevoix County Building Department was moved from its own budget to the county's general budget due to a shortfall in its fund balance.

This move was made for the first time since laws on how such departments were to be run back in the late 1990s.

Building department head Ken Doty has said that, until construction picks back up and his permit fees are raised to levels comparable with state and national levels, his department will need a helping hand from the county coffers.

• County road millage

The measure, which failed to pass by 158 votes in 2006, passed political muster earlier this November by a 96-vote margin. The 15-year, 1-mil levy is expected to raise nearly $2 million in its first year and will be used to repair or replace more than 61 miles of county roads including: Camp Ten - 6.39; Springvale - 5.45; Six Mile Lake - 3.38; Kings Highway (Beaver Island) - 4.04; Deer Lake - 3.47; Korthase - 2.65; River - 2.2; Marion Center - 7.12; Norwood - 1.76; Peninsula - 1.5; Ferry - 1.97; Slashing - 2.59; Chandler Hill - 1.3,

Ellsworth Road - 3.79; Boyne City-Charlevoix from Nelson to Pincherry - 5.59; Boyne City-Charlevoix from Pincherry to Western Ave. - 8.14 miles of road to be repaired or reconstructed are approximate.

• Major drug bust

Two Pontiac men were caught with cocaine and heroin on Bridge Street in July.

Thousands of dollars in cash, cocaine and heroin were discovered during a traffic stop near the corner of U.S. 31 and Carpenter Street in Charlevoix. The bust was a culmination of investigations by Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix Police and Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department.

The drugs' street value was estimated at $2,000 to $3,000.

• No ship for Charlevoix

Despite earlier assertions by Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) that the U.S. Coast Guard must allocate an ice-breaking asset to the northern Great Lakes, preferably Charlevoix, there has been no movement on finding a replacement cutter for the decommissioned Acacia.

Coast Guard spokesmen have previously said that the USCG feels it can maintain an adequate level of service with the assets it currently has on the Great Lakes.

• Economic woes for local business

In addition to numerous lay-offs by several Charlevoix manufacturers, long-time business Charlevoix Manufacturing closed its doors.

After nearly 30 years in business, the aluminum foundry and machine shop, which specialized in the automotive, robotics and decorative industries, closed due to severe decrease in business.

President Jim Hater said, despite trying hard to diversify his product line, as much as 70 percent of his business was sent overseas where labor is far cheaper.

Charlevoix Manufacturing once employed 85 people, but had only 17 workers when it closed.

• One special runner

While Logan Smith suffers from a severe cognitive impairing condition known as Klinefelter Syndrome, he dedicated himself to earning his varsity letter in cross country at Charlevoix High School.

The Rayder trained, watched his diet and focused to trim minutes off his times and even beat the times of several opposing team runners.

Smith's parents credit Logan's tenacity and the dedication of Rayder cross country coach Ken Plude for Logan's success.

• A taste of Germany in Charlevoix

Mick and Lori Randall organized the first of what they hope will be annual Oktoberfests in downtown Charlevoix.

The day long October event included face painting, pumpkin decorating, a beer tent, a pancake breakfast fundraiser, a wiener dog race and music galore

• Submariners dedicated a new World War II memorial

Submariners from all decades from World War II to present gathered in East Park to dedicate the new World War II Submarine Veterans' memorial and celebrate and remember those who died while on duty.

Hundreds of lives were lost and 52 submarines were sunk during World War II alone, one of which carried the father of local woman Carrol Pines. Pines' father was captured and spent much of his stint in the war in a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

• St Marys' monument stolan

Desperate or just plain dumb, someone or several people absconded with a 170-pound Petoskey stone and 100-pound maple tree trunk base were stolen from the cement manufacturing plant in mid-August.

The monument, built by a former long-time employee, resided in the factory's main lobby until it was pilfered.

Officials say there is still no word on the monument's whereabouts, but that there is a $1,000 reward.

• No money for Meggison

A U.S. District Judge recently threw out the lawsuit brought by former Charlevoix County Jail administrator Babette Meggison against her former employer.

Judge Robert J. Jonker said Meggison was not privy to an undetermined amount of money, in excess of $25,000, despite her claim that her First Amendment rights were violated in her whistleblower case. (See related story, page 1)

• Charlevoix: Little Hollywood?

Possibly the most anticipated sequel you've never heard of hit the big screen in Charlevoix during Venetian week this summer when two local comedy troupes joined forces to make "Die Soft 2: The Rise of Team McClean."

This comedy/action movie a la "The Naked Gun" and "Police Academy" stars local actors and cameos by some familiar Charlevoix faces.

For more information on merchandise, including mugs and T-shirts, or to get a DVD copy of the movie, call 547-9097 or 675-3495.

• Dairy Queen no more

Now operating as the Dairy Grille, Pat Hayden, owner of the formerly titled Dairy Queen can do as he pleases.

Hayden struggled through several years of strife with the Dairy Queen corporate offices over his desire to offer the menu he wished—a menu which included hamburgers made from fresh meat.

Hayden finally settled the matter late last year and opened earlier this spring as the Dairy Grille in the same location it has been for decades.

• Charlevoix schools $5.9 million bond approved

Thanks to the approval by voters, Charlevoix Public Schools is now working to buy new buses, computers, update and upgrade its utility infrastructure and build a fiber optic network among the schools and the city.

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There's a new sheriff in town
W. Don Schneider completes new sheriff school

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Charlavoix Kiwanis Club members Vince Currier, Carolyn Navarre and Charlevoix County Sheriff-elect W. Don Schneider are seen presenting retiring sheriff George T. Lasater with a certificate of appreciation for his decades of service to the youth of Charlevoix on Dec. 23. Currier also presented a Boy Scout handbook and a wooden plaque from Boy Scout Troop 11. Tha local Kiwanis chapter holds Troop 11's charter and bestowed the handbook on Lasater to replace the worn copy he keeps in his office.

Charlevoix County Sheriff-elect W. Don Schneider recently completed a two-week program designed for newly elected Sheriffs sponsored by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA). Sheriff-elect Schneider, who will officially take office on Jan. 1, 2009, satisfied all course requirements and earned a certificate of completion.

"The New Sheriffs' School consists of two weeks of highly intensive training," said MSA Executive Director Terrence L. Jungel. "Graduation from the school proves Sheriff elect Schneider is dedicated to protecting the citizens of Charlevoix County and the Office of Sheriff."

The New Sheriffs' School, which was held in Lansing from Dec. 8 through 19, was co sponsored by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office.

Twenty seven of the 30 county Sheriffs who were elected for the first time in November attended the school.

Those eligible to attend included four current Sheriffs who were appointed to finish out a partial term.

A few of the topics addressed were The Role of the Sheriff, Secondary Road Patrol, Corrections, Crime Victims' Rights, Mental Health, Community Relations, Preparing a Budget, Freedom of Information Act, The Role of the Undersheriff, Media Relations, Emergency Management, Internal Investigations and Line of Duty Death.

Training was provided by current and retired Sheriffs who are experts on the subject they presented. In addition, these Sheriffs served as mentors to the Sheriffs-elect, offering advice and sharing their experiences. "The most effective weapon we have in our arsenal is knowledge," said Executive Director Jungel. "Our goal was to prepare these elected Sheriffs for the issues they will face in their new position. Successful Sheriffs make our communities safer."

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association is the oldest law enforcement organization in Michigan.

Its mission is to ensure the safety and security of Michigan citizens by assisting the elected Sheriffs and their personnel in the development of resources and skills through education and training.

For more information on MSA, or to support its mission by becoming a citizen member, visit www.michigansheriff.com.

Snowmobile trail maintenance approved

A bipartisan plan that will help maintain and improve the grooming operations on the state's snowmobile trails was approved by the Senate last Thursday and sent to the governor, said Sen. Jason Allen, chair of the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, who sponsored a key bill in the package.

Allen said the Michigan Snowmobile Association believes its members will be unable to continue grooming operations unless there is an increase in the trail permit fee.

Effective July 1, 2009, the current snowmobile registration fee will go from $22 to $30 and the fine for operating a snowmobile without a registration will rise from $50 to $200.

Senate Bill 1489 specifies that $5 from each registration fee may be used to purchase lands, lease lands, and secure easements to expand trails. Under Senate Bill 1490, sponsored by Sen. James Barcia, D-Bay City, $8 from each registration shall be deposited in a new snowmobile trail easement account.

Snowmobiling is an integral part of tourism in northern Michigan and throughout the state, Allen said.

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State seeks grant proposals to expand agricultural products

Submission deadline is Jan. 12, 2009

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Don Koivisto recently announced USDA's Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) will distribute $1.3 million in federal matching funds nationwide to the food and agriculture industry. The program is administered by MDA and other state departments of agriculture.

"We encourage Michigan food and agriculture organizations to take advantage of this opportunity to expand their programs," said Koivisto. "The program leverages federal and private resources to develop and enhance Michigan's dynamic $63.7 billion agriculture industry."

FSMIP funds a wide-range of applied research projects that address barriers, challenges, and opportunities in marketing, transportation, and distribution of U.S. food and agricultural products domestically and internationally.

Eligible agricultural categories include livestock, livestock products, food and feed crops, fish, horticulture, viticulture, apiary, and forest products and processed or manufactured products derived from such commodities. Reflecting the growing diversity of U.S. agriculture in recent years, FSMIP has funded projects dealing with nutraceuticals, bioenergy, compost, and products made from agricultural residues.

Proposals may deal with barriers, challenges, or opportunities manifesting at any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale, and retail. Proposals may involve small, medium, or large-scale agricultural entities but should potentially benefit multiple producers or agribusinesses. Proprietary proposals that benefit one business or individual will not be considered.

Proposals should include an additional five percent in the salary/fringe line for MDA FSMIP grant oversight. Proposals reflecting a collaborative approach between states, academia, and the farm sector are of particular interest

The application and guidelines are available at: www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/fsmip.htm Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. MDA will review and forward approved submissions to USDA.

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karl C. Gray, a married man, as his sole and separate property, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2005 and recorded May 12, 2005 in Liber 681, Page 275, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by IndyMac Federal Bank, FSB by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One and 52/100 Dollars ($210,541.52) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 33 of Birchwood Ranch Shores Number 2 according to the Plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence North 67 degrees 05 minutes East 134.56 feet to a concrete monument on the Southeasterly line of Pa-be Shen Lane; thence North 59 degrees 21 minutes East 189.96 feet to a concrete monument on said lane; thence North 61 degrees 57 minutes East 20.18 feet to an iron stake on said lane, being the point of beginning of this description; thence South 28 degrees 58 minutes 43 seconds East 203.77 feet to an iron stake; thence North 61 degrees 01 minute 17 seconds East 100.34 feet to an iron stake, thence North 55 degrees 37 minutes 33 seconds East 71.12 feet to an iron stake; thence North 32 degrees 15 minutes 33 seconds West 194.82 feet to an iron stake on the Southeasterly line of said Pe-be-Shan Lane; thence South 61 degrees 57 minutes West 160 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
Dated December 10, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John McNabb, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 7, 2005 and recorded June 14, 2005 in Liber 686, Page 588, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan.

Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six and 55/100 Dollars ($180,436.55) including interest at 8.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009.

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 80 and 81 Crouter's Addition to the City of Charlevoix, as recorded in Liber 2 on Page 3 of Plats; and also the North 1/2 of vacated alley lying adjacent to said lots as vacated in Liber 198, Page 444, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest

Dated December 17, 2008

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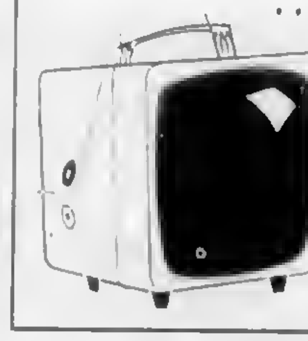

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Shattelroe and Elizabeth Shattelroe, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2005 and recorded June 16, 2005 in Liber 887, Page 155, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 35/100 Dollars ($159,778.35) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 30, 2009

Said premises are located in the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 21, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 112; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest

Dated: December 24, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Shettalroe and Elizabeth Shatteiroa, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2005 and recorded June 8, 2005 in Liber 685, Page 562, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 06/100 Dollars ($451,480.06) including interest at 6.25% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 152, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 571, Page 159, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 112; together with right s in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Act. of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated December 17, 2008

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE

BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of certain Future Advance Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by WALTER C. MOBLO AND JUDY C. MOBLO, husband and wife, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, dated June 20, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on July 8, 2005, in Liber 691, Page 55 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late fees the sum of $203,905.04 and no proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest thereon at 5.75% percent per annum, fees, costs and attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Charlevoix State Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Norwood, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:
Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 7, Township 33 North, Range 8 West; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said section, North 00°00'16" East 1314.79 feet to the South 1/8 line of said section, as monumented by W. E. Boss, P.S.; thence along said 1/8 line North 89°06'08" West 1049.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 89°06'08" West 898.34 feet to the southeasterly line of Highway US 31, thence Northeasterly along said highway line on a curve to the right 370.00 feet (radius of said curve is 3744.82 feet and the chord bears North 39°37'07" East 369.85 feet) to the South line of the former Mark H. Jackson property described in Liber 245, Page 427, Charlevoix County Records, thence along the South line of said Jackson property South 86°58'32" East 663.33 feet, thence South 00°00'18" West 263.09 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 33 North, Range 8 West

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one (1) year from the date of such sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which event the redemption period shall be the later of 30 days from the date of sale or fifteen days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.
BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.
Dated: December 17, 2008
By: Daniel B. Barron (P35659)
Attorneys for Charlevoix State Bank

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 08006233-NA PETITION NO. 008000119

IN THE MATTER OF:
GRACELYNN G. BREHMER
DOB: 04/12/2004
ASHTON MOXLOW
DOB: 09/03/2006
A hearing regarding a child protective proceeding will be conducted by the court on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Charlevoix Probate/Family Court, 301 State Street, County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan before the honorable Frederick R. Mulhauser.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that BROOKE SAGE personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.
This hearing may result in the temporary loss of your rights to said children.
(L-12/31)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $84,482.70, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EVELINE, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST. THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FERRY ROAD, THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED), THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19
which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number VP9744BAIN

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 18, 2008

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

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Department of Human Services serves hundreds in area

BENJAMIN GOHS
EDITOR

You don't need a crystal ball to see how bad the local, state and national economies are, but there is help.

The local Department of Human Services offers help with everything from cash and food to day care and help for juveniles and older adults.

"As the economy worsens our service delivery increases," stated human services chief administrator Bill Denemy in an e-mailed response to questions. "As people are losing their jobs or having their hours of employment reduced there is a greater need for cash, food, medical, day care, and emergency programs."

People call the agency looking for help with food, medicine, rent, house payments, heat and other utilities, home and car repairs, transportation and more

"When families struggle to meet their basic needs we see more abuse, neglect, and substance occurring increasing the demand for our supportive and protective services," Denemy stated. "Currently we are averaging about 100 people a day coming into the office and receive on average over 500 phone calls a day to our main switchboard.

As the person in charge of implementing the operation of financial assistance and social service programs, Denemy is on the front lines of seeing need from locals.

"We are a Dual County Office of the Department of Human Services State of Michigan, delivering programs and services to the residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties," he stated. "Clients can call or stop into the office, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m."

In Charlevoix County alone there were 256 unduplicated recipients of cash assistance - $534,000; 2,152 unduplicated recipients of food assistance - $2,956,800; emergency relief - $63,124; 42 families for child day care - $386,510; 1,587 Medicaid recipients: Department of Human Services does not administer this program but does determine eligibility

"We provide such things cash assistance, food assistance, emergency relief, child day care and determine eligibility for medical assistance," Denemy stated. "We help feed children and adults keep homes warm and provide access to quality medical care."

He added, "In the services area we provide such things as Adult and Children's Protective Services, Juvenile Justice (Delinquency) Services, Foster Care Services, and Adult Independent Living Services."

While fighting poverty and abuse is an ever-lasting duty, one of Denemy's biggest hurdles is working to dispel stereotypes about the less fortunate.

"It is unsettling to me to think that there are still individuals who view us as the welfare agency serving uneducated, lazy, unclean individuals," he stated. "This is far from the truth. The vast majority of our clients are hard working, law abiding, tax paying citizens, who are temporarily down on their luck. We all have experienced this in some fashion this past year from someone in our families, to our neighbors, to our friends."

He added, "For example, individuals who have been employed for a long period of time all of a sudden are faced with the plant closing or losing their job with short notice and no immediate alternative. That is where we come in providing temporary assistance to needy families helping them to get through the difficult times of their lives. We also have a very positive impact upon the economy."

Denemy said northern Michigan's tourist industry is maintained by minimum wage jobs.

"Our department helps to maintain that work force by supplementing cash assistance, food assistance, medical assistance, and emergency relief. Without our support this workforce would be difficult if not impossible to maintain," he stated. "Additionally in Charlevoix county alone last year we were able to generate close to $3 million dollars in food assistance. This is 100 percent federal dollars that was brought into and helped stimulate the local economy."

The Department of Human Services employs more than 40 people, which generates additional community revenue.

"More importantly, we help to protect county residents from abuse and neglect, assist them in maintaining and residing in their residence regardless of advanced age, along with burial assistance when appropriate," he stated. "All in all we are far from a welfare agency. We proved a very valuable service in a multitude of ways to the county and its citizens."

Denemy said the root of what his agency does is fight poverty.

"There is nothing more saddening than a child that is hungry. Poverty has been prevalent for many years and will continue to be until all of us take active efforts," he stated. "What can you do? You can be a foster parent. Help a neighbor or friend in need Become a mentor. Provide transportation. Get involved with and praise your child for his school accomplishments. Just take a moment out of your busy day and make someone smile. Together we can make a difference."

The following illustrates the hundreds of thousands of people helped each year in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties by the department:

Food Assistance:

- In 2006, 515,030 households; 1,133,793 recipients
- In 2007, 555,744 households; 1,204,409 recipients
- In 2008, 589,668 households; 1,259,325 recipients

Supplemental Security Income:

- In 2006, 221,743 cases
- In 2007, 225,347 cases
- In 2008, 227,915 cases

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program:

(Number of households that got crisis energy assistance)

- In 2006: 79,819
- In 2007: 104,449
- 2008's numbers were not available by press time

If you or someone you know needs help, call (800) 580-9844.

Children and adult protective services are provided round the clock, seven days a week. Call (231) 347-1700.

According to Denemy, his agency's top priority is to assist children, families and vulnerable adults and help keep them safe, and able to reduce poverty so they can sustain themselves.

More than 800 complaints combined were received and handled by the agency last year in the areas of child protection, juvenile justice, child abuse and neglect, adult protective services and adult independent living.

Department of Human Services FAST FACTS:

- A record 1.82 million Michigan residents receive some type of support from these programs—18 percent of the population.

- In Michigan, 1 out of every 5 people live in or near poverty—That includes 500,000 children.

- At the Michigan Department of Human Services, we help feed children and adults, keep homes warm and provide access to quality medical care.

- The Poverty Summit on Nov. 13 launched a statewide initiative to reduce poverty and maximize economic opportunities for all Michigan residents. The Summit embraced Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2008 State of the State priorities of a job for every worker, education for every child, training for every citizen, health care for every family and safe places to live and work for everyone.

- There are a number of things the agency hopes to accomplish during our poverty reduction initiatives following the summit. They include: creating 400,000 new jobs, providing No Worker Left Behind training for 100,000 displaced workers, reducing the number of people who cycle between welfare and employment and ensuring access to health care for Michigan's 1.1 million uninsured residents.

- Michigan launched the No Worker Left Behind Initiative last year as an an ambitious plan to train 100,000 citizens in three years for jobs in high demand populations, emerging industries and entrepreneurial endeavors. This initiative is based on the premise that the best way to beat poverty is with a good job.

- In the first year, they outpaced that goal by enrolling 37,725 in training.

- The agency hopes to step up the pace in the second year and help grow Michigan businesses and help more workers get new jobs. In the first two months of the second year, August and September, they put 40 percent more people into training than in year one.

Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program launched in October, 2007, consists of activities and services intended to increase participants' self-sufficiency and thereby reduce or eliminate a family's need for public assistance.

- JET offers job search assistance, education and training activities, and employment-related supportive services such as transportation allowances, uniforms, tools, and automobile repairs.

During Fiscal Year 2007:

- More than 6,800 people participated in education and training activities through JET in 2007.

- Placed over 33,000 public assistance recipients into full-time employment.

- Over 19,000 public assistance cases were closed because of income gained from employment activities.

Under the Vibrant Cities Initiative, the Save the Dream program was designed to help reduce foreclosures through early intervention. While the agency cannot help all homeowners in jeopardy of foreclosure, the Home Ownership Counseling Network may increase helpful resources available to Michigan homeowners threatened by the future possibility of foreclosure.

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Charlevoix City Council
2009 Meeting Schedule

The Charlevoix City Council will hold regular meetings on the following dates in 2009. Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. When a holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting moves to Tuesday, as noted below Meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 210 State Street and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise

January 5
January 19
February 2
February 16
March 2
March 16
April 6
April 20

May 4
May 18
June 1
June 15
July 6
July 20
Aug 3
Aug 17

September 8 (Tuesday)
September 21
October 5
October 19
November 2
November 16
December 7
December 21

Carol A. Ochs
City Clerk

Hobby turns to job

TV

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cable access while down state, said he simply went to the station and took a few classes on how to use their equipment.

"We were down in Grand Rapids. My wife did a paneled show with two other members of the Friends of the Jordan on GRTV and I was talking with the receptionist on how things work and she said 'you should see if there's a station up near you," he said. "I found out about Up North Media, which is the station in Traverse City."

He added, "I'm really good at watching TV and so I know what TV looks like. Those are basically the only qualifications you have to have, though there are some things to learn about the process."

Scenes are shot with the camera before being uploaded to a computer where the audio and video can be edited.

Visit upnorthmedia.org for more information on how you can produce your own TV show.

"Video is a very important part of getting your news," Beemon said. "I'd like to see more links between newspaper and video, wherever it comes from."

He added, "I'm hoping that we (Charlevoix) can have public access at some time."

Beemon said his next project has yet to be determined, but that he will shoot "Whatever I think is important enough and looks good on video."

He added, "You could call it a hobby, but it kind of gets addictive. You begin thinking about how everything you look at would make a good story."

Beemon shoots his subjects on mini digital video tape, but would eventually like to go to all digital.

"Mini DV is at the pinnacle of this technology," he said. "You can get some pretty good video cameras out there that cost maybe $1,200 to $1,500."

However, Beemon said, the equipment at Up North Media is free to use other than a nominal yearly membership fee.

"I think this is something everybody should be a part of," he said.

Beemon said there are endless subjects from which to choose, and gave the following example as a reason why everyone should be out documenting stories important to them.

"We have a little piece of land on a lake down by Ellsworth that had freshwater clams in the shallows, and the zebra mussels have pretty much invaded every inland lake that there is," he said. "I have always felt fortunate and up until about four years ago we didn't see any indication of zebra mussels, but in two years those freshwater clams were gone and they're gone forever."

Beemon added, "Those clams have probably been there 10,000 years and in a few decades that invasive (species) wiped them out. I didn't see any story on it. I don't think anybody said "gee, we lost our freshwater clams."

Sharing knowlegde helps others

ABUSE

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Harvard, this book is a classic that calls on the churches to step forward in leadership on this issue. I recommend this to everyone."

Miller also recommends "A Door of Hope" by Jan Frank.

"Written by a Christian sexual abuse survivor, a resource for healing from a Christian perspective that I would recommend for any survivor and also for supporters who want to educate themselves," she said. "Facing The Brokeness, Meditations for Parents of Sexually abused Children, by KC Ridings: This book goes far beyond being helpful for parents, it has an excellent 'Letter to Pastors' by a Mennonite Pastor recommending they preach about abuse and support justice as well as healing and mercy. This is recommended reading for everyone,"

Also on the list at the newly formed library, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Community Reformed Church located at 100 Oak St., are "Speaking Out, Fighting Back" by Dodd and Gallager, which was written by two Catholic nuns involved in ministry to abused women; "Broken By You, Men's Role in Stopping Woman Abuse" by Morton Paterson; "Keeping the Faith, Questions and Answers for the Abused Woman" by Marie Fortune, which was written by a United Church of Christ minister—recommended for domestic violence for Christian women: "We Weep for Ourselves and Our Children: A Christian Guide for Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse" by Feldmeth, Ross and Finley; and "Ending Violence in Teen Relationships: A Resource Guide for Parents and Pastors" by Reverend Al Miles.

"There will be books to read with children to help them recognize abuse and tell about it, and copies of my article on sanctuary trauma available," Miller said.

Miller has written various pieces on abuse, including some of her remembrances as a rape crisis counselor.

If you or someone you know needs help, call Childhelp USA at (800) 4-A-CHILD or (800) 422-4453.

"The national child abuse hotline is a resource important for everyone to know about," Miller said. "Manned by master's level counselors available around the clock, children that are abused or have friends that are abused can call."

Miller said the hotline is also a resource for stressed out parents, adult survivors of abuse, runaway youth and anyone with related issues.

"The agency has a computer data base with all the government abuse hotlines in the US, and also referral information on self help groups, domestic violence shelters, advocacy groups, abuse treatment programs and many other programs. All services are offered free of charge," she said. "My plans for the future include a Child Abuse Prevention Poster Contest, a Samaritan abuse and assault ministry. A Christian leadership conference on abuse and assault."

She added, "Anyone that is interested in participating should contact me. I have done presentations to adults and youth that are faith based on abuse prevention, response, advocacy and healing, using biblical stories and examples as well as examples of Christian children and their families. I am willing to do presentations based on a free will offering."

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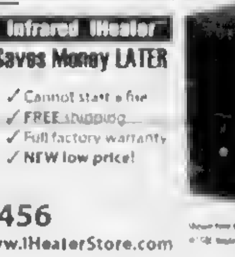

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

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ONGOING EVENTS:

-52nd season at Mt. McSauha

Mt. McSauha kicked off its 52nd winter season with a new groomer, snowboarding terrain park, web cams to catch the snowboarders' action and more.

The official start of the season was Dec. 20. Registration sheets for the ski and snowboarding schools are available at the ski hill.

Efforts to raise funds for the new ski hill groomer have yielded nearly $80,000 with $48,000 left to pay off. To donate to this community-wide cause, call recreation director Ike Boss at 547-3253.

Visit www.mtmcsauba.com for more information.

"Smart Style" safety guidelines will apply to the new snowboarding terrain park "The Training Grounds." Visit www.nsaa.org for more information on the safety guidelines.

-Four Fires Native Talking Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at the Freedom House Church in Charlevoix. It is a biblically based native group that focuses on culture, music and native religion. All are welcome . do not have to be native American to attend. The Freedom House Church is located at 12705 US 31 N in Charlevoix. Call 547-2568 for more information.

Community Christmas Project

To help the Community Christmas Project continue giving food and toys to needy families at Christmas, you can make donations by contacting Bev Boss at 547-2078 or mail them to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

- Saturday Night Alive; fibromyalgia

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., services at 7 p.m. every Saturday night. Experience God through music, drama, video, speakers and much more at Family of Faith located on 203 East Upright St. in Charlevoix. Call 547-4221 for more information; Fibromyalgia support group at 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month. Call 237 0580 or (231) 675-2912 for more information.

- Personal Action Toward Health: P.A.T.H.

This six-week course, designed by Stanford University to change the way people think about their health, will focus on those 50 and older.

Certified instructors Beth Egler and Nancy Bottomley will be teaching this course.

Subjects include: techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, isolation, and poor sleep. Appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance. Proper use of medications, communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals. Healthy nutrition, pacing activity and rest, and, how to evaluate new treatments.

This course will be offered at 1:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 8 at the Pine River Apartment complex, 210 W. Garfield St., Charlevoix, and for 6 consecutive weeks.

The course is offered through Tipdon in partnership with the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program is a workshop given two-and-a-half hours, once a week, for six weeks, in community settings such as senior centers, churches, libraries and hospitals.

People with different chronic health problems attend together.

Workshops are facilitated by two trained leaders, one or both of whom are non-health professionals with a chronic diseases themselves.

Each participant in the workshop receives a copy of the companion book, Living a Healthy Life With Chronic Conditions, 3rd Edition, and an audio relaxation tape, Time for Healing.*

It is the process in which the program is taught that makes it effective.

Classes are highly participative, where mutual support and success build the participants' confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives.

BNI

The local chapter of Business Network International is. the Up North Network and consists Charlevoix and Emmet county businesses. BNI meets 7 a.m to 8:30 a.m. Fridays at the library. Visitors welcome. Call Sam Bingham at 547-4062 for more information.

SAA

Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m., Thursdays in Charlevoix. Call (231) 675-4682 for location and information.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Donate your pink Yoplait yogurt lids from now until Dec. 31 to Charlevoix Children's House. They will garner 10 cents each for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Call 547-5599 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The beginners class meets 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library, community room B. Intermediate class meets at 11 a.m. This course is open to all. Cost is $12 for seniors and $40 for those under 60. Call 237-0103 or 582-7689 for more information.

Boyne City Tai Chi classes 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Boyne district Library. Cost is $12 for six weeks for seniors and $40 for those 60 and younger.

A new six week Tai Chi Class session will begin in Boyne City on November 5, 2008.

CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

In addition to their Wednesday support group, there is now a 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Tuesdays of each month support at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Building across the street from the hospital. This support group is open for all patients, family and friends that have been affected by the diagnosis of cancer. Call 547-8950 or 547-8906 or e-mail circlestrength@cah.org for more information.

Lions Club tree sale

Weekdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. the Lions Club will sell Christmas trees in East Park.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS POSTER CONTEST

Fourth-, fifth-graders could win cash bonds.

To draw attention to the need for being prepared in the event of severe weather, the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades.

The deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 2009.

Posters must illustrate what individuals and families should do to prepare for Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first place winner will receive a $200 U.S. Savings Bond; second place will be awarded a $100 U.S. Savings Bond; third place will receive a $75 U.S. Savings Bond; and honorable mention will be awarded a $50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Posters must be approximately 15 inches by 20 inches and submitted on quality poster or illustration board.

The work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization.

The artist's name, grade and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be on the back of the poster.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 1, 2009.

To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386.

For further information, contact Lori Conarton at the Insurance Institute of Michigan (517) 371-2880 or Rich Pollman (248) 625-3309, ext. 726.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado and winter safety.

The Committee includes representatives from the Insurance Institute of Michigan, National Weather Service, Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Emergency Management Association, Department of Environmental Quality, WDIV-TV in Detroit, State Farm Insurance, American Red Cross and Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association.

For more information, visit the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site, www.mcswa.org.

BLOOD DRIVES

• Noon to 5:45 p.m., Jan. 15, Community Reformed Church100 Oak St.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Held at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. 547-2651

• Story-Time is 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays for all children birth to 5 and their caregivers.

• Writer's Group is 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for all writers.

• Grades five through seven can play Guitar Hero or DDR from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. each Friday

• How to get organized, 7 p.m., Jan. 7 - The fun is over and it's time to clean up the mess. Learn basic organizing principles.

• Parlez-vous Francais, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 7 - On four consecutive Wednesdays, join teacher Sue Kessler for a series of beginner level French lessons, with a focus on cuisine phrases, travel and current events.

• Managing your computer, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Jan. 8 - For people with a bit of computer experience: this class will sharpen your skills and help you organize your desktop and files.

• Sew a Bomber Hat from a Recycled Sweater, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 10 - Call for a supply list – pre-register at 237-7340.

• Saturdays at the Movies: Alice in Wonderland, 2 p.m., Jan. 10 - Stop by the library for a free showing of this fun holiday movie. Popcorn for all.

DEC. 30

Talk health care reform

A community discussion on health care reform is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 30 at the Alcove Cafe, 103 Park Ave. Public is welcome. RSVP by e-mail at raecheltigner@gmail.com.

JAN. 6

Tai Chi classes

Beginning Jan. 6 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Tai Chi classes will be held for six weeks.

The beginners class will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room B; The intermediate class meets at 11 am. Classes each last one hour and are open to all. Cost for seniors is $12; $40 for those 60 and younger. Call 237-0103 or (231) 582-7689 for more information. E-mail should be directed to megpots@global.net.

JAN. 10

Intuitive watercolor painting workshop

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan 10 at Charlevoix Circle of Arts, 109 Clinton Ave. Cost is $75. Registration fee does not include materials and is due by Jan. 4. Address checks to: Charlevoix Circle of Arts, RE: watercolor, P.O. Box 617, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information call 547-2333.

Winter fling

From 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jan. 10, at the Nathan "Barry" Driggers Preserve, there will be a winter open house with hot beverages, snacks and a bonfire. Ski or snowshoe if you like. Call (231) 347-0991 for more information.

JAN. 21

Pre-diabetes education

The class costs $25, but scholarships may be available. Pre-registration is required. If you have been told by your physician that you have pre-diabetes or have any of the listed risk factors, take the first step and attend a pre-diabetes class. For more information, or to sign up for one of the classes contact the Charlevoix Area Hospital Diabetes Education Department at (231)547-8571.

Lions collect glasses

The Lions collect used eyeglasses year-round for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

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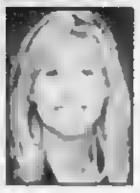

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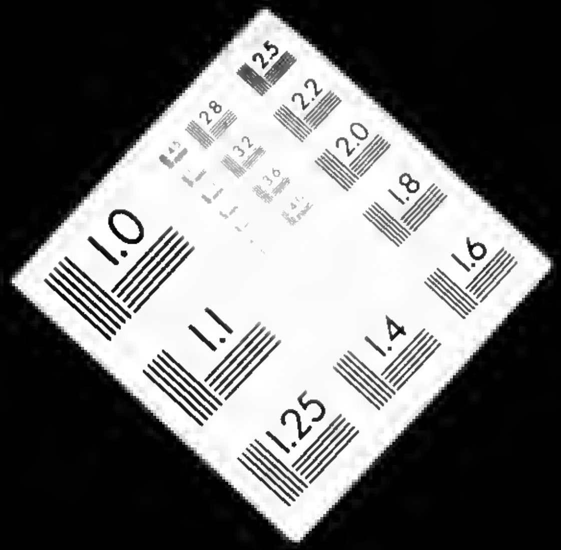

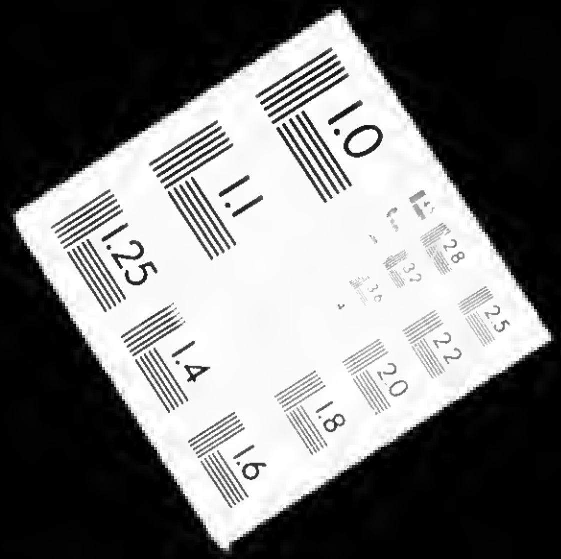

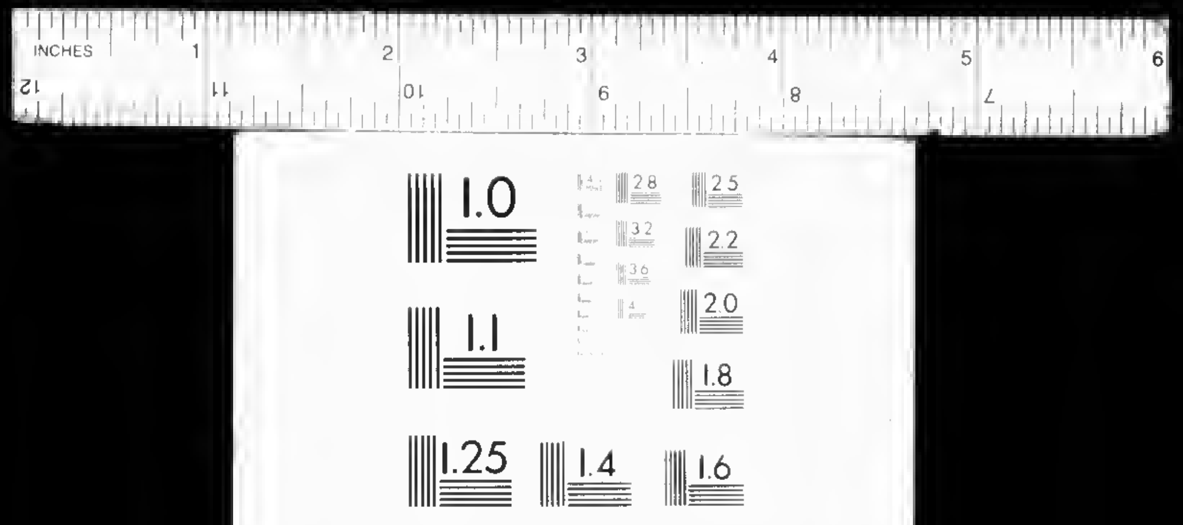
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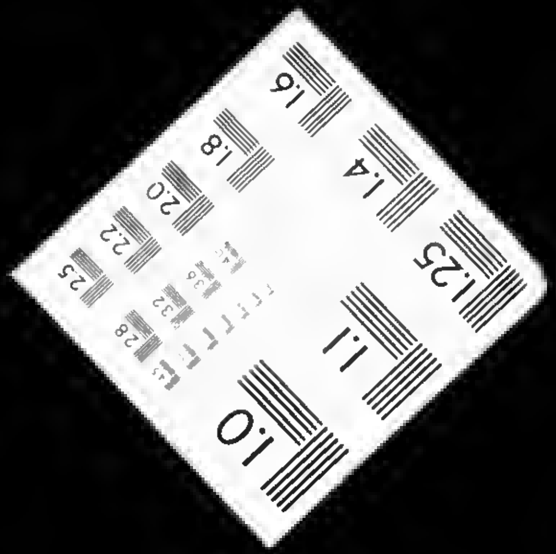

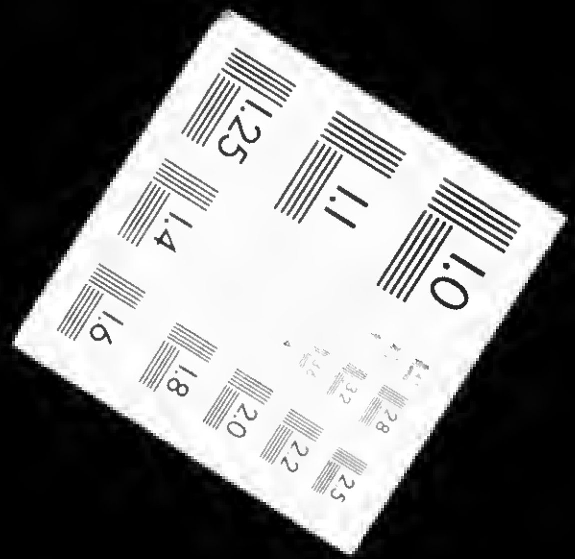

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